The Executive Report

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The Assembly Writ Large

The Assembly had a busy and productive fall, beginning with the election and appointments of 19 new members and the return of 19 WSA veterans. After some concerted efforts to reach out to different student groups to find new members, the Assembly is more diverse than it has ever been in my memory, or the memories of several administrators who have commended us on the change.

Assembly members tackled a vast number of issues during the semester, including those of physical spaces (such as the art library move), the equitable distribution of large sums of money (such as the President Roth’s White Papers fund and the Student Activities Fee), long-term policy changes (such as freshmen academic regulations and fossil fuel investments), facilitation of new connections (such as highlighting Middletown commercial offerings and bringing key administrators to General Assembly). Assembly meetings had large numbers of guests from student groups (including Pissed Off Trans*, WesDivest, and USLAC), many of whom left pleased with the results of our discussions. We also hosted our first NESCAC conference at Wesleyan, in a weekend that fostered both productive conversation and ongoing connections across our peer school network.

The Assembly passed five resolutions, the texts of which can be found here. The Student Accounts Spending Limit Resolution ensured the fair use of student accounts; the Grading Mode Change Support Resolution successfully helped ensure a more permissive grading mode policy; the Resolution Supporting a Winter Session lent credence to student demand for a winter term, which was successfully passed through a faculty vote and instated in January of 2013; the Resolution Supporting the Fair Treatment of Janitorial Staff led to changes (still ongoing) in custodial workloads and work distribution; and the Fossil Fuel Divestment Resolution remains an ongoing discussion between students, Trustees, and administrators. Discussions over resolutions were some of the Assembly’s most contentious, but among the most productive as well - and the results are effecting change for the student body even as this document is being written.

Executive Committee Work

This semester, members of the Executive Committee served on a large number of powerful administrator committees to provide input on major University decisions. On the Board of Trustees, E.C. members provide student input on six working groups (ranging from Title IX review to engagement of alumni of color) and are giving an extensive report on the state of the campus to the Campus Affairs committee in February. In meetings with President Roth and others, E.C. has worked to push forward resolutions and other work conducted by other Assembly members into action. And, in the Budget Priorities Committee and White Papers Review Committee, members have counseled about student
financial priorities for new money requests and residential education initiatives.

The WSA Office

On a smaller scale, the Assembly also enacted a number of changes in the WSA Office, including the cutting of costs for the Fall Student Groups Fair, Assembly involvement in Office staff hiring processes, and the agreement to provide clarification of funding policies for student groups. We look forward to a positive and healthy relationship with the WSA Office now and going forward.

The Projects Budget

The Projects Budget, a fund that exists to provide money to events and initiatives outside the purview or funding guidelines of the SBC, sums $20,000 for the 2013-2014 academic year. Thus far it has only funded the fall Executive Committee retreat, leaving more than $19,000 for other uses. Consult Nicole or Andrew with questions about what this fund can be used for.

Privilege and Policy

Nicole’s biggest goal upon assuming the Presidency was to tackle issues of privilege at Wesleyan - who has it and who doesn’t, and more importantly, how can University policy work to shrink the gaps? This work started with the Privilege and Policy talks in the fall (the final report from which will be published on Monday, February 3rd), and continued through work with Chief Diversity Officer Dean Antonio, resolutions, and ongoing discussions with students and student groups. It is our hope that this work will continue throughout all of the Assembly’s work through the coming years.

Espwesso

Wesleyan students desperately crave cheerful student spaces and casual engagement with our illustrious faculty outside of the classroom setting. Espwesso has the opportunity to serve both purposes, and after persistent negotiating, diplomacy, and several successful tests regarding the changes of hours to a more expansive schedule of Parents/Homecoming Weekend and Winter Break, Espwesso will almost certainly operate on a 1pm to 1am schedule (or something similar) in the very near future. Take your professor for a chat over coffee and get to know him.

Finance

Finance has been a major area of concern for the Assembly, as it has been in recent years. As always, the Assembly has strived to ensure Wesleyan’s accessibility and affordability for students of all socioeconomic backgrounds, in their consideration of Wesleyan and their ability to comfortably pursue an education while here. The work of the Budget Priorities Committee has continued to explore a road-map to more desirable admissions policies and financial stability, identifying at last some concrete, if terrifying, measurements. This work will continue in the Spring Semester and the years ahead.

