

07/19/20

Dear President Roth, Provost Stanton, Dean Mike, and other members of the Wesleyan administration:

We believe that the current plan Wesleyan has in motion for the Fall of 2020 fails to fully consider the physical, mental and financial well being of the undergraduate population.

We understand that the threat of COVID-19 requires colleges and universities to reimagine nearly every facet of campus life. However, as it stands, the proposal put forth by the University fails to meet all of the needs of its students. We demand that the adjustments made by Wesleyan mitigate harm, especially to those most disadvantaged in our community, namely First Generation/Low Income students, students of color, immunocompromised students and waged campus employees. We believe that the current plan to reopen Wesleyan's campus poses substantial risks, including health, to those students who wish to return. We also believe that those who choose not to return to campus should be guaranteed absolute access to campus services and resources.

The COVID-19 pandemic continues to impact students inequitably: students may have sick family members to care for, unemployed family members to support, or may be impacted by international travel restrictions. Thus, certain measures must be put in place to guarantee the continued psychological support of struggling students and allow for equitable academic outcomes.

Today's students will remember how Wesleyan chose to care (or not care) for them in the moments of greatest need.

Given the uncertainties of the coming semester, we demand:

**** indicates Williams College has already instituted these policies**

1. All students, whether studying on-campus or remote, should be permitted to choose a Pass/Fail option for any class they are enrolled in.**
 - a. Additionally, all classes taken Pass/Fail will count towards the University's general education requirements as well as specific major requirements.**
2. All students, whether studying on-campus or remote, should be given the choice to take three courses instead of four. In this case, the number of credits in order to graduate **must** be reduced from 32 to 31.**

3. All students should be given the ability to partially enroll online, regardless of the courses they are planning to take. Failure to comply will put all immunocompromised students and other students facing unprecedented disruptions due to COVID-19 at risk.
4. All academic departments must provide a manner through which students can complete theses remotely. All students should be permitted and encouraged to complete an honors thesis to the best of their abilities irrespective of whether or not they are on campus.
5. Wesleyan must remove the hiring freeze on Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS). Due to the ongoing global pandemic and fight for Black lives, psychological counseling and services are of utmost importance, and more important than ever, to students. A failure to meet this need will be in direct contradiction to the University's mission to support its students.
6. If University officials choose to close campus, students should be allowed to remain in campus residences for up to two weeks after the official campus announcement (or for 2 weeks after exposed to the virus if this occurs after the announcement) so that they have the option to quarantine away from their families/communities before returning home.
 - a. In the event of a campus shut down, all students who petition to remain on campus due to health and travel concerns should be permitted to do so.
 - b. In the event of a campus shut down, work study students must receive the remainder of their work study allotment for the semester in the form of a grant from the University.

As students, we feel these are baseline demands to be expected of our University. Unlike our peers at Bowdoin College, we are not asking for a tuition reduction. We believe these demands are especially important for Wesleyan to acknowledge the difficult times many of our students are living in, both due to the virus, as well as the current political climate. These demands are the bare minimum that Wesleyan University can meet to acknowledge the precarity of the time in which we're living.

***Parents are welcome to sign this document as well. Please sign your name and your child/year.**

Sincerely,

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