

Minutes
President's Committee on Corporate Social Responsibility
Friday, August 29, 2014
Student Union Room 324
10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Present: RJ Anderson, Oksan Bayulgen, Robert Bird, Gina DeVivo Brassaw, Kimberly Fearney, Rich Miller, Kyle Muncy, Susan Randolph, Bill Simpson, and Tim Tolokan

Absent: Ann Crawford, Jeremy Jelliffe, Mike Kirk, Leslie Parkhurst, Dennis Pierce, and Coleen Spurlock

Meeting called to order at 10:00 a.m. Co-chair DeVivo Brassaw welcomed committee members.

Co-chair DeVivo Brassaw asked for approval of the minutes. A motion was made by Bill Simpson to approve the May 16, 2014, minutes. The motion was seconded by Robert Bird and was approved.

Co-chair Bird informed the committee that Shareen Hertel and Celia Guillard have stepped down. He and Gina meet with Rachel Rubin and Mike Kirk regarding direction and insight into the committee work this year. We will continue with a monthly meeting schedule to build relationships among individuals on the committee and continue to work on our web presence and on campus education.

The group discussed continuing collaborations and support around responsible investing and to build relationships with the new members of the Foundation.

The group discussed adding new members to committee to ensure representation by those on campus who are committed to CSR-related issues. Suggestions were made to consider members of the UConn community with expertise in the Facilities Operations, Residential Life, Foundation, Procurement, and Legal matters (Attorney General's Office). Robert asked the committee to make recommendations. At the next meeting, Gina will have a list of names that have been suggested.

The group also discussed continuing to support and enhance our monitoring and compliance by looking at our code enforcement framework and decision making process when issues arise. We will also review the management of contracts and co-branding opportunities that the University engages in. Members of the committee expressed an interest to hear directly from the President or the President's staff regarding the direction on these issues.

Kyle Muncy updated the group on the latest status involving VF Corporation and JanSport. Neither licensee is currently sourcing in Bangladesh. The Collegiate Licensing Company reports that all UConn licensees that currently source in Bangladesh have signed onto the Bangladesh Safety Accord. Kyle will continue communications with all licensees regarding factory safety, monitor all ongoing issues and report back to the committee with any developments that warrant further discussion.

The Committee will reconvene on Friday, September 26, 2014, at 10:00 a.m. at the Student Union Room 324.

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.