Additionally, the Assembly has successfully negotiated a significant change to Wesleyan’s donations policy to allow donors a way to increase Wesleyan’s financial aid budget beyond the current cap, without damaging established long-term financial goals and stability. This change will be announced to the public in the coming weeks.

Finally, the Student Budget Sustainability Task Force final recommendations are completed and will be presented to the Board of Trustees and the community at the end of February.
A colossal thanks to all who have contributed to preserving and furthering the many important discussions on affordability and access at Wesleyan throughout the semester.
**Academic Affairs (AAC)**

*Chair: Grant Tanenbaum ‘15*

**State of the Committee**
The chair would like to extend his thanks to the members of AAC. Though a small committee, AAC is tasked with a large portfolio and every member has risen to the occasion. This semester we've helped bring a new Winter Session at Wesleyan, changed a major academic policy, and repeatedly defended the student perspective in EPC. This next semester I hope we can reduce course registration-induced stress, foster a new spirit of faculty student interaction, and revitalize the role of honor on campus.

**EPC**
The EPC tackled many large issues this year. From winter session to grading mode changes to the approval of colleges, student representation on the committee was vocal and effective. The chair would like to especially thank Nicole Brenner who served as AAC's vice chair the fall semester. Her tact and eloquence were crucial in promoting the student perspective in the committee. Some of EPC’s accomplishments are below:

**Minor in Art History**
EPC, with support from the AAC Chair and Vice-Chair, approved a new minor in Art History. The minor requires six courses: one 100-level, five 200-level and above in different areas, and a B average in art history courses as well as a B average overall to be admitted to the minor.

**College of East Asian Studies**
The faculty approved the new College of East Asian Studies, a proposal which first passed EPC with support from the AAC Chair and Vice-Chair.

**Grading Mode Change**
Last fall AAC submitted a proposal to the EPC and the faculty asking for a two week extension to the grading mode deadline. After preliminary approval from the EPC the proposal was approved by the faculty with large support. The chair would like to thank the 2012-2013 AAC vice chair Austin Dong who initially proposed the idea. [Resolution 2.35 Grading Mode Change Support]

**Winter Session**
AAC worked tirelessly to bring Winter Session to Wesleyan. AAC first saw the proposal this fall when it came before the EPC, AAC saw merit in the concept and pushed the EPC to approve. Following this, AAC conducted a survey of the entire student body, passed a resolution through the General Assembly, and voiced our support to the voting faculty. [Resolution 3.35 Supporting a Winter Session]

**Internship Credit**
AAC investigated complaints of students being charged large fees to receive credits from Wesleyan for summer internships. AAC is working to promote two lesser known aspects of the policy: First, any student on any level of financial aid will receive the credit free of charge. Second, any student may
request to “audit” the summer internship course free of charge and still have the experience listed on their transcript and satisfy labor standards.

Course Registration
AAC worked with the Provost’s Office and Academic Affairs to bring recommendations from the advising task force report to fruition. Most notably, the end to A/B columns during course pre-registration and a streamlined technological process for the student-advisor relationship.

Art Library
The library convened a committee to choose the most student-friendly option for moving the Art Library collection into Olin. After careful research, AAC selected what we believed to be the best option and brought our recommendation to the General Assembly for further support. The chair would like to thank Nicole Brenner, who served on the committee and ultimately succeeded in promoting the WSA’s opinion.

Withdrawal Proposal
AAC has worked the entire fall semester preparing an EPC proposal to extend the no penalty withdrawal period by two weeks. The chair would like to thank Ben Marvin-Vanderryn ‘17 and Rebecca Hutman ‘17 who not only brought the concept to the committee, but have taken the primary responsibility of research and drafting the proposal.
Community Committee (CoCo)
Chair (Interim): Andrew Trexler ’14

A Changing of the Guard
I am extremely pleased to be relieved by Nicole Brenner ’15, who is taking over the responsibilities of CoCo Chair for the Spring 2014 semester in an elected and official capacity. A special thank you also to Alton Wang ’16, who served in that same honor for much of the Fall 2013 semester and contributed an invaluable many of the works enumerated below.

