

Minutes
President's Committee on Corporate Social Responsibility
Wednesday, May 22, 2013, UConn Co-op
3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Present: Robert Anderson, Oksan Bayulgen, Ann Crawford, Gina DeVivo Brassaw, Phil Dwire, Kimberly Fearney, Celia Guillard, Shareen Hertel, Jeremy Jelliffe, Waldo Klein, Leslie Langworthy, Kyle Muncy, Susan Randolph, Bill Simpson, and Tim Tolokan

Absent: Robert Bird, Phil Dwire, Mike Kirk, Rich Miller, Dennis Pierce, John Sears,

Meeting called to order at 3:00 p.m.

Chair welcomed new Committee members, Associate Professor Oksan Bayulgen, our two student representatives Robert Anderson, Jr., and Jeremy Jelliffe.

Chair Hertel formally announced to the Committee that she will be stepping down as Chair but still serve as a Committee member. She informed everyone that there will be two Co-Chairs, Robert Bird and Gina DeVivo Brassaw. Thank you for agreeing to serve.

Chair Hertel asked for approval of the minutes. A motion was made by Tim Tolokan to approve the April 24, 2013 minutes. The motion was seconded by Kim Fearney and approved.

Chair Hertel and Kyle Muncy gave an update on factory safety issues in Bangladesh. Chair informed the Committee that Kyle and she have been working closely with the Collegiate Licensing Corp (CLC) since the factory fires in Pakistan last summer and in Bangladesh this fall. We have been in touch with CLC over the past few days since the factory collapse and are working on two levels on that particular issue:

- To ensure that we have updated info on all our suppliers in Bangladesh and to be sure that there wasn't UConn product in the factories (see update from CLC below);
- To assess any remediation plans that eventually emerge for workers, and to assess the "Fire & Building Safety" monitoring program that was pioneered by several major brands over the past year (including Philips Van Heusen/PVH) but hasn't involved companies beyond those two yet (see info below from CLC).

The two links to background resources from a key NGO monitoring group, the Labor Rights Forum (also referenced in the CLC email below):

<http://ilrf.org/creating-a-sweatfree-world/news/ilrf-urges-us-brands-and-retailers-to-join-bangladesh-fire-and-build>

Interview with ILRF director, Judy Gearhart, today on NPR - she explicitly calls for brands (and by extension, consumers) NOT to cut and run from Bangladesh and to support efforts at better supply chain monitoring on multiple levels:

<http://www.npr.org/2013/04/29/179878403/bangladesh-lacks-factory-fire-inspectors-for-huge-industry>

There was no evidence that there was any UConn collegiate production in the Rana Plaza building that collapsed.

Gina DeVivo Brassaw informed the Committee that the ad hoc committee will be meeting soon in the fall. Gina will communicate with the President's Office to see if President Herbst would be available at the end of October to give be the keynote speaker for the Fall Outreach event. Once we have determined a date, I will share with Committee.

Chair asked members if the third Wednesday of every month would work on their schedule; also if we should continue with three o'clock. Chair asked Bill Simpson if going forward the UConn Coop Conference room would be available to hold future fall meetings. Committee agreed to still hold meetings on Wednesday and looking at morning instead of the afternoon. Bill agreed that going forward the meeting may be held in the UConn Co-op Conference Room.

Chair informed committee that there is a beverage contract in place with COKE and have approved a sustainability budget for the full-time graduate. The Office of Environment Policy (OEP) will have an incoming sustainability coordinator, Corinne Tagliarina. Ms. Tagliarina will be a full-time graduate student and will be on board in fall

Chairwoman Hertel concluded the meeting at 4:00 p.m.