

Minutes  
President's Committee on Corporate Social Responsibility  
Wednesday, April 20, 2011  
3:00 PM

Present: Amber Albee, Kelsey Barringham, Robert Bird, Gina DeVivo Brassaw, Philip Dwire, Shareen Hertel, Samson Kimenyi, Waldo Klein, Peter Kochenburger, Susan Randolph, William Simpson, Regis Synnott

Absent: Kimberly Fearney, Nina Hunter, Leslie Langworthy, Ronald Schurin, Timothy Tolokan

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Klein at 3:06 p.m.

Opening and Welcome: Shareen Hertel welcomed the Committee in her new role as Committee Chair. She thanked former Chairman Waldo Klein for his leadership during the past five years. William Simpson complimented Mr. Klein on his well-run meetings and noted the many goals that were accomplished under his leadership.

Waldo Klein thanked the Committee and gave an overview of this role as chairman. Mr. Klein expressed appreciation to Gina DeVivo Brassaw for an incredible job with the forum.

Minutes: Chairman Klein called for approval of the February 16, and March 16, 2011 minutes. A motion to approve was made by William Simpson. The motion was seconded by Regis Synnott.

Update on discussions with potential new PCCSR members:

Chairman Hertel provided an update on potential new members: the Office of Environmental Policy and the Department of Residential Life. Both offices are enthusiastic about participating in the PCCSR. Next steps are to meet with the President's Office on approving new membership.

Russell Update:

Phil Dwire informed Committee members that Tim Tolokan had spoken with Russell and that a final collective bargaining agreement (CBA) is anticipated sometime in the next week. Three major holdouts are Arizona, Penn State and UConn. Arizona has indicated that pending a fully-executed CBA, they will reinstate Russell nearly immediately after confirmation.

Purchasing Update:

Leslie Langworthy emailed the committee and provided the update on procurement: "As far as an update from Procurement, we did meet last week with Coke and are in the process of extending the existing contract through the end of this calendar year. We hope to be ready to transition to the next vendor of choice at that time. We hope to have the RFP out in May. Purchasing is in the process of creating the document now. We will be looking for vendors to respond to several different scenarios (vendor servicing all University needs as

current contract does, carving out water, carving out some shelf space for dining services etc.) We do plan to put in some socially responsible language in the RFP and have been discussing making it criteria with a weighted value as well.”

Update on Licensing and UConn Co-Op Activities:

Postponed

Discussion of Fall 2011 Outreach Event:

Group discussion on a possible Fall outreach event with Resident Assistants (RAs) and a possible Spring event with staff on fair purchasing practices. Ideas on topics included “Buy Smart, Buy Ethically”.

New Business: No new business discussed.

Adjournment 4:06 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 19, 2011, 3:00 p.m., Gentry Building Room 246.