OrgSync
Arguably the most important development of CoCo’s first semester was the successful launch of OrgSync, our new student group recognition system, funding platform, online student group community, and much more. Despite some bumps and hiccups along the way--overcome largely through the tireless efforts of Alton--OrgSync has proven to be a very effective tool and is now running quite smoothly. For the Spring semester we are planning a promotion campaign to encourage more students to use the system regularly for the advertising of events, sharing of group information, and other purposes.

Student Groups
CoCo has thus far registered 255 student groups of all shapes and sizes. Key Session ’17 organized an extremely successful Student Group Summit for the Publication groups, leading to the development of a collaborative cross-publication publication which will be first published this Spring; Lizzie Shackney ’17 organized an equally successful Student Group Summit for the Activism groups which led to considerable cross-group collaboration and will be recurring once every month or so. A major goal for CoCo this Spring is to organize a full Student Group Leader Summit for all student groups.

Glenn Cantave ’15, Aidan Martinez ’17, and Lizzie also launched a new CoCo project, the WesWorks Project, an effort to encourage disparate groups to interact with each other, learn about each other’s causes and goals, and collaborate to achieve common aims. The project has conducted a successful trial run and will be scaled up for the Spring.

Middletown
Glenn has done a fabulous job this past semester at the helm of the Middletown Relations Committee, joined by a stellar committee including Lizzie. MidWes has worked extensively with the Middletown Rotary Club, the Business District, WES-U radio station, Athletics, the Center for Community Partnerships, and a host of other important groups and individuals of Middletown. Of particular note is the Committee’s effort to obtain some Middletown resident members for the committee, the ongoing effort to develop a program for Wesleyan student-athletes to mentor local Middletown high school student-athletes, and securing countless new opportunities for the Wesleyan community to engage with the broader Middletown Community. A great thanks to Glenn for all of his fine work and leadership on MidWes.

Another exciting development is the generation of a “Community” page on the Assembly website, detailing local attractions in Middletown and the surrounding Connecticut area that students might visit. This is an ongoing project conducted by the whole Committee and we hope that the page will be completed by the end of Spring 2014.
Inclusion and Diversity

Sadasia McCutchen ’17, Aidan, and Key have served on the Committee for Inclusion and Diversity this past Fall semester, which engaged in several enterprising discussions regarding these issues in the Wesleyan community. As the current Chair of CID will no longer be serving in that role, I am confident that these three energetic freshmen will be able to continue the Committee’s important work for the Spring semester.

The Fall semester also welcomed a new Chief Diversity Officer, Antonio Farias, to Wesleyan. We have had the opportunity to meet with him several times to discuss his work and look forward to continuing a strong relationship between the Assembly and his Office in the future.

Community

To give the Wesleyan Community a jolt of bonding energy, CoCo has laid plans for several Spirit and Events events for the Spring, including a kickball tournament in the near future and Bandfire in slightly warmer weather. A special thanks to Sadasia, Key, Lizzie, and Aidan for their work in organizing these events.

Student Group of the Semester

...is not actually a student group, because it’s CoCo! A huge thank you to Glenn, Aidan, Sadasia, Key, and Lizzie for their superb work throughout what has been, to say the least, a rather tumultuous semester. Thank you also to Alton and Nicole for their services and work as Chair. Good luck in the Spring semester!
Coordinator & Organization and External Affairs Committee (OEAC)
Chair: Jacob Musinsky ‘15

So far this has been a very productive year for both OEAC and the General Assembly. As the first person serving this dual position of Coordinator and OEAC Chair, I find the new format to be much better than the chair, vice-chair system of the past. I would like to thank the members of the WSA for remaining very interested and present and the members of OEAC, Mansoor Alam ‘15, Lily Herman ‘16, and Fred Ayres ‘16, for their great work throughout the semester.

