

## **President's Committee on Corporate Social Responsibility**

**April 25, 2007**

**WCB, G29**

**3:00 PM**

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Committee members in Attendance: Waldo Klein, Chair, Julie Bell Elkins, Shareen Hertel, Timothy Tolokan, Susan Randolph, Peter Kochenburger, Lakshman Thakur, John Schreiber, Bill Simpson.

Others in Attendance: Cathy Downs, Harriett Johnson.

Not in Attendance: Boris Bravo-Ureta, Samson Kimenyi.

### Announcements/Updates

Shareen mentioned to Committee members that Columbia Law was holding some kind of conference on sweat shops and fair trade, but she didn't have all the details. Julie sent out an e-mail to Honey Sue Fichman at Columbia to inquire about the event.

Waldo asked for feedback from Committee members on the Corporate Social Responsibility Forum cancellation and the need to hold another Forum for the campus community. The possibility of putting together another panel for a Forum in September was discussed by all committee members. The Committee felt that we should solicit student input on what it is they would like to hear about and discuss. Julie will discover ways to reach out to active student leaders to solicit input after finals.

The Committee also felt that we should put the flyer for the Forum that was cancelled on the web site, along with the letter to Coca-cola so that individuals are informed on what the Committee has been working on.

The topic of this Committee was discussed at the last President Search Committee meeting and the importance of this Committee to the University. USG is passing legislation at their meeting tonight supporting the work of this Committee and the importance of the Committee to UConn.

### Coca-Cola Letter and Conference Call

The letter that Waldo drafted received feedback from everyone on the Committee and will be going out first thing tomorrow morning on School of Social Work letterhead.

Julie distributed the notes from the Coca-Cola Conference call, along with several other handouts, that were discussed during the conference call. Approximately 20 universities participated in the conference call. Julie has asked for copies of the posters on Workplace Rights and Human Rights that Coca-Cola has indicated they are posting in their plants, but has yet to receive them.

### Human Rights Week Review

Committee members commented on what a success Human Rights Week was for those involved. Shareen commended Julie on her comments at the Sweat Shop Fashion Show, they were very well received.

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USG Update

USG will be voting on legislation tonight at their meeting. The new Officers will also be sworn in tonight.

DSP Update

Julie talked with Jim Wilkerson about UConn exploring the possibility of being part of a conversation with other schools to be a part of the Pilot program for the DSP. At this point, there is not a formal group that is meeting on this but Jim Wilkerson.

The Working Group will meet again on June 22, 2007. Julie will be pulling her sub group together in May to meet.

Julie has put in her name to be elected to the Board as a B school for UConn. The election results will be available on April 25, 2007.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Committee on Corporate Social Responsibility will be held on Friday, June 15, 2007 at 9:00 a.m. in Room G29 of the Wilbur Cross Building.