

OCTOBER 16, 2007 MINUTES

At a meeting of the Advisory Committee on Socially Responsible Investing, held on Tuesday, October 16, 2007, in the Burden Room, 206 Low Library, the following members participated:

Geoffrey Heal, Faculty (Chair)	Richard Levine, Alumnus
Mary Ellen Bianco, Alumna	Jack McGourty, Faculty
Anna Couturier, Student	Shahid Naeem, Faculty
Alex Feerst, Student	Sidney Small, Student
Peggy Kauh, Alumna	Caroline Yao, Student

The following members sent an explanation of their absence:

Shearwood McClelland, Alumnus	
Burton Edelstein, Faculty	Anne Sullivan, Administrator

The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m. The Committee approved the minutes of its meeting on September 18, 2007.

The Subcommittee has started a review of the research materials provided. At the next meeting on December 4, 2007, the Subcommittee will present their findings to the broader Committee. The Committee will then have one week to review the Subcommittee's report. The recommendation will then be voted on at the last meeting of the semester on December 11, 2007.

Review of the current status of the tobacco screening process. At the last meeting, the Committee reached consensus on what the policy should entail. This was then synthesized into a written document, which will be sent to the EVP Finance and the TSSR for comment. It is intended that a formal recommendation will be ready for the Committee to approve at the December 4, 2007 meeting, which will then be passed on to the Trustees for approval.

The Committee discussed the upcoming annual Town Hall meeting, which will take place on Tuesday, November 13, 2007 at 6:00 pm in the Davis Auditorium. The intention of this meeting is to allow students to present their perspective to the Committee in an open forum. Requests to investigate various issues will be made of the Committee. The Town Hall can be used to clarify these requests and the motivations of the students behind them, but not to debate the merits of the proposals.

The conference is continuing to take shape, though the Committee has not received any further written information. A student member of the Committee gave a brief update as to the intentions of the student groups involved with organizing the event. It was not intended to be an activist forum, but rather an information sharing conference by which the Committee might get members of other similar committees to come and

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participate. Intended participants in addition to committees similar to Columbia's would be students, faculty and administrators at institutions seeking to start their own committees. A more formal written proposal should be forthcoming.

A draft of the Annual Agenda was circulated prior to the meeting. The Annual Agenda is meant to inform the Senate and the Trustees as to what the Committee anticipates focusing on during the year. The draft will be revisited after the Town Hall meeting and approved before the end of the first semester.

Three speakers have been scheduled to speak in December and January. The Committee briefly discussed each speaker and tried to narrow down the issues they would like the speakers to address.

The Committee approved its 2006-2007 Annual Report.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Annual Agenda

Speakers

Approval of 2006-2007
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Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,

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