

Minutes
President's Committee on Corporate Social Responsibility
Wednesday, October 17, 2012
Gentry Building Room 246
3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Present: Robert Bird, Gina DeVivo Brassaw, Phil Dwire, Kimberly Fearney, Celia Guillard, Shareen Hertel, Nina Hunter, Michael Kirk, Leslie Langworthy, Kyle Muncy, Dennis Pierce, Susan Randolph, William Simpson, John Sears, Tim Tolokan

Absent: Kelsey Barringham, Ann Crawford, and Waldo Klein

Meeting called to order at 3:00 p.m. by Chair Hertel

Minutes: Chair Hertel called for approval of the minutes. A motion was made by Dennis Pierce to approve the September 19, 2012 minutes. The motion was seconded by John Sears and approved.

Chair informed the Committee the website updates are in place. Please visit when you have an opportunity. Here is the link: <http://csr.uconn.edu/index.html>

The November 28, 2012, meeting has been rescheduled for November 15, 2012, at 10:00 a.m. Thanks to Bill Simpson for offering the UConn Co-op conference room.

Update on licensing (i.e., Kyle Muncy to lead discussion on Collegiate Licensing Corp (CRC), Workers Rights Consortium (WRC) and Fair Labor Association (FLA) response to worker safety issues in supply chains): Kyle Muncy will coordinate with our representative Liz Kennedy, at CLC to assess the state of responses by Universities across the board. Liz Kennedy will be invited to the next PCCSR meeting on November 15, 2012.

UConn United Student Against Sweatshops: Chair Hertel brought the discussion to table. Committee members discussed correspondence received related to USAS and determined further review was necessary. Chair Hertel and Kyle Muncy to follow-up and future discussion to take place at November 15, 2012, meeting.

Update on Vendor Code of Conduct: Kim Fearney informed the Committee the steps that will be taken to finalize the Vendor Code of Conduct.

- Ralph Urban will edit the Vendor Code of Conduct (VCOC)
- Rachel Rubin and the working group will review
- President Herbst will review the draft VCOC
- FYI will be sent to bargaining units and any other interested parties

- Rich Orr and Shareen Hertel will present to the Cabinet members
- Vendor code will be shared as FYI to the Board of Trustees
- The final VCOC will be sent to Office of Audit Compliance and Ethics for integration into Purchasing policy and procedure manual.
- The working group will be meet on October 29, 2012

Kim will keep the Committee informed of the outcome of the meeting.

Update on Beverage Contract: Leslie Langworthy informed the Committee that there are no updates. Discussion has been postponed to the December meeting. By then, we will have a contract in place.

Chair Hertel welcomed the representatives from Omar Coffee - Diane Bokron, Nicholas Bokron, Shannon Cecone, and Wilson Griffin from Rainforest Alliance. Wilson Griffin gave an overview on how and where the coffee that we drink on campus comes from, discussed how it is grown, and covered related environmental and sustainability issues and fair labor condition in coffee production.

Rich Miller informed the Committee that hydration stations have been installed currently in the Student Union, McMahon Residence Hall, the Recreation Facility, and in the Facilities Building. General discussion of need for outreach to faculty and students regarding related sustainability issues.

Chair Hertel concluded the meeting at 4:30 p.m.

Next meeting is scheduled for **November 15, 2012, at 10:00 a.m. in the UConn Co-op Conference Room located on the second floor.**