

FEBRUARY 15, 2011 MINUTES

At a meeting of the Advisory Committee on Socially Responsible Investing, held on Tuesday, February 15, 2011, in the Burden Room #206, Low Library, the following members participated:

Jack McGourty, Faculty (Chair) Marc Levy, Faculty
Marco Castaldi, Faculty Shearwood McClelland, Alumnus
Alison Ferris, Student Matt Roskot, Alumnus
Arnie Friedland, Alumnus

The following members sent an explanation of their absence:

Kesha Cash, Alumna Peter Rosenblum, Faculty
Klaartje De Schepper, Student Anne Sullivan, Administrator
Leslie Hannay, Student

The following member requested a sabbatical from membership during the Spring 2011 semester due to an academic opportunity abroad:

Carlos Cuevas, Student

The meeting was called to order at 6:13 p.m.

Call to Order

The Committee approved the minutes of its meeting on January 25, 2011.

Approval of Minutes

Alumni member, Arnie Friedland, debriefed the Committee on his presentation of the 2010-2011 Annual Agenda to the University Senate on Friday, February 11th.

Report to the University Senate

The Communication / Outreach Subcommittee continued its presentation of its "Plan of Action" for winter / spring 2011. The Committee discussed communication and outreach methods to reach its varying audiences - affiliates of the University (faculty, students, alumni, and administration) and non-affiliates of the University (socially-minded non-profits, SRI Committees at other colleges and universities, etc.). The Committee decided to focus next on its outreach to alumni and invite a guest speaker from the Columbia Alumni Association to one of its spring meetings.

Communication / Outreach Subcommittee

The Committee briefly discussed the current political situation in Sudan and the possibility of inviting a guest speaker to educate the members on the implications of the outcome of the election and how it may affect the University's divestment policy. The Committee also considered co-hosting a panel with SIPA to educate the broader Columbia Community.

Sudan Divestment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Kelley
Manager, SRI