

A Resolution in Support of Increased Transparency in the Management of the University Endowment

The Sewanee Student Government Association (SGA) supports the pursuit of greater transparency in the management of the University endowment. This body believes that transparency is crucial to ensuring that this institution's values are reflected not only in ways that are overt and well-known but also in ways that may go unnoticed. The ways in which the University's resources are used are among the most revealing indicators of these values. All members of the Sewanee community should be allowed access to information concerning the use of the University's endowment to the greatest degree possible.

The Student Government Association recognizes that there are many valid comments on institutional values related to environmental stewardship. As one of its stated goals, the 2013 Sustainability Master Plan aims to "critically reexamine the university's investment strategies, engaging in a dialogue of how our investment portfolio can best reflect institutional values," as well as to "increase transparency of the endowment to make university investment holdings publicly available." Additionally, the Episcopal church of the United States passed resolution 2015-C045 calling for goals relating to socially responsible investment.

The Student Government Association commends the Socially Conscious Investment Club on their efforts to initiate the creation of a socially responsible investment policy and pursue greater transparency in the management of the University's endowment.

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