



WESLEYAN STUDENT ASSEMBLY

Resolution 2.41: Request of Full Disclosure of the Potential Wesleyan Hengdian Campus

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Surprised by the *Argus* article published on September 24th, 2019, detailing the University's consideration of establishing a joint-venture campus with Hengdian Corporation in the People's Republic of China¹;

Observing that President Michael Roth and his cabinet did not intend to release any information about the potential Wesleyan Hengdian campus had the Wesleyan Argus not been informed about the plan;

Calling upon the University and the administration to be transparent with the community about projects with significant impact upon the campus community;

Recognizing the importance of involvement from students, alumni, faculty, and staff on proposals and projects put forth by the administration;

Listening to concerns among the entire Wesleyan community, including students, faculty, staff, and alumni, over the potential for the creation of this new campus;

Acknowledging President Michael Roth's upcoming trip to China, which will include visiting Hengdian Corporation;

Understanding that this matter remains complicated and ongoing, and as representatives of the student body, the Wesleyan Student Assembly has a responsibility to represent the interests of the Wesleyan student community;

The Wesleyan Student Assembly (WSA),

1. Authorizes the internal election of two WSA senators as student observers of the Wesleyan-Hengdian campus project by a majority of the General Assembly (GA).
 - a. Requests that the administration invite these two student observers to all private deliberations held within the administration concerning the project, including cabinet, faculty, or otherwise.

¹<http://wesleyanargus.com/2019/09/24/wesleyan-considers-establishing-new-campus-in-china/?fbclid=IwAR3A3hRvgakZK2EPwBm7Dz9BhxI281KO7qohjLp7u0KqS9qewvflkNyzOhw>

2. Requests that the administration release all documents and digital files involving or concerning the development of the proposed Hengdian campus to the WSA to ensure full transparency,
3. Requests that the administration keep transparency in mind with regards to other projects and proposals that may impact any and all members of the greater Wesleyan community,
4. Encourages the University to continue hosting events such as the upcoming town hall on October 30th to update the campus on the progress of the project.
 - a. Understands, however, that students cannot ask informed questions about the project at such town halls without the fulfillment of the requests laid out above for further disclosure of information,
5. Calls for a WSA-hosted town hall to provide a forum for students to express their thoughts about the campus in Hengdian,
 - a. Subsequently calls for the creation of an anonymous Google form that will be sent out to the student body to allow feedback from students who would otherwise avoid publicly expressing their opinion out of concern for their safety,
6. Trusts that the administration will respond to each of the requests laid out in clauses 1a, 2, and 3 by Wednesday, October 16th, 2019,
7. Remains actively seized of the matter.

BY A VOTE OF 32 TO 0 WITH 1 VOTES ABSTAINING ON THIS DAY, OCTOBER 13, 2019

Justin Ratkovic '20, President

Ayana Dudley '20, Vice-President

Felicia Soderberg '21, Chief-of-Staff

Ben Garfield '22, Sponsor

A Resolution is a piece of legislation voted on by the Senate that states that the WSA will take action or urges the administration to take action on a particular issue. The author(s) of a Resolution (with the help of the WSA Community Committee) is responsible for bringing it to the proper administrators and reporting back to the WSA in the following GA meeting. The Administration must make an official statement in one week after it is made aware of the Resolution unless otherwise specified within the Resolution. Furthermore, at the end of each semester the WSA will submit an update to the student body on actions taken to address Resolutions passed that year.