

Minutes  
President's Committee on Corporate Social Responsibility  
Friday, December 19, 2014  
Student Union Room 324  
10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

**Present:** RJ Anderson, Robert Bird, Gina DeVivo Brassaw, Kimberly Fearney, Rich Miller, Kyle Muncy, Bill Simpson, Leslie Parkhurst, and Dennis Pierce

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

Approval of the minutes from the September 26 meeting was tabled until a future meeting.

Kyle Muncy informed the committee about a future event by the Dodd Center, "The University as Corporate Citizen: How to Promote Human Rights and Sustainability in Collegiate Licensing, Procurement and Investment." The event will be hosted by Glenn Mitoma, director of the Dodd Center, likely in the Fall of 2015. The event will facilitate interactions within UConn that are special regarding university citizenship and enable sharing ideas as well as best practices. Students, faculty and professionals are welcome to attend. Possible invitees include Scott Nova and other external representatives. A committee was formed consisting of Kyle Muncy, Kim Fearney, RJ Anderson, and Robert Bird to work with Glenn Mitoma in order to assist his planning of the event.

Gina DeVivo Brassaw distributed materials related to sustainability development that are part of the university master plan. Gina stated that feedback on the materials should be given to Rich Miller or master planning office.

Leslie Parkhurst reported on the vendor code of conduct. A review is ongoing regarding the compliance and review process. A committee has been formed consisting of Kyle Muncy, Kim Fearney, Leslie Parkhurst, and Gina DeVivo Brassaw to formulate procedure when relevant complaints are received by the university. The importance of educating the university community regarding complaints was also discussed.

Gina DeVivo Brassaw reported on updates to obtaining new faculty members to join the committee. Recommendations are forthcoming. The selected names will be recommended to the president's office with the goal of appointments sometime this spring.

Robert Bird reported on the Symposium on Global Human Rights and Labor Standards at the University of Michigan, held on October 10. Susan Randolph, a member of the committee, attended the symposium. Robert Bird reported written highlights from Susan Randolph reported. At the symposium speakers recommended that universities interact with one another regarding procurement standards and also promoted the need for more state regulation on supply chains. The symposium also had speakers report on leading

industry practices, university approaches to labor practices, and challenges of transparency in identifying the source of products.

Gina DeVivo Brassaw discussed the next semester's schedule and set a tentative date for Wednesday January 21, 2015, at 3:00pm in Student Union Room 324.

The meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.