

Minutes
President's Committee on Corporate Social Responsibility
Wednesday, September 21, 2016, 1:00 p.m.
Student Union Room 324

Present: Tasneem Ahmed, Gina DeVivo Brassaw, Leslie Cote, Kimberly Fearney, Mike Kirk, Rich Miller, Glenn Mitoma, Kyle Muncy, and Dennis Pierce

Absent: Oksan Bayulgen, Jeremy Jelliffe, Caroline Kaeb, Coleen Spurlock

Guest: Ashley Hazleton, Clare Liu

Meeting called to order at 1:08 p.m. Chair DeVivo Brassaw welcomed the committee back.

Chair DeVivo Brassaw asked for approval of the minutes. A motion was made by Rich Miller to approve the March 9, 2016, minutes. The motion was seconded by Dennis Pierce and approved without discussion.

There were no minutes submitted for April and May meetings. Chairwoman DeVivo Brassaw gave a brief overview of both meetings. During the April 13, 2016, Vivek Soundararajan, gave an overview of his current work and discussed Certification challenges in global garment supply chains. During the May meeting, Kyle Muncy gave an update on continuing discussions with Nike, the Fair Labor Association (FLA) and Workers Rights Consortium (WRC).

The group took a few minutes to review the Charge of the committee. After reviewing, the Chairwoman gave an overview of the Charge: the purpose and role of the committee, student role and how the committee will engage with students, faculty, and staff. Presentations are tentatively scheduled this fall by Caroline Kaeb, Kyle Muncy and Procurement Services. The committee is thrilled to be working with Kyle on increased student involvement of national and global issues and this focus will help shape the work for spring semester.

Kyle Muncy informed the committee that the Vendor Fair has been scheduled for Tuesday, November 29, 2016, 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., at the Student Union Ballroom.

Kyle Muncy introduced Ashley Hazleton who will be working with him as she completes her field study for the School of Social Work and focusing on the work of the PCCSR. Kyle also introduced Clare Liu, who is a student who has shown interest in highlighting companies that operate at the highest levels of Social Responsibility and how we can encourage the new bookstore to carry more of their products.

Kyle Muncy noted the UConn Bookstore opened in June and that operations are going well. We hope to have representatives from the store visit with the committee at a future meeting. The University also has a student, Anna Middendorf who is on a student committee with the Fair Labor Association.

Under new business, Rich Miller discussed the upcoming UConn Environmental Leadership Awards, which will recognize top achievement in several categories (such as student, faculty and staff categories) that have occurred over the past 2-3 years. The awards ceremony, scheduled for October 25, 8:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m., held at the UConn Foundation building on campus. Rich will send out information to the committee.

Dennis Pierce discussed the John Madnyck lecture that was organized to give students perspective on food waste. John Mandnyck is co-author of *"Food Foolish"* and explains how inefficient our food system is all over the world.

The Tasty Waste lunch took place today, Wednesday, September 21, 2016, and was expected to feed between 1,000 and 1,500 people. A total of 1256 attended.

Leslie Cote informed the committee that Procurement Services is working on their Policies and Procedures and part of that is incorporating the Code of Conduct into the process. Leslie will discuss the final draft in the December meeting.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday, October 19th, at 1:30 p.m. location to be determined.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:50 p.m.