

Minutes
President's Committee on Corporate Social Responsibility
March 31, 2010
Gentry Building Room 246

Present: Waldo Klein, Robert Bird, Gina DeVivio Brassaw, Shareen Hertel, Leslie Langworthy, Regis Synnott, Bill Simpson, Tim Tolokan, Phil Dwire and Peter Kochenburger

Absent: Kimberly Fearney, Samson Kimenyi, Susan Randolph, Helen Zincavage and Lisa Troyer

Meeting called to order at 3:05 by Chairman Klein.

Minutes: Chairman Klein requested approval of the February 24, 2010 minutes. A motion was made by Robert Bird, seconded by Regis Synnott and motion carried unanimously.

Dell Laptop Cover: Tim Tolokan reported back that University of Texas accepted Dell's proposal. Tim is going to check to see which other schools may have accepted.

Mission Statement: Chairman Klein reported that President Hogan was very pleased with the Mission Statement that the Committee proposed. Chairman Klein read a letter from President Hogan wherein he accepted the Committee's recommendation of the new Mission Statement.

WRC update on University Caucus meeting on May 11 – Chairman Klein discussed a letter from Scott Nova that outlined the agenda for the Caucus. There is not anybody from UConn attending. There was a brief discussion regarding the possibility of listening in remotely. Tim Tolokan spoke regarding the DOJ issue. Chairman Klein will write to Scott Nova to request a copy of the minutes from the Caucus and Tim Tolokan will contact his counterparts after the meeting to get feedback.

Russell Athletics: Chairman Klein explained that President Hogan is looking for a recommendation from the Committee regarding UConn's response to Russell. There was a discussion surrounding the way that UConn terminated the relationship with Russell and it was determined that it simply did not renew the contract rather than exercising its right to terminate during the term of the contract.

Russell entered into negotiation with the WRC and they are still actively remediating at this time. Chairman Klein read some comments made by Stan Blankenship from Russell. The Committee deliberated for quite some time regarding how to move forward. Bill Simpson feels that "talk is cheap." Shareen Hertel is concerned regarding

the collective bargaining and its movement forward. Shareen suggests that WRC should be contacted to find out if this is happening or not. The WRC report indicated that a company named Vectra is going to provide training to the Union and management prior to the initiation of bargaining. Has that happened? Why Vectra? How is Vectra getting paid? Tim Tolokan is concerned and feels that we are not quite there yet to agree to sign on with Russell again. He will get a list of schools that have entered into an agreement with Russell again. Chairman Klein informed the Committee that President Hogan has said that we should take as much time as we feel necessary to make our recommendation. It is a consensus among the members of the Committee that we should respond to President Hogan and inform him that we are still researching this matter and that we will get back to him with a recommendation at a later date. It is also the consensus that if Scott Nova felt that Russell had done enough to regain trust then he would have encouraged USAS people to go out and promote Russell.

Alta Gracia-Knights Apparel: They have requested a meeting with UConn to discuss what they have to offer. Bill Simpson suggests 4/9/10 at 11:30. Chairman Klein, Shareen Hertel and Tim Tolokan agree that they will attend. Bill will forward information to them at a later date.

Community Education luncheon report: Chairman Klein gave thanks to all parties involved. He thought it was a “smashing success.” Many people who attended expressed their satisfaction with the event. Shareen Hertel also discussed doing a larger event in the Spring for the students and perhaps we could invite Alta Gracia to attend to do a presentation.

Shareen Hertel wants to ask Helen Zincavage to come up with some names for a new member once she graduates.

Shareen requested that the website be updated. Chairman Klein will request that Lillian Bosques change the webpage domain name, add the minutes for the 2009-2010 year, add links to the FLA, CLC, UConn green dining, COOP link etc.

There was a discussion regarding the relationship between the UConn Foundation and UConn/President Hogan. Bill told the story about how Brown University got its name.

Bill Simpson made a motion to adjourn, Shareen seconded and motion passed unanimously at 4:32 p.m.

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE APRIL 28, 2010.