

PRESIDENT'S COMMITTEE ON CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

FRIDAY, JANUARY 30, 2009

1:00 PM

In attendance: Waldo Klein, Helen Zincavage, Julie Elkins, Ashley Pithill, Robert Bird, Ryan McHardy, Cathy Downs, Lisa Troyer, Harriett Johnson, Bill Simpson, Tim Tolokan, Shareen Hertel, Samson Kimenyi, Susan Randolph.

Jerzees de Honduras

Things have come together with Russell and closure of the factory in Honduras. The WRC report was very critical and cited several violations of the code. The FLA report did not get their report out and came up with their third report. The FLA released their report yesterday and didn't site many violations. Julie reported ongoing conversations with FLA, WRC and CLC and it was their hope that they could all issue similar reports. The CLC has reported only one school that has quickly terminated their contract with Russell. UConn's contract with Russell ends in March 2010. Committee members felt there was enough evidence in the reports that have been released to not renew UConn's contract with Russell, without cause

A motion was made by Susan Randolph that the President's Committee on Corporate Social Responsibility pursue specific wording of a recommendation to be affirmed via e-mail vote to forward to President Hogan regarding the Russell Contract. The motion was seconded by Ryan McHardy and Committee members voted in favor of this motion.

A subcommittee has been established with Committee members Waldo Klein, Julie Elkins, Tim Tolokan, Bill Simpson, to work on wording for the recommendation.

"Above and Beyond" Announcement

Committee members discussed the recent announcement of Above and Beyond facility in Haiti. They are currently working on their production line now but should be ready soon to take orders. Things are proceeding well. This is one of many approaches to raise awareness.

Reflections on "Cutting Edge of Business-Corporate Social Responsibility" Seminar

This seminar was very well attended with 79 people and the feedback from students, guests and Committee members in attendance has been very positive. The Daily Campus article was great as well. In planning for future events, because of the current budget situation, we need to think very creatively as we plan ahead.

Future Beverage Contracts

Discussion took place amongst Committee members on the current Coca cola contract, which still has two years for the end of the contract is up for renewal. It's important that a representative from this Committee sits in on the RFP process to be sure the language is reviewed.

Student Appointment

Amanda Stauble is the new student appointee to replace Ryan McHardy on the President's Committee on CSR. She couldn't attend today's meeting, but is very excited to be a part of this committee.

Other

Cathy will work to schedule a few meetings of this group in the next few weeks.