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Topic: A Call for Equal Opportunity throughout the Program House Application Process

The Wesleyan Student Assembly (WSA),

In light of the call for program house proposals by the Undergraduate Residential Life Committee (URLC) this month,

Recognizing that the criteria for evaluation in this call for proposals purportedly revolves solely around demonstrated interest of the student community and the ability to sustain a program over time,

Noting with approval that all programs must complement the mission and celebration statements of Wesleyan's Residential Life program,

Observing that application is purportedly open to all students and student groups,

Highlighting the Greek organizations' compliance with the aforementioned mission and celebration statements,

Hoping that any proposal that fulfills the aforementioned conditions should wield the right to apply and receive equal consideration from the URLC in the evaluation process,

Reaffirming Wesleyan's commitment to coeducational program housing,

Noting that Greek life need not be antithetical to Wesleyan's progressive values, and indeed that the support of newer Greek institutions may help to modernize Wesleyan's Greek system as a whole,

Alarmed by the administration's decision to prohibit any student organization associated with Greek life from receiving a fair evaluation by the URLC,

Convinced that the URLC, being comprised of Assembly members, Residential Life staff, and the Assistant Dean of Student Life, is best capable of assessing the relative values of potential programs,

Deeply concerned with any administrative action that interferes with the otherwise seemingly autonomous procedure for the URLC,

Reaffirming the WSA's role as the representative student legislative and deliberative body of Wesleyan University,

Therefore, be it resolved that the Wesleyan Student Assembly,

1. Supports the right of all student groups, including Greek organizations, to apply with equal opportunity for program housing under the URLC's standard, autonomous review process;

2. Entreats the administration to acknowledge that no student organization ought to shoulder unfair prejudice or discrimination in the program house application process on behalf of the administration, Residential Life, or the members of the URLC;
3. Calls for all student organizations to receive equitable treatment through the application and evaluation process for program house proposals under the URLC;
4. Resolves to remain actively seized of the matter.

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