Executive Report
President: Nicole Updegrove ’14
Vice President: Andrew Trexler ’14

Executive Committee
This week in Executive Committee, we discussed the following:
- Last week’s General Assembly
- Upcoming Agenda items
- The WSA Office
- Divestment progress
- the NESCAC conference
- Appointments for SAC

Upcoming Agenda items for February 23
- Final appeals reform recommendation
- Runthrough of Kate, Nicole, and Grant’s presentation to the Board of Trustees’ Campus Affairs Committee

Privilege and Policy
Since finishing the report, I have been meeting with key administrators to discuss implementation of many of the recommendations within. I could use some help on the following projects:
- Researching diversity / sensitivity training requirements for faculty at peer schools
- Finding and consolidating all online resources for low-income students
- Drafting a proposal to EPC concerning time off for religious holidays
- Combing through Wesleyan’s websites for marketing of the “Wesleyan students do 7 things” mantra
- IT help with accommodation sign-ups

NESCAC Conference Update
Victor and Glenn have volunteered to attend the conference! Though we have yet to negotiate transportation, we will be in touch with Connecticut College to see if carpooling may be possible.

Academic Affairs Committee (AAC)
Chair: Grant Tanenbaum ’15
Withdrawal
Currently under EPC consideration, will provide more details when able.

Career Center
The Chair met with the head of University Relations to discuss ongoing reforms at the Career Center. Jason Shatz ‘14 is conducting research of peer institutions to understand career counseling philosophies at other schools.

Library
The Chair met with University Librarian Pat Tully to discuss ongoing projects at the library, receive a briefing on the Art Library move, and discuss new library facilities planning.
Community Committee (CoCo)
Chair: Nicole Brenner ’15

Publication Group Summit
Today, Key Session ‘17 met again with publication groups on campus to continue discussing the layout of a collaborative magazine to be distributed on campus and during wesfest. They are looking into funding and printing options now.

Homelessness Awareness
Lizzie Shackney ‘17 continues to work on the “shoulder to shoulder” campaign to raise awareness surrounding homelessness in and around middletown. Lizzie and Glenn Cantave ’15 are also working with middletown potluck in order to advocate for the installation of lockers in Middletown public spaces.

CID
Sadasia McCutchen ‘17 met with Kelsey Henry ’15 and Christian Hosam ‘15 to discuss a blueprint for the coming semester. Some potential projects include transportation and accessibility in middletown, and facilitation conversations between identity groups and faculty. CID with be working closely with Dean Farias this semester.

MidWes
Glenn Cantave ‘15 is working to collect names of Middletown residents who might make valuable representatives on the committee. Hopefully members of the community will join the committee in the next few weeks!

Other News
Middletown Mayor Dan Drew has announced that applications to work in the middletown city hall will be available shortly. Glenn Cantave ‘17 can provide more information!
**Newsletter**
The Newsletter went out as usual this morning. OEAC also created our first copy of our “News Flush” which has been printed and is sitting in the WSA Office. Please grab some to put on bathroom stalls in your dorm or academic building if you have not already done so!

**WSA External Review**
Lily is still spearheading an external review of the WSA. She has been talking to administrators, ex-WSA members, student groups and student group leaders, etc. She hopes to create a list of suggestions that we will take into consideration during Constitutional Review, giving some more external input into the internal process. She has already talked to Gretchen, who suggested some changes to the CoCo process, including potentially adding a vice-chair to help the chair keep on track with all the student group work.

**WSA History**
Fred spent a few hours in the archives this week researching the history of the WSA. He hopes to put together a short history of the WSA as a project so that we could post it on the blog, Tumblr, website, etc.

**Constitutional Review**
The Constitutional Review committee was formed and will consist of Nicole Updegrove ‘14, Andrew Trexler ‘14, Jason Shatz ‘14, Rebecca Hutman ‘17, Ben Marvin-Vanderryn ‘17, and myself. We have not met yet, but we plan on meeting in the upcoming week.

**ITC**
ITC’s joint meeting with ITS was cancelled this week due to bad weather, however, they are currently working on cleaning up the WSA website. Many student groups have pages for their groups which are not being used. They will be contacting these groups and deleting any pages that are not necessary anymore. This is in conjunction with an effort to increase Orgsync usage.
Residential Life
This week, Simon Chen ‘16 drafted a resolution on changing the ResLife room change policy. This is based off of research he has done on other schools and anecdotal evidence. He’s meeting with Fran this week to determine how to move forward.

Fire Safety
Julio Angel ‘16 is looking for ways to make the Fire Safety Fine Appeals process more consistent and transparent. As a start, he’s meeting with Deb and Chris this week to see which reforms have been implemented and which are still in the works.

Student Health
In addition to continuing his work on the free STI testing project, Victor is also performing research on medical transport policies at our peer schools. This research is in response to the AOD discussion on restructuring medical transports at Wesleyan.

