February 14, 2012

At a meeting of the Advisory Committee on Socially Responsible Investing, held on Tuesday, February 14, 2012 in the Burden Room of Low Library, the following members participated:

Karlee Blank, Student Arnie Friedland, Alumnus
Carlos Cuevas, Student Marc Levy, Faculty
Alison Ferris, Student Peter Rosenblum, Faculty
Klaartje De Schepper Matt Roskot, Alumnus

The following members sent an explanation of their absence:

Kesha Cash, Alumna Marco Castaldi, Faculty Adiel Gavish, Student Shearwood McClelland, Alumnus Jack McGourty, Faculty (Chair) Anne Sullivan, Administrator

The meeting was called to order at 6:20 p.m.

Call to Order and Introductions

The committee unanimously approved the minutes of January 24, 2012.

Approval of Minutes

The committee was joined at the meeting by Heidi Welsh, the founding executive director of the Sustