Executive Report

President: Grant Tanenbaum
Vice-President: Nicole Brenner

Endowment & Surplus Update
Nicole and I met with Nate Peters from finance to allocate last year’s surplus. Next week will have the specifics of our actions, but in short we increased the amount going to the endowment from 2% to 4% and made our final contribution to the Sustainability Coordinator position.

Office Efficiency
We’ve reached out to the WSA office to start moving some of their paper forms online to improve transparency and efficiency.

Work Study Working Group Update
AAC will be running the day-to-day of putting together our proposals to the President’s Office.

SALD Meeting
I met with SALD to discuss ways to improve the WSA/SALD relationship, the new master calendar system, OrgSync integration, and the possibility of a new position in SALD for the WSA.

Academic Affairs
Chair: Rebecca Hutman
Vice-Chair: Bryan Stascavage

AAC would like to formally welcome Vice Chair Bryan Stascavage ’18! We are beyond thrilled to have you on the committee and sitting on EPC. (The chair notes the irony that Bryan is delivering the report tonight, and thus, welcoming himself. Worry not, there’s an explanation given at the end of the report.)

Library Projects:

The Chair met again with the Head Librarian to discuss survey results. She thanked GA members for their participation. She was able to glean a lot from it and greatly appreciates your input. Thanks, guys!

Additionally, the Chair met with Mika Reyes ’17 (former WSA member) to obtain the graphics for noise-level signage project. This week, AAC will be working to match Kate’s survey data from last year with the awesome sign designations that Mika came up with. Stay tuned for the results and full map with noise-level designation for each space in Olin and SciLi.
Printer Project:

Angela Chung ‘18 is continuing to look into the feasibility of printer installation. We are awaiting a reply from ITS.

Intensive Course Model:

The Chair continued working on the proposal for the approval of the Intensive Course Model and will give a speech supporting the proposal at the faculty meeting this upcoming Tuesday. The Chair shared WSA feedback with Professor Dierker, which she will incorporate into her Faculty presentation on Tuesday. Thanks again for your wonderful feedback!

The Vice-Chair met with two professors, one for the proposal and one against, to better understand Faculty perspective and the impact of this program should it be implemented. This feedback will inform how we discuss the proposal with the students and faculty going forward.

In lieu of a fun fact…

Rebecca grossly apologizes for not being at GA tonight. She has a gnarly stomach bug that she wishes upon no one, hence why she is not here tonight. If you have any questions for her regarding the faculty meeting this week, the intensive session proposal, or anything else at all, please shoot her an e-mail (rhutman@wes) and she will happily and readily respond. Miss you guys!

Student Affairs

Fire Safety and Facilities Appeals Board
- FSFAB will be meeting various time this week and after Fall Break to discuss the copious amount of appeals

University Residential Life Committee
- URC met this week and we discuss an overview for the year, heard great ideas from RAs and WSA members (including having fans be a part of university provided furniture, changing the AC time, RA judicial reform, RA employment termination) as well as major maintenance request
- Our next topic will be the changing social scene at Wesleyan and point boost evaluations
- I will be meeting with Nucci (’16) eventually to get an RA/CA perspective on RA’s judicial roles, as well as reaching out to ACs and other RAs
- Fran briefed the committee about how the freshman were placed in their residence halls and how that went
- Members also talked about various facilities concerns, such as having the lights turn off after a certain amount of time, getting printers installed in the residence halls, having a printer allowance included in tuition, etc.

Alcohol and Other Drugs
- Medical transports: SAC will be meeting with Joyce Walter from the Health Center next time at SLC in order to get a more comprehensive view of how insurance regarding transports works as well as how Wesleyan handles alcohol transports from a medical standpoint
• Potentially having a WesEMS type of institution to negate the costs of transports
• We talked about this at AOD, and various faculty members expressed liability concerns, an opinion that the University should not be paying for the voluntary actions of students, etc.

Student Health
• Meeting with WSDR to talk about “forced” medical leave and their plans regarding future reforms
• Contacting former WSA members to talk about their work on project such as free STI testing and professor education regarding disabilities

Sexual Assault Prevention - Title IX
• Title IX meeting with the Policy committee, discussed various policies that are in place that students feel exacerbate the culture of sexual assault and make it more difficult to get administrative support with sexual assault judicial cases

Member Projects
• All: evaluation of CAPS, creation of a list of student concerns, and potential reform and evaluative measures for those employees
• Dining internal review (with Izzi), fans as university furniture, street crossing signs, getting rid of receipts at Usdan (Michelle Myers-Brown), call upon the art department to make cool art, Dining reform and loyalty program

Celebrity Tweet of the Week

That moment when you buy scissors and then you try to open them but you can't because you DON'T HAVE SCISSORS.

Community Affairs
Chair: Lizzie Shackney

Bystander Intervention Training
The WSA will undergo Bystander Intervention training during today’s GA. Thank you Tanya Purdy and Alysha Warren for conducting the session!

Individual Projects

Halloweend
Key Session ‘17 is working to plan a redistributive event for Halloween weekend, encouraging several program houses to hold events throughout the weekend to diversify nightlife options, spread out the party population, and hopefully fulfill programming requirements.

Greek Life/Community Events
Anna Pezanoski-Cohen ‘17 is communicating with DKE to discuss community-building/merging events that would benefit some greater cause. She is looking at models from other schools to use as building blocks for this potential event. Another consideration is some kind of event that enlists the support of many student groups, ensuring that they all have some sort of stake in the success of the event. Contact Anna with any ideas!

Sub-group Categories
Jared Fineberg ‘17 is guiding the other members of CoCo to create sub-group contact sheets within their categories, i.e. separating out the environment-related groups from activism groups, or separating a cappella groups from performance and visual arts.

Bias Reporting System
Arron Luo ‘18 will be talking with Antonio Farias about what systems currently exist for reporting bias, the pros and cons of developing such a system, and possible implementation.

NAGPRA Evaluation
Did you know that the University is in possession of 15 Native American human remains and thousands of cultural objects? Did you know that there is a federal law, entitled the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA), that states that these remains and artifacts must be returned to the tribes and nations to which they belong? Brenda Quintana ‘18 is going to look into where we are in terms of evaluating and repatriating these sacred objects.

Subcommittees
Thank you to all who applied to MidWes and CID. After careful consideration, the subcommittees have been selected. CoCo is looking forward to seeing what each subcommittee accomplishes this year.

CID
Arianne Connell ‘16 (Chair)
Giselle Lawrence ‘18
Danielle Krieger ‘18
Matthew Wallock ‘18
Arron Luo ‘18
Brenda Quintana ‘18
Keyonne Session ‘17
Lili Kadets ‘17
Naomi Oyakhilome ‘16 (<3)
Bulelani Jili ‘16

MidWes
Ellie Martin ‘16
Tiger Yixuan Huang ‘17
Arnelle Williams ‘17
Haenah Kwon ‘17
Pat Bailey ‘16
Jared Fineberg ‘17
Anna Pezanoski-Cohen ‘17
Student Group of the Week
WesBAM, because they use OrgSync like no other.

Thing I found on the Internet of the Week

Sustainability, Finance, and Facilities
Chair: Ellen Paik

Meal Plan Analysis
Izzy Linzer ’17 is spearheading a mission to find out more about dining options at Wesleyan, the prices they set, students’ eating habits, and the affordability of Wesleyan food. The Dining Committee hopes to explore why so many students are scrounging for food at the end of each semester, and how this may be helped. We will be analyzing the meal plans of other schools, and see how they compare to ours.

Broad Street Books Analysis
This analysis is in the works.

Financial Aid
This week we talked more Professor Gil Skillman’s (Econ professor) article, from 2 years ago, about Financial Aid and the effects of taking away the need-blind policy. Henry Vansant ’18 is hoping to work on expanding the diversity of future Wesleyan students to incorporate more middle-income students—the current Financial Aid policy is slowly polarizing the school.
**Cool nature thing**
This is what a baby hippo looks like:

![Baby Hippo](image)

**Student Budget**
*Chair:* Justin Gitlin ‘15

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