GA Meetings
WSA weekly meetings have run very smoothly throughout the first semester. We have improved the GA format in many ways. First, the strict three hour time limit and two minute speaking times have been very effective in maintaining the productivity of meetings. Furthermore, we have personally invited members of student groups whose work relates to agenda items to attend General Assembly meetings to give an outlook. We have also been encouraging members of the student body to write resolutions to bring to the WSA.

In addition, we have been having short discussions during meetings (about once a month) to generate feedback for the way GA is run. Helpful information has been collected to make sure the weekly meetings are a pleasurable experience for everyone. This has also led to discussions about what is a “good” agenda item. We have also increased the number of small group discussions for brainstorming topics.

Elections
Two sets of elections were both carried out smoothly. Looking into spring, I would personally like to welcome Simon Chen, Sara Dean, Alice Lee, and Jenna Starr to the assembly. I look forward to meeting and working with all of you. I would also like to thank the Elections Committee members Fred Ayres and Mansoor Alam as well as Nicki Softness and Andrew Trexler (of the fall Elections Committee) for their help.

The WSA has also decided that if the Elections Committee Chair (Coordinator/OEAC Chair) has the desire to make changes to the election guidelines, he or she must first propose them to GA at least 2 weeks before they need to be instituted.

The Winter Survey also went out to students and provided great feedback to the Executive Committee.

Outreach
OEAC has been working hard to increase the number of outreach initiatives in response to feedback about our lack of outreach brought up by members of the student body at a GA meeting towards the beginning of the semester. The initiatives we have worked on are as follows:

Social Media Outreach
We have been using the website, Facebook, and Twitter as usual as major outlets of outreach for the
WSA. In addition, this semester we founded both our YouTube page and our Tumblr (wesleyanstudentassembly.tumblr.com). We have been posted many short blurbs about WSA Committees, activities, and members on the Tumblr and have videotaped one edition of our Newsletter that we have put online. Lily Herman ‘16 has also been fearlessly live tweeting from GA meetings which we find to be productive and informational. We believe these forms of outreach have been successful, but we wish to expand the amount of personal outreach.

Newsletter
Our newsletter was formatted by our dear friend and greatly missed ex-WSA member Alton Wang ‘16. The newsletter is sent out weekly to the entire student body and consists of: the agenda for the upcoming meeting, the minutes and committee reports from the previous week’s meeting, updates on big WSA projects, and a space for student groups to advertise upcoming events of their own. The Argus has even inserted a copy into their newspaper each week.

The newsletter has been fairly successful, but we plan on taking it one step further by printing copies and placing them in bathroom stalls around campus. We think this will increase the number of readers.

Canvassing
Canvassing happened! The members of the WSA went out to the dorms around campus and gathered information from students about campus issues. This year, we included prompts. Members of GA were given sheets of papers with questions written about current issues the WSA is working on to ask the residents and were instructed to gather responses. Furthermore, we created lit to drop under the doors of vacant rooms.

Outreach Task Force
Lily Herman ‘16 and Ben Marvin-Vanderry ‘17 were very interested in increasing the amount of outreach to student groups during their weekly meetings. In light of this, we decided to put together an “outreach task force” of sorts. This group would be dedicated to splitting up the student groups and visiting groups to talk with the members about WSA related issues and see what they are up to. Although this was not completely carried out during the fall, the idea is useful and I hope to continue the work into the Spring semester.

NESCAC Conference
Lily Herman ‘16 worked very hard with many other members of the WSA on hosting the NESCAC Student Government Conference here at Wes. She held various meetings and social events to bring the student government leaders together to discuss techniques. Many new ideas were introduced at this conference including taking minutes so we can easily access information that was given at the conference. Great, great work!

WSA External Review
OEAC is interested in doing an external review of the WSA to get a review of how we are functioning from an outside source. This will be a major project of Lily Herman ‘16 in the Spring Semester.
WSA History Project

Fred Ayres ‘17 plans to work with President Updegrove ‘14 on a project revolving around WSA History. The project has two initiatives. One is to update the WSA Wikipedia page and search through recent archives to update any information and to create an archive of current activity. The second part is to create a sort of “yearbook” showing the work the WSA has done, how the WSA has reacted to certain issues that have arisen, etc. Lily Herman will work with Fred on the second half of this project. We hope that this will help with the continuity of the assembly. We look at it as a WSA 2050 project of sorts.

