Executive Report

SJB and Honor Board Reforms
We are preparing a resolution to present to the administration—as well as a presentation to the Board in February—advocating for the Student Judicial Board and the Honor Board be placed under the auspices of the Wesleyan Student Assembly, a model used at many other similar institutions.

Work Study Task Force
See AAC report.

EC Meeting
❖ Staying consistent with General Assembly guidelines (stack, speaking times, agenda limits, etc.)
❖ Working with each committee to explain the process of resolutions, agenda setting, and the powers and function of the WSA.

WSA Feedback
This week we’ll be sending out an anonymous survey to all GA members. We want to hear about what we can do better to support you and your initiatives and thought that this medium might illicit more responses.

Appointments
We received 10 applications for the one open position on SBC. Interviews will be starting this week.

Academic Affairs
Chair: Rebecca Hutman ’17
Vice Chair: Bryan Stascavage ’18

New Members!

AAC would like to welcome new members: Ella Geismar ’16, Syed Rizwan ’17, and Katie Benvenuti ’16. We’re thrilled to be a full committee and doubly excited to welcome them to GA!

Intensive Semester Update:

Due to logistical concerns, the Intensive Semester pilot will likely be delayed until next Spring. The Chair is meeting with Professor Dierker this week to understand, which aspects of the programs they are trying to better cultivate for the next iteration of the proposal and the pilot. Based on this discussion, AAC will remain “actively seized of the matter” in close consultation with her.
**Priorities and Projects:**

Now that we’re a full committee we have the ability to branch out into our 3 focus areas: Advising, Work Study, and Transfer Students.

**Work Study:**

Headed up by the Vice Chair, AAC is looking into ways to expand work-study student's ability to pursue their interests both academic and extracurricular. We are looking to tie academic credit for certain work study jobs in order to expand student’s time available for independent exploration, both inside and outside of the curriculum.

Bryan is writing up that proposal this week. Alice is doing research into the specifics of Wesleyan's policy and the work-study resources available for students. Ella is researching comparable work-study programs at our peer institutions.

Later in this GA, we'll solicit feedback on the obstacles faced by work-study students. That’ll help us know if our proposal addresses the most significant problem facing students. At the next GA, we'll present the proposal with edits we glean from this week's discussion.

**Advising**

Katie and Rizwan are working on a proposal to modify the way major advisors are assigned in majors that have specific concentrations. Oftentimes, students have a major advisor with a drastically different focus than their own. We’re looking to propose a mechanism by which advisor assignments could either be deferred or done with information about prospective concentrations to ensure better advisor-advisee pairings.

**State of the Students**

We're in the preliminary stages of this yearlong AAC project! The Chair is reaching out to different student interest groups/ major committees/ etc. to hear about their unique view of academic policy. The ultimate goal is to present the administration with a mosaic of “the academic experience” and a list of concrete policy suggestions for the most pressing issues.

This week I'm coming up with the standardized questions we'll be posing to each group-- figuring out what kind of responses and information will be most conducive to the project.

**Question for GA:** Are you part of any groups/major committees/affinity groups who have a unique stake in academic policy? Please write your name, the group, and your connection to the group on a piece of paper I'm passing around.

**Item 1**

**Student Affairs**

*Chair: Bruno Machiavelo ‘16*
New Member
- SAC would like to welcome George Pollack ('15) to the WSA

Fire Safety and Facilities Appeals Board
- The Fire Safety and Facilities Appeals Board had their second meeting this past Friday and address numerous appeals.
- Really big shoutout to Serene for stepping up to chair the board, doing really well dealing with administrators, and being really available to those students that submitted appeals.

University Residential Life Committee
- URLC met this past Friday and we discussed the heating and cooling structures in the university, printing in the residence halls, and the social scene at Wesleyan
- Heating and cooling: student concerns regarding switching from cooling to heating too early, but once the switch is made it is not possible to switch back. The committee decided that the system was too inflexible to allow for real changes in the way that heating and cooling operates.
- Printing in the residence halls: printers in the residence halls are too costly and do not function well.
- Social scene at Wesleyan
  - Focusing on qualitative measures of being over the fire safety capacity (too rowdy, overflowing) rather than quantitative measures
  - Public safety not shutting down parties that are over capacity and giving warnings to do crowd control instead
  - Improving relationships between public safety and the student body
  - Publishing and doing outreach regarding events - OrgSync, EMS, Aural Wes, CoCo pages (problems with continuity)
  - Increasing the number of large spaces and joint events (2 houses on Fountain hosting a party, for example)
  - Beckham Hall as an option
  - The creation of a social planning committee
  - There were actually more registered parties this semester than there were last semester - points to problems with parties being shut down or with communications regarding events, if you are interested in seeing all of the registered parties for this semester, contact me.
  - Only two Program house capacities have actually decreased substantively

Student Health Advisory Committee
- Joyce Walter has created a comprehensive sheet that will be sent out to all students regarding alcohol medical transports
- SHAC is looking for new members, so be sure to get in contact with Joyce Walter if you or someone you know is interested in serving
- Davison and CAPS operations
  - Beneficial changes: More students have been coming in, increased staffing
  - Problems: reducing “non-shows” for CAPS (solution: reminder calls?), identifying “crisis” appointments and making the definition clear for students

Public Safety Advisory Committee
- Scott will be coming in to GA this Sunday, so get excited for that and start brainstorming things about the Wesleyan student body and social scene that you think he needs to know.