Quiet Study Spaces
Kate Cullen met with Pat and Carol from the Library staff on Friday to discuss the work SAC and SLC did last semester on noise levels in Olin and SciLi. The first step is to determine what signs we want put up, which we will decide in GA. Then we will determine where to put them, generally next to the library floor plan maps. The project will be launched after Spring Break to give us time to compile feedback and design the best signs.

Appeals Board
Kate Cullen met with Dean Mike to present the feedback GA had from last Sunday. Sara Dean is now doing research on the appeals process at our peer schools. After reviewing this information and collecting feedback from more students, SAC will put together a list of formal recommendations to show GA and then submit to Dean Mike.

Other
Chris Caines met with WSDR this week to talk about a medical leave advisor program resolution. They decided that the academic reform/professor education resolution will be done separately from the advisor program one.

Remind your competent and smart friends to run for the open spot on WSA’s coolest committee!

Student Budget Committee (SBC)
Chair: Nicki Softness ‘14

Things we funded this week:

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**Explanations:** We gave a bunch of money to Concert Committee. It’s about $5,000 more than last year, because they ran out of money, and have more weekends to fill with some great shows proposed.

**Request of the Week:** *Aural Wes*

Aural Wes is creating awesome pamphlets detailing all the upcoming concerts and shows this Spring on campus and distributing them for free around campus. They also, when asked, didn’t just talk about putting the pamphlets in Usdan and Sci Li, but discussed walking and travel patterns on campus! They also came in to the SBC meeting introducing themselves as a WSA Request of the Week from the Fall - they read the WSA Newsletter! @OEAC and @Jacob… I tried.

**SBC Pamphlet:** Committee has started work on this! If you have any helpful anecdotes or know of great sites for buying certain items or anything of the sort, please contact us! This is a semester goal of ours.
Sustainability, Finance, and Facilities Committee (SuFFaC)
Chair: Justin Gitlin ’15

Transportation Committee
The Ride tracking software has officially been installed in all vehicles operated by The Ride service. Though the software has been installed, there are delays in its roll-out—though we are not quite sure as to the reason why. As of now, the program is in the testing phase, which should conclude over the next month. The software and related smartphone app should be available to students at the end of the spring vacation.

Dining Committee
Colin O’Keeffe ’17 and Martin Malabanan ’16 have worked to compile a meal plan education document. The document will be ready for dispersion in the coming week. Additionally, meal plan education sessions were held in Usdan and run by Michelle Myers-Brown.

Financial Aid Committee
The Financial Aid Committee convened this past Wednesday to discuss a number of issues, including the role of the Financial Aid Committee in previous years, how the decision to transition away from Need-Blind towards Need-Sensitive has impacted the financial aid office, and how the financial aid office functions and determines need. Director John Goodvagen suggested conducting a needs analysis training for members of the Financial Aid Committee and potentially other WSA members so that the WSA has a better understanding of how the financial aid office awards aid and determines need. Additionally, there were discussions on how to address the difficult topic of class and privilege, including the possibility of creating a student internship to deal with class, and creating some sort of monthly program for first generation students that would provide mentorship from first generation alumnus and give first generation students an opportunity to discuss how they handle social situations on campus. The Financial Aid Committee will continue to explore such initiatives, and hopes to plan a Needs Analysis training for interested members of the WSA.

Sustainability Task Force
At the most recent SuFFaC meeting, the committee been rethinking its institutional purpose. Barring responding to external activity, the committee feels that the primary existential purpose should be sustainability. And that a sustainability lens should fall in front of everything, and should dictate our involvement with finances and facilities.

As such, the committee is looking to coordinate student sustainability efforts on campus and use our unique administrative access to enlist more sustainability change in conjunction with the University’s effort to become carbon neutral by 2050. In starting this process, we are
working on compiling a document on the state of sustainability in the Wesleyan community. Thus far, Jen Kleindeinst has done a terrific job on the sustainability front. We are seeking to work with her to create a more transparent channel through which students can track efforts and propose efforts of their own in an effort similar to the academic white papers.

Wes to Wes

SuFFaC is in the process of folding Wes to Wes into its operations, and will address during constitutional review how exactly this will happen. As of now, however, we are operating as though Wes to Wes is an unofficial SuFFaC subcommittee chaired by Ellen Paik ’16 and attended by all SuFFaC members. As was addressed in last week’s committee report, the program is working on its application to the Generous U contest.

In looking to the future, the sustainability of Wes to Wes as it currently exists has been somewhat called into question, as the barometer for measuring energy saved is the average of the previous three years. As such, as the University continues to save, the three year average will dwindle and subsequently, so will the savings. The committee is exploring methods of changing this—which include changing the purpose of Wes to Wes to a more active role on campus, and a closer alignment with the maintenance staff.