ITC

Mansoor Alam ‘15 has been working hard as chair of ITC with his members from both the General Assembly and the student population as a whole. ITC is worked on cleaning up some of the WSA’s online activity, met with ITS to try to increase the usage of OrgSync, and worked on changing Docs to Drive on the E-portfolio page. ITC will continue to meet with ITS on a weekly basis and will maintain the upkeep of the WSA’s website. They will also work on having workshops with students on how to do basic web stuff that I can’t really understand. I am particularly thankful to Mansoor for his work on fixing the Winter Election Fiasco of 2013.

Finally

I want to thank all of the members of GA for a great semester (probably the best I’ve seen in 2.5 years). Let’s keep it up for the Spring!
Student Affairs Committee (SAC)

Chair: Kate Cullen ’16

Residential Life
1. Undergraduate Residential Life Committee (URLC)
   SAC Members: Kate Cullen (co-chair), Bruno Machiavelo, Chris Caines

URLC met to discuss a variety of issues including GRS, hosting bans, guest card access, program houses, Laundry View, the role of RAs, WestCo, and major maintenance requests.

GRS: Bruno Machiavelo proposed a new “cluster” system for sophomores designed to let two sophomores sign up for GRS together to receive singles next to one another. Classifications will now be double, cluster, and single.

RAs in WestCo: After discussion with administrators, WestCo residents, and other students, SAC is working on a formal proposal to clarify the way RAs are placed in WestCo. The intention is to place RAs who wish to live in WestCo with the dorm’s unique mission. Angus McLean is working with WestCo leadership on a resolution.

Hosting Bans: With the leaders of Greek organizations on campus, we started a discussion on hosting bans at Wesleyan. We discussed how detrimental not having Greek spaces available for concerts or other events is to the community. We came up with two main ideas: the first to have student groups essentially “rent” the space or second place an intermediary step in the probation process where a Greek organization can host their own events, but with specific restrictions (ie time limits, must use event staff, etc). We also discussed the challenges Wesleyan event staff and instances where hiring external event staff may be more beneficial. After discussion with SJPC, the SJB has agreed to integrate the second option into their practices.

Other Topics: Program House evaluations went very well and we voted for the continuation of all houses. In terms of Laundry View, Chris Caines and other members are looking into potentially discontinuing the service at Wesleyan. After learning of the high cost and low student satisfaction with the program, we think that the funds could be better spent somewhere else. SAC followed up with all proposed RA reforms last year to make sure they’re being effectively implemented this year.

Student Health
1. Student Health Advisory Committee
   SAC Member: Victor Zhao

This semester SHAC worked to solicit feedback on the Davison Health Center (DHC) and plan multiple events. The Committee provided 2012-13 patient satisfaction and utilization results for Health Center and CAPS. They updated the DHC website and clinician’s bios listed online. Dr. McLarney attended a meeting and discussed his first semester as Medical Director and led conversation about first aid kits with RAs. In addition, SHAC discussed new private insurance billing process and Gallagher Koster insurance
plans. The Committee also ran a very successful blood drive on campus.
Victor Zhao has also been working this semester to collect more information on free STI testing at universities and find a feasible way for Wesleyan to provide free STI testing.

2. Alcohol and Other Drugs Committee
*SAC Member: Kate Cullen*
Transitioning out of the NCHIP model from last year, the Alcohol and Other Drugs Committee continued a few projects from last year while initiating new ones for the new school year. Established projects include bystander intervention advocacy, judicial health education tracking, screening at CAPS and DHC, increased support in residence halls, collecting data on student drinking through Alcohol Edu, and late night programming. With the help of student feedback solicited by SAC, Wesleyan will be piloting a new Alcohol Edu type program next year. AOD is working to choose the most appropriate program. New AOD initiatives this year include drafting a beginning of year parent letter and looking into individual BMI for all first year students.