Student Life Committee
- At the SLC meeting before Fall Break, we discussed medical transports and the methods to reduce high risk drinking. The committee discussed open door policies, AlcoholEDU and other
educational tools that Wesleyan has at its disposal, programming to reduce high-risk drinking, and the results of alcohol and drug use surveys

- Social scene (proposal in the works)
- Fire code capacities: movement from quantitative aspects of capacity to qualitative aspects
  - Backyards count against the fire code capacities
- Elisa Cardona: social events update
  - Qualitative events, actual increase in events than the past
  - Timeline of submitting paperwork: on Monday due to Facilities concerns (interesting as a data point)
  - General programming: communication component
  - Forms require signatures - working to move this to an online form
  - Creation of a master calendar under the EMS system
  - Late night programming focus group: Nov 18th, 12-1, 41 Wyllys 114, RSVP by that Monday (put in Committee Reports, athletes - captains)
    - Gap in Saturday late night alternative programming
    - Maureen Isleib will be putting together a roster of alternative events (ResLife) and sending those out to the campus; extra funding
    - Working with SALD to plan events
- Potential solutions and relevant facts
  - WestCo Cafe is taken offline for the entire weekend when there is a home football game
  - Working with Facilities to ameliorate the fine situation, Physical Plant about cost recovery, working to reduce the fines (change the actual cost, opening up a conversation)
  - None of the seniors have been complaining about the fire code capacities, did not want crashers
  - Programming in Usdan and ResLife, collecting feedback about the music series
  - Fewer judicial problems on Fountain and Pine than we have had in the past

**Member Projects**

- Bruno: PSafe fact sheet, social scene SLC and URLC proposal
- Andy: programming (pool party), influencing art creation at Wesleyan through the establishment of an art fund, dining review
- Serene: printing, CAPS review
- Carter: CAPS review, points review regarding the SJB, standard of proof bringing 2-ply to the residence halls
- Nila: pencil sharpeners, student health social marketing campaigns
- Sam: 2-ply task force

**Community Affairs**

*Chair: Lizzie Shackney*

**Individual Projects**

**Halloweekend**

Key Session ’17, Anna Pezanoski-Cohen ’17, and the chair reached out to program houses on campus, encouraged them to host events this weekend in order to help redistribute the party scene, and promoted all of these events via a Facebook event, on which over 800 students clicked “attending.” CoCo believes
that the weekend was very successful, the Facebook event itself got students excited to go out, and most events went smoothly. In the future, CoCo may use a similar strategy for other holiday weekends (e.g. Valentine’s Day, St. Patrick’s Day, etc., open to suggestions), and will be considering how to better promote student-organized weekend events.

“State of the School” Resolution
Tonight, we’ll vote on the resolution that Anna Pezanoski-Cohen ‘17 has been developing, which is focused on increasing transparency from the administration to the student body. Again, this transparency would take the form of President Roth delivering a “State of the School” address in either the beginning or middle of the year amongst other things, in order to encourage more productive conversation. It is likely that the administration would be in favor of this type of solution.

Visit from Achievement First Amistad High
This week, a group of students from Achievement First Amistad High School visited campus, and they requested a Q&A panel with some of Wesleyan’s student leaders. Brenda Quintana ‘18 organized this successful panel.

Fountain Block Party
Key Session ’17 met with Scott Rohde this week, who offered the suggestion of blocking off Fountain Avenue on a weekend night to make it a block party. Cars would not be able to access the street between certain hours, and then students may be able to occupy the streets without PSAfe intervention. Key will be looking into this possibility.

Smartkey Situation and Student Group Registration Process
We are still preparing to undergo some major changes to the registration process, including administering registration deadlines, suggesting that some groups with similar missions formally merge, among other things. More information to come.

Subcommittees

CID
From Arianne Connell, chair: “First, we agreed that we need an effective way to reach out to the groups and clubs on campus, so we discussed the ways that we would do that. We decided that we want to split ourselves up into subcommittees that would each have their own focus groups. The categories that we split into are Religion, Gender/Sexuality, Administration, Race/Ethnicity and Lifestyle. Each subcommittee will have 2 members each and their jobs will be to reach out to every group/club on campus that would fall under their category and talk to them about what they would want from us and how we can work on collaborating with them.” They will attend Brenda and Arron’s liaison category meeting with Identity group leaders.

MidWes
MidWes hopes to revive Cardinal Night on Main. They’ve been in contact with the Ferry Street Garden, a community garden in Middletown and hope to get Wesleyan student groups involved with them. They will plan some sort of Middletown Leaders speaker series, and are in contact with a local forester. They are also interested in doing some sort of sports collaboration. Within MidWes, Anna Pezanoski-Cohen ‘17 is working on planning a community forum on policing via the ACLU. The forum will bring together both Wesleyan students and Middletown community members. Jared will be
planning a hip hop collaborative event.

**Student Group of the Week**
WesRave, because they have decided to register as a student group and it brings back good memories.

**Thing I found on the Internet of the Week**

**Sustainability, Finance, and Facilities**
*Chair*: Ellen Paik ’16

There was no SuFFaC Meeting this week. SuFFaC, very short get-together after this meeting please :-)

**CIR**
CIR is currently in the process of strengthening CIR’s relationship with the administration. They are the only vessel through which divestment issues are brought up to the Board of Trustees, so they play a very important role. By establishing a contact in South College, CIR hopes to create more dialogue with the administration about divestment issues.

**Green Fund**
The presentation of the Green Fund Resolution will be tonight.

**Light Tour**
Plz join!

**Survey**
We hope to send out both the Bikeshare survey and the Meal Plan survey by the end of this week.

Exley
The first floor of Exley and 24 hour study space is going to be refurbished with cool furniture to create more study spaces outside of libraries. This space is expected to be finished during Winter Break and by the start of the Spring Semester.

“Devil’s Pool” in Queensland, Australia

Student Budget
Chair: Justin Gitlin ‘15

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