January Meeting

At a meeting of the Advisory Committee on Socially Responsible Investing, held on January 22, 2020 in the Burden Room 206, Low Library, the following members participated:

April Croft (non-voting)  William Shamma
Merritt Fox  Anne Sullivan (non-voting)
Daniel Howard  Courtney Thompson
Ruby Khan  Bruce Usher
Bridget Realmuto LaPerla  Regen Wallis
Benjamin Lebwohl  Michael Wang
Sharon Liebowitz

The following members of the administration were also in attendance:
Colin Redhead

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m.

Announcement
Chair Fox welcomed a new alumni member, Regen Wallis.

Approval of the November 13, 2019 Minutes
The Committee approved the minutes of November 13, 2019.

Vote on ACSRi 2020 Sudan Recommendations
The Sudan Subcommittee presented its 2020 recommendations for Columbia's Sudan Divestment/Non-Investment and Watch lists. Sudan Subcommittee Chair Bridget Realmuto LaPerla thanked the subcommittee members for their hard work. A discussion followed regarding the subcommittee’s research. The ACSRI's 2020 Sudan Recommendations were finalized and will be presented to the Trustee Subcommittee on Shareholder Responsibility for its consideration.

Discussion of Fossil Fuel Divestment Proposal
The ACSRI had a preliminary discussion of a fossil fuel divestment proposal submitted by the student group, Extinction Rebellion.

Discussion with Professor Jeffrey N. Gordon, former ACSRi Chair
Professor Gordon provided background on previous fossil fuel divestment proposals reviewed by the ACSRI during his term.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
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