**Public Safety Review Committee**
*SAC Members: Angus McLean, Bruno Machiavelo*
The fall semester primarily served as a building block for the committee to figure out their agenda and place as it combines last year’s Public Safety Advisory Committee and Public Safety Review Committee. In their first meeting, the committee discussed student’s rights, incident management, transparency, and clarifying the process of being written up by a Psafe officer among other issues. In the next semester, the committee will again work to place itself in the Student Affairs Office and hopefully will assist with the transition of a new Public Safety Director.

Kate Cullen served on the selection committee for a new Public Safety Director. SAC will work to involve more student voices in the selection process in the spring semester.

**Student Judicial Process Committee (SJPC)**
*SAC Members: Kate Cullen (co-chair), Richard Fessler, Victor Zhao*
SJPC met once this semester to set goals and priorities for the year. Richard Fessler worked this semester to collect suggestions to change the points system. After over a year with the program, SAC believes this is the appropriate time to reflect on what has worked and what hasn’t to make the system more effective. SAC also proposed a change to the points structure where first year students charged with underage drinking in a non-dangerous environment receive no points. In the spring semester the committee will focus on Process Advisor Training and reforming the points system.

**Fire Safety and Facilities Appeals Board**
*SAC Members: Julio Angel (chair), Richard Fessler, Victor Zhao*
Julio Angel worked with other WSA members to propose multiple reforms to the appeals system to improve clarity and consistency. Chris Cruz agreed to adopt these changes into practice this semester. Most notably, Julio Angel pushed for an enrollment hold until students fill out room condition reports.

**Student Life Committee (SLC)**
SAC Members: Kate Cullen (co-chair), Chris Caines, Angus McLean, Victor Zhao, Richard Fessler, Bruno Machiavelo

This semester we discussed a plethora of student affairs issues ranging from Title IX policy reforms to hosting bans, freshman orientation, quiet study spaces, the Tour de Franzia and degendering bathrooms. Elisa Cardona will adopt many of WSA’s freshman orientation suggestions into next year’s planning. A few of these include more school spirit, having RAs work directly with their residents in small groups, more communication between Orientation staff and RAs, being more accommodating of athletes, changing the Common Moment, among many more great ideas.

In the spring semester, SLC will receive a report out from URLC and from the Usdan Committee. These reports will be delivered by SLC members who sit on those committees. As a committee we plan to discuss the role out of the Davison Health Center 3rd Party Billing service, the feasibility of free STI testing, services for international students, creating a Medical Leave Student Advisor Program, the judicial points system, and the appeals system. We are also interested in the idea of hosting a positive activism workshop.

Other Projects

1. Bathrooms
SAC has been working to represent all student voices in the debate over the gender designation of bathrooms on campus. We have discussed the issue in SLC meetings, private meetings with administrators and students, and a GA meeting. Through all of these avenues we have worked to advise all sides on a compromise and ultimately make Wesleyan a safer space for everyone. We are currently helping Dean Mike with a proposal he drafted to address the issue.

2. Medical Leave Policy
SAC has been working with Active Minds and WSDR to reform the medical leave system. Representatives from WSDR visiting for a SAC meeting to discuss the insensitivity of the academic presentation of disabilities and the establishment of a Medical Leave Student Advisor Program. We plan to write a resolution with them about the Advisor Program this semester.

3. Spring Break Option
Bruno Machiavelo worked over the summer and through the fall to organize new spring break community service trips. With Lily Herman’s help as well, there will be a Habitat for Humanity trip this spring break. A local Middletown program is also in the works, perhaps for future years.

4. Gender Resource Center
SAC is assisting Nina Gurak ’16 with the establishment of a Gender Resource Center on campus. This Center would serve as a safe space for not only self-identifying women, but people of many gender identities.

5. Sexual Assault
Through the Sexual Assault Task Force (lead by Julio Angel) and the Student Life Committee, SAC has
been working with students and faculty to put combating sexual assault to the forefront of the agenda. Through the Board of Trustees Title IX working group and other committees, we hope to push programming and policy reform further this semester.

