

President's Committee on Corporate Social Responsibility
Wednesday, November 14, 2007
Student Union, Room 324
9:00 AM

In Attendance: Julie Elkins, Shareen Hertel, Waldo Klein, Peter Kochenburger, Susan Randolph, Bill Simpson, Tim Tolokan, Samson Kimenyi.

Not in Attendance: Boris Bravo-Ureta, Ryan McHardy, Laksham Thakur.

1. De-Brief on Fall Forum: Global Responsibility: Living Wage, Fair Labor Practices, and Eco-Sustainability

The Committee members in attendance at the event were disappointed by the turnout. There were approximately 12-15 people in attendance including Committee members. Discussion took place on advertising for the event. Flyers were posted by USG, the President's Office sent out two e-mails to the Announce List Serve and it was advertised in the Daily Campus for two days. Committee members felt that if Professors could help encourage attendance by making lectures an assignment for their class. Waldo reminded Committee members that there were several other events going on at the same time. Julie stated that the tables set up by ConnPIRG, CREA and the Co Op were successful and seemed to have a lot of students stop at them. The program itself went very well and the power point will be put up on the web site when Ruth sends it to Julie.

Julie is attempting to try and get in touch with USAS students.

2. DSP/DOJ

There is nothing new to report on the DSP/DOJ since the last meeting.

3) WRC Board

Julie reported there was a very good meeting with Scott Nova and Russell Athletics/Fruit of the Loom and there has been resolution to take care of the follow-up and reinstatement of the 102 employees regarding freedom of information. The Committee emphasized that WRC works for UConn so why don't we invite them to a future meeting to bring us up to date on what is happening. The WRC Board has issued a mandate to Scott to meet with FLA and find ways to collaborate with them. The WRC has asked for the second time that Scott to put in writing an alternative to the Board in the event that the DOJ doesn't come back with a favorable ruling. This needs to be complete in February.

4) Student/Graduate Student Recommended Appointments

Julie talked with a graduate student at the Forum last week who expressed some interest in our Committee. Shareen suggested that we send something out on the Human Rights List Serve to inquire about graduate and undergraduate students who might have an interest in serving on this Committee. Dean Hussein has recommended an individual to serve on this task force in place of Raju Thankur. Waldo requested that all suggested recommendations be submitted by November 29, 2007 so that he can send them on to the President's Office for consideration.

5) FLA

Committee members suggested that we have a representative from the FLA attend our December meeting to let us know what it is they have to offer. We will also attempt to invite a representative from the CLC

6) Other Business

Tim distributed a listing of the top 75 schools for 2006-2007 in the CLC. Discussion took place regarding this list.

6) Next Meetings

The next two meetings of the President Committee on Corporate Social Responsibility will be on Friday, December 14, 2007 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon in the UConn Co Op second floor conference room and Friday February 1, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. in the UConn Co Op Conference Room.