

Minutes
President's Committee on Corporate Social Responsibility
Wednesday, October 20, 2010
3:00 p.m. – 4:35 p.m.

Present: Gina DeVivo Brassaw, Phil Dwire, Kimberly Fearney, Waldo Klein, William Simpson, Regis Synnott, and Tim Tolokan

Absent: Robert Bird, Shareen Hertel, Samson Kimenyi, Peter Kochenburger, Leslie Langworthy, Susan Randolph, and Ronald Schurin

Meeting called to order at 3:05 p.m. by Chairman Klein.

Chairman Klein met with President Austin and updated him on the Committee's work regarding Russell Apparel and Alta Gracia.

Russell Update: Chairman Klein informed the Committee that there are no new updates with Russell. They have received some demands from the union but will not go into negotiations until the fifth (and final) person is appointed to the oversight committee. 50% of the schools that had dropped Russell have now reinstated them.

Nike Honduras Update: Chairman Klein informed the Committee that WRC monitors how Nike Honduras is funneling out 1.54 million dollars to their workers.

Campus Community Outreach Plans – Spring Event: Gina DeVivo Brassaw met with Susan Randolph to discuss the next Community Education/Student panel. Ms. DeVivo Brassaw would like Committee members to save the date March 30, 2011. Once logistics are set Ms. DeVivo will send out an invitation.

Alta Gracia/UConn Co-op Kick-off: William Simpson mentioned that the reception held on Friday, October 15, at the Co-op introducing the newest socially conscious Alta Gracia apparel went well. Mr. Simpson mentioned that not that many students were present. Mr. Simpson gave remarks and a brief history of how the committee was formed in 2006 with initial charge of helping the President and administration with policies and actions alleviating sweatshop labor conditions in the United States and abroad. Timothy Tolokan and Susan Randolph gave remarks. Chairman Klein expressed his appreciation that they were able to speak.

“Faculty No-Sweat Network” – Letter: Chairman Klein handed out the letter to the Committee and asked them to review. The Committee reviewed and the consensus was not to accept the invitation.

UConn Beverage Contract: Chairman Klein shared with the Committee Leslie Langworthy's email *“I was planning on reporting that Matt Larson, our new director, has met with Dennis Pierce and Jeff Hathaway regarding the current pouring rights contract and the plan to go out to bid. They are still in discussion on how to approach the bidding of this and we will probably have to look to extend the existing contract for a period of time to give us the necessary time to go out to bid and move through the process. At this time, it appears that we will be separating water out from the bid. We will also be looking to get shelf space available for dining services. As there are developments, I will report them to you. Everyone involved in this project is aware of the need for inclusion of socially responsible language in the final contract with the awarded vendor.”*

Updates from Campus: Regis Synnott informed the Committee that they are moving towards incorporating more organic products and finding ways to improve. Due to the easing of the drought

conditions they are back to using regular dishes, glassware and silverware; it was costing \$5,500 a day to use paper products to conserve water.

Other Business: Chairman Klein asked the Committee to recommend a student who may fill Helen Zircavage's seat. Once he receives the recommendations he will provide the information to the President's Office who will then make the official appointment.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday, November 17, 2010 at 3:00 p.m.

Chairman Klein made a motion to adjourn, William Simpson seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.