6. Quiet Study Spaces
Following complaints that study spaces have become noisy, the SAC conducted an online and in-person campus survey of study spaces noise level. Working with SLC and the library staff, we will use this data to set noise levels for different library study spaces on campus.

7. Dining Committee
*SAC Member: Angus McLean*
Angus McLean worked to ensure the sustainability of our dining facilities this semester. He advocating for more composting, healthier food choices, and more environmentally friendly seafood options.

8. Queer Task Force
*SAC Member: Chris Caines*
Chris Caines worked with members of the Queer community to redefine the role of the Queer Task Force at Wesleyan.

*Thank you all for your hard work and I look forward to a wonderful spring semester!*
Student Budget Committee (SBC)

Chair: Nicki Softness ‘14

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(I attached it because I had to do some formatting for graphs/charts, and it wouldn’t let me copy and paste everything).
Sustainability, Finance, and Facilities Committee (SuFFaC)  
Chair: Justin Gitlin ’15

Dining Committee
This semester the dining committee met regularly. Among the issues we addressed are as follows:
· Text in menu at Summerfields—Last semester, for one reason of another the text-in menu for the Summerfields dining hall did not reflect the entirety of the Summerfields menu. As of this semester, this will no longer be the case.
· Meal Plan Education—Due to numerous reports of students running out of meals and points prior to the end of the semester, the dining committee has and continues to examine the issue of meal plan sustainability. As of now, seeing as though we are half-way through the year, there is no ability to change the structure of the meal plan. As a result, we are instituting an educational pamphlet and seminar in order to teach students how to use their meal plan to last the entirety of the semester.
· Food Truck—The committee is in very preliminary talks to explore the option of a food truck run by Bon Appetit. The truck would hope to run alongside such campus mainstays as The Whey Station and the Falafel Truck in order to provide students with a cheaper and more diverse set of late night food options.
· Healthier Late Night—The committee has also taken in student input and worked to install some healthier options on the late night Usdan menu. Talks remain ongoing, but it appears likely that this will happen at some point this year.
· Donation of unused meals and points—The committee has been resolved to repurpose unused meals and points left over at the end of the year for more charitable causes. While the actual donation of unused points remains difficult, the committee is in the process of piecing together a campaign to encourage students to use these points to buy non-perishable goods that can be sent to local homeless shelters.

Transportation Committee
This past semester, the transportation committee’s major project was to oversee the installation of the new tracking software for The Ride. This software should now be up and running and will allow students to keep track of where The Ride is at all times. In addition, the committee organized fan buses to the NESCAC championship football game at Trinity College. Also, the committee oversaw the winter and Thanksgiving break shuttle services. And finally, the committee looks to institute a pilot program for weekly shuttle service to the local Price Chopper grocery store.

Freeman Athletic Advisory Group
Chaired by Colin O’Keeffe ’17, this committee met last semester, reactivating what had previously been a dormant committee. So far, the efforts of this committee have focused on sustainability and reducing the energy overhead of the athletics facilities. Going forward, this committee will look to expand its goals, and include COCo in the meetings in an attempt to also leverage our voice to encourage more of a school community around athletic events.

Green Fund
Ellen Paik ’16 served as the WSA liason to the Green Fund as a function of her role as the Sustainability Coordinator. The Green Fund had a successful semester, and will look for more
transparency in the semester to come. This will include weekly reports on what the Green Fund is funding in the SuFFaC committee reports.

Financial Aid Committee

This committee was largely inactive last semester. Moving forward, it is looking to use student voices on the committee in an effort to make the process of obtaining financial aid an easier one for students. This effort may extend to work with the admissions office in order to re-evaluate the process by which applicants must identify themselves as in need of financial aid.

Major Maintenance Committee

As per tradition, the committee embarked on its annual Light Tour this past fall. The entire SuFFaC committee participated in this event alongside various administrators in order to identify various locations on campus that are in need of renovations that would enhance the safety of the students.

Projects:

This semester, SuFFaC will be taking over for SAC in addressing the Trans* bathroom issue, as the situation has manifested itself as a facilities issue. Additionally, SuFFaC will be inheriting the Art Library project from AAC in order to oversee the implementation of the Digital Media Lab rumored to be going in the building.