

Minutes
President's Committee on Corporate Social Responsibility
Wednesday, February 3, 2015, 1:00 p.m.
Student Union Room 410

Present: Robert, Bird, Gina DeVivo Brassaw, Elsie Gonzalez, Jeremy Jelliffe, Caroline Kaeb, Emily Kaufman, Rich Miller, Glenn Mitoma, Kyle Muncy, Leslie Parkhurst, Dennis Pierce, Aaron Rosman

Absent: Tasneem Ahmed, Oksan Bayulgen, Kimberly Fearney, Michael Kirk, Susan Randolph, Bill Simpson, and Coleen Spurlock

Guests: Chris Bruno, Anna Middendorf, and Dr. Shareen Hertel

Co-chair DeVivo Brassaw asked for approval of the minutes. A motion was made by Kyle Muncy to approve the December 2, 2015 minutes. The motion was seconded by Robert Bird and approved.

Meeting called to order at 1:05 p.m. Co-chair DeVivo asked that the agenda be moved to have Kyle report first with the WRC Update and then follow with the discussion on WRC & FLA at UConn and internationally with Shareen Hertel.

Kyle updated the committee on communications with FLA and WRC concerning Nike. There was discussion regarding auditing procedures and the amount of audits done in factories to remain compliant.

Shareen then led a discussion of how UConn can best equip itself to foster transparency with Nike and other licensees. Given its position as a market leader, Nike's decisions influence the decisions of other companies in the sector. The group discussed next steps for ensuring continued discussion on this issue, both within the PCCSR and with licensees. Shareen and Kyle will continue to monitor the situation and provide information as it becomes available. Shareen and Kyle will meet in the coming months with Liz Kennedy from CLC to discuss next potential steps.

Rich Miller, joined by UConn student Anna Middendorf (a junior Political Science & Human Rights major) discussed the recent trip to the UN Climate Change Conference at Paris held in December 2015. More information on the conference and the discussion on climate solutions and related events can be found at: <http://www.cop21.gouv.fr/en/> Rich's office partnered with multiple co-sponsoring groups on campus to bring a delegation of students to Paris to observe the proceedings. The Office of Environmental Policy also co-sponsored a Higher Education event at the summit. Students attended many of the workshops throughout each day. OEP aims to formalize this experience so that future student groups to have the same opportunities and anticipates continuing support from a wide variety of sponsors across campus.

There was no new business to discuss and the meeting was adjourned at 1:15.