Student Budget Sustainability Task Force

The Student Budget Sustainability Task Force will be charged with identifying areas for budget cuts and devising creative ideas for new revenue and cost savings that will help subsidize financial aid and make Wesleyan more affordable. This group will empower students to offer solutions to address Wesleyan's fiscal issues and to determine whether scaling back need-blind is a matter of necessity. It will make formal, actionable recommendations (in the form of a written report and an oral presentation) to the Wesleyan administration, including but not limited to President Roth and Vice President for Finance and Administration John Meerts. It will hold at least two open meetings with the student body to solicit general input before it finalizes its recommendations to the Wesleyan administration.

The task force will consist of 9 members (a flexible number)—students in the classes of 2013, 2014, and 2015—appointed by the WSA representatives to the Budget Priorities Committee. Task force members must demonstrate they can handle a significant 4+ hour weekly volunteer commitment between now and the end of November. Special consideration will be given to students on financial aid, whose free time may be compromised by student employment. A chair will be appointed.

The Application

First, please send a one-sentence e-mail declaring your intention to apply to wsa@wesleyan.edu.

Second, please answer the following questions in writing, and submit your application to WSA President Zachary Malter (zmalter@wesleyan.edu) by Friday, September 14th at 11:59 pm.

1. What is your name? Class year? Major or Potential Major?
2. What activities are you involved in on campus? Do you hold any jobs—if so, what are they? Roughly how many hours per week are each of these commitments?
3. Why is need blind admissions important to you?
4. What would you say to an administrator if you were presenting the need blind issue to them?
5. What ideas do you have for either budget cuts, cost savings, or new revenues to offset the cost of need blind admission? Please explain your ideas and comment on their viability.

Third, once you submit your one-sentence e-mail, you will be contacted to schedule a brief in-person interview.