

**Wesleyan University
Board of Trustees
Middletown, Connecticut**

February 28, 2015

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, on February 26, 2015, the Wesleyan University Board of Trustees (the “Board”) Investment Committee (the “Investment Committee”) passed a resolution adopting certain policy language on socially responsible investing as shown on Attachment A (the “Policy Language”); and

WHEREAS, the Investment Committee plans to present a revised Investment Guidelines Policy at the May 2015 meeting for the Board’s consideration to, in part, reflect the principals contained in the Policy Language.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Board hereby endorses the attached Policy Language and the future reflection of that Policy Language in the 2015 revision to the Investment Guidelines Policy.

Attachment A

Language on Socially Responsible Investing

Wesleyan’s endowment provides essential enduring support for the academic mission of the University through annual cash distributions. The Wesleyan Investment

Committee, which is responsible for overseeing the management of the endowment, seeks to optimize the endowment's long-term investment returns by considering potential risks and returns and the University's ongoing cash needs. The Committee believes that thoughtful engagement on environmental, social and governance matters is consistent with enhancing long-term returns and with prudently managing the endowment for the long-term benefit of the University.

In carrying out its responsibilities, the Investment Committee's foremost duty is that of a fiduciary: to ensure that the endowment is invested for a long-term maximum return objective with appropriate consideration to controlling risk. At the same time, as an educational institution whose essential mandate is teaching and scholarship with a strong history of and commitment to social responsibility, the University recognizes its obligation to consider environmental, social and governance issues as part of its investment process. The manner in which the Committee takes such matters into account varies depending upon the decision being made by the Committee. As a general rule, Wesleyan will be guided by the principles set forth in The Ethical Investor, the seminal work that helped define the role for university endowments, foundations and other organizations seeking to balance fiduciary and socially responsible goals as investors. Guidelines from this work focus on the concept of social injury -- "the injurious impact which the activities of a company are found to have on consumers, employees, or other persons, particularly including activities which violate, or frustrate the enforcement of rules of domestic or international law intended to protect individuals against deprivation of health, safety, or basic freedoms." In selecting external managers or considering direct investments, the Committee and staff will consider environmental, social and governance factors as part of their investment process.