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 February Board of Trustees meeting
- The Newsletter
- The WSA Endowment

Privilege and Policy
This week, Nicole met with Professor Naegele, Dean Antonio, and numerous trustees to discuss collaboration on the Privilege and Policy recommendations. Meetings with other professors are being set up for next week. Primary priorities are the establishment of mandatory diversity training for faculty and the designation of a singular point person for issues of income and class on the administration. We are also pleased to announce that the Board of Trustees has established a Task Force for Equity and Inclusion with the intention of setting a road map for where Wesleyan will be going in the coming decades.

WSA Endowment
Nicole is interested in holding a meeting in the future with the Committee for Investor Responsibility to discuss the implications of our holdings in the Wesleyan Endowment. With thoughts, talk to her, Nicki, Justin, or Andrew.

International Students
Thanks to everyone for the insightful conversation about the appeals process last week - we conveyed your thoughts to both President Roth via email and to the Board of Trustees on Saturday morning’s meeting.

NESCAC Conference
Thanks to Victor Zhao for Skyping in to the NESCAC conference at Bates! We look forward to hearing about the conference on Sunday.
Academic Affairs Committee (AAC)
Chair: Grant Tanenbaum ’15

Assessment of Academic Life at Wesleyan
AAC is composing a task force to prepare a report on the state of academic life at Wesleyan. This will be a year-to-year report that will be reviewed and updated by AAC annually and used to inform and guide long term policy initiatives. AAC plans to propose this as a mandate during constitutional review.

Proposal on Religious Holidays - Hutman
Izzy Linzer ’17 is compiling a list of ambiguities and areas of possible concern within Wesleyan’s current policy. This week, Rebecca Hutman ’17 will meet with Rabbi David, a group of Jewish students, and a group of Muslim students to understand which aspects of the current policy are most troublesome in practice.

Admissions Committee - Bruno
Admissions Committee will be meeting with Nancy Meislahn this week to discuss our ideas. These include international student admissions (Nadia and Victor), evaluating the switch to paperless applications (Bruno), institutional transparency (Bruno), the financial aid marker (Trexler), recruitment and WesFest (Lily), and admissions priorities (Bruno).

Cardinal Connect - Bruno
Nicole Brenner and I will be meeting with Elisa Cardona, Gretchen, Dean Mike, and other relevant administrators to discuss the logistics of having Cardinal Connect be a presence at New Student Orientation. Currently, Cardinal Connect will have an event the weekend that upperclassmen arrive on campus. We are also looking for a WSA freshman to join Nicole and I as coordinators.

International Student Career Center Services - Bruno
I am currently investigating the state of international student career center services. In particular, Martin has been a great source for grievances and we have identified paperwork, information sessions, employment after graduation, and summer internships as the principal problem areas.
Community Committee (CoCo)
Chair: Nicole Brenner ’15

Midwes
This week, the middletown update appeared for the first time on wesleying! You can read it here! Glenn Cantave will be meeting with Coach McDonald on March 3 to discuss the NCAA regulations surrounding the Wesleyan/Middletown High School Athlete Mentorship Program. (Glenn will speak about the meeting today with Dan Drew)

CID
CID met for the first time this semester on Tuesday. They are working on establishing a mission statement, and are focusing the semester’s meetings on using discussions to take action! The Committee will also be unpacking Nicole Updegrove’s Privilege and Policy Report to find some ideas!

Low Income Student Resources
Aidan Martinez has been exploring a number of different ideas about low income student resources. He’s explored a resource web page, and has also been talking to Kate Cullen and Dean Renee about an Alumni-Student Donation Project that moves away from the idea of financial aid support, but rather frames the project as “student life support”

Student Publication Collaboration
Key Session has been working with publication groups on campus to create a magazine to give out during wesfest. They are in the stages of figuring out funding options now!

Student Group Leadership Summit
This Tuesday from 7-9PM in Usdan 108!

Kickball Tournament
Key Session and Lizzie Shackney have been planning a school-wide kickball tournament! Details Below!!
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KICKBALL Tournament

COME JOIN US ON:
APRIL 6TH

CONTEST INCLUDES:
$10 GIFT CARDS TO WINNERS
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FREE ADMISSION TO ALL WESLEYAN STUDENTS

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Organization and External Affairs Committee (OEAC)

Chair: Jacob Musinsky ’15, Coordinator

External/Internal Review
Lily has been working on putting together a list of questions to send out to ex-WSA members, WSA members, and other people who have interacted with the WSA in order to get some feedback on some good and bad aspects of the WSA so we may put some proposals forward during Constitutional Review and/or keep a running list of suggestions to increase the institutional memory of the WSA. Some of these questions may be brought to GA in the future for a vote before they are sent out in a survey.

Elections
Dates for the Presidential/Vice-Presidential as well as General Elections for the Spring are being chosen. The Elections Committee members are yet to be decided, but will be chosen soon.

WSA History
Fred has continued his work in the archives searching for information about the WSA. As an update, he hopes to compile a list of potential suggestions looking forward for the WSA in response to some past actions taken.

Constitutional Review
Constitutional Review Committee met for the first time this week and is working on some major changes to the Constitution and Bylaws-- more information to come. Thanks to Rebecca Hutman ‘17, Jason Shatz ‘14, Nicole Updegrove ‘14, Andrew Trexler ‘14, and Grant Tanenbaum ‘15 for volunteering to be members of the committee.

Canvassing
OEAC has chosen the week we return from Spring Break (March 31st- April 4th) for our Spring Canvassing dates. We will be using the same techniques of entering with prepared questions and lit to drop under vacant doors in this go around. If anyone has any suggestions on how to make canvassing more efficient, please let me know.

Outreach
OEAC, in response to the presence of President Michael Roth at our upcoming meeting, tried to increase outreach techniques for the week. A Wesleying post went up and we tweeted and posted invitations to Facebook.

OEAC has also continued to live-tweet meetings, which has proven beneficial in the last few weeks. The Tumblr will also continue to be updated. Thank you to Lily for those efforts. Fred will also film a copy of this week’s newsletter.

ITC
From Mansoor: “We've given renewed priority to getting some of the old systems we had compatible with the new - particularly WSA Tools & Apps, which I'm really pushing for. It's likely we might have to use our free year of support from Orgsync to get this done but hey less work for its and it's free. Aside from that Syed Ali ‘13 starting during his tenure a Media Literacy Workshop initiative with Jolee West and some of the other ITC members are going to see what we can do about improving that and securing a budget (ITS helped us secure some money in the past). Also Michael Whitcomb will be helping out with finishing up the voting move to Qualtrix.”
Student Affairs Committee (SAC)
Chair: Kate Cullen ’16

Student Health
Victor Zhao is in communication with Connecticut College about their STI testing program. In addition, he is working with ASHA to bring in a group from Hartford that would host a series of testing events. He is also helping ASHA create a brochure to leave in all student’s mailboxes with information about STI testing and STIs themselves.

After a long series of debates, Wesleyan will be continuing with AlcoholEdu next year. The only alternative, My Student Body, proved to be equally inadequate and would require administrators and IT workers to learn a new system. Hopefully the Health Center’s new student-to-student BMI education program will fill in the gaps left by Alcohol Edu. The test run of the program has been very successful this semester, pairing a Peer Health Advocate with a freshmen student for a 15 minute one-on-one meeting to talk about healthy drinking behavior specifically for that student.

Residential Life
On the other side of alcohol education, Sara Dean is looking at Yale University’s model of having RAs (they call them FROCOs) educate their residents on healthy drinking behavior. In addition, we are gearing up for our URLC meeting next week on reforming the room change process.

Fire Safety Appeals Board
The student members of the Fire Safety Appeals Board wrote a proposal this week to change the composition of the committee and its function. After determining its purpose and structure, they outlined current problems with the system. To fix these they propose a committee of three SAC members, two administrators, and one facilities manager with no vote to give background information. The committee will either be chaired by an SAC member or co-chaired by an SAC member and an administrator. SAC will be bringing this proposal to SLC.

Student Judicial Process Committee
SJPC will be meeting this week to discuss the the SJB application process and the gender neutral bathroom case. We also will be hosting Process Advisor Training this Wednesday March 5 at 12pm in 41 Wylyss Room 114.

Wesleyan Appeals Process
After reviewing the votes from WSA, Dean Mike altered his proposal to a four person committee comprised of himself, one faculty member and two students. One of the student members would be from an existing adjudication board and the other either the SAC Chair or AAC Chair (for
SJB cases and Honor Board cases respectively). The faculty member is to be elected by the Faculty Committee on Rules and Responsibilities. For sexual assault cases the student members would be replaced by a second faculty member. We’re still brainstorming ways to resolve a tie, since the Board will have an even number of members. One option is to give Dean Mike the final say after a consultation with President Roth.

Another update, the Appeals Board will not take appeals on the basis that a punishment was too harsh. The position of the Honor Board faculty member cannot be filled by the Provost as her job position is to be an advocate of the faculty while the faculty advisor should be an advocate of the students. This would imply that it should be a Student Affairs Office administrator. We’re still working to resolve this issue so Dean Brown won’t have to take the job.

Welcome to our new member Lily Donahue ‘15!
**Student Budget Committee (SBC)**

*Chair: Nicki Softness ’14*

**These are the groups we funded this week**

*Presented by the lovely Izzy Linzer and Madison Moore*

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**Request of the Week: Book Arts Club**

This club meets once a week to create homemade books, including things like pages and covers and bindings! It's crafty and literary all in one!

**Updates on the SBC How-To Guide**

*Presented by the lovely Mika Reyes*

This week, Mika took charge of the guide situation and created a timeline and list of assignments for all SBC members. The content should be completed before Spring Break, and Mike will put her artistic tendencies to work.

*Sections include:*
- General Steps to getting funding
- Rules
- Where you can get things for free/resources
- Fundraising Ideas, Other sources of funding, tips for finding funding
- Detailed process
- OrgSync

Be on the lookout for this masterpiece!
Sustainability, Finance, and Facilities Committee (SuFFaC)
Chair: Justin Gitlin ’15

Transportation
In light of recent complaints about the Spring Break shuttle transportation schedule, the committee looked into adding more shuttles—specifically for Friday evening. Martin Malabanan ’16 undertook this task, but was unfortunately unable to add shuttles this late in the game. Moving forward, he will work with Joe Martocci to devise a more suitable schedule for future breaks. This effort will include research and surveys on when students often leave for breaks.

Additionally, on the note of vacation transportation, Mary Diaz ’14 is looking into revamping the ridesharing apparatus. Currently the system is institutionalized in the e-portfolio system, but it is not widely used. Currently, most ridesharing transportation is informal and scattered—usually on various Facebook groups. As a result, Mary is working on a proposal to consolidate these fora and make the process of ride-sharing easier. We hope to get the test program up and running by the end of the week—in time for spring break—but this effort may be a bit ambitious.

Green Fund
Though still unsolidified, the Green Fund is looking to fund living walls, which essentially place plants on the exterior facades of buildings to enhance sustainability. The project is expensive, but the Green Fund is looking to make it a reality.

Also, the Green Fund decided to fund the Green Scene to allow them to print tangible copies of their publication. Hopefully, this will increase their visibility on campus, which will in turn increase the visibility and awareness of campus sustainability.

Sustainability Conference
Scott Elias ’14: I was in the Energy Group. I attended the conference in large part because I think that if Wesleyan is to really meet its climate neutrality goals by 2050 and do its part in the fight to avert dangerous climate change we need to expand Wesleyan's clean, low-carbon energy capacity. In particular, I think that means expanding our solar capacity. Currently on Wesleyan's Sustainability Tracking, Assessment, and Rating System (STARZ) report, "Energy" received 4.33/16.50 and 0/7 in the "clean and renewable energy" subcategory. Our energy group explored ways to conserve energy, improve efficiency, encourage behavioral change, and increase the use of clean and renewable energy. Fortunately, Connecticut has the nation's first full-scale clean energy finance authority, CEIFA, which offers incentives and innovative low-cost financing to encourage homeowners, companies, municipalities, and other institutions to support renewable energy and energy efficiency. One idea that was explored was for Wesleyan to engage in partnerships with CEIFA to massively expand our solar capacity. In particular, it
was suggested that Wesleyan invest in solar panels on senior housing, which is currently one of
the least sustainable parts of campus.

Ellen Paik ‘14: Working group explored options for how to better incorporate sustainability
efforts into the WSA, and consolidate the various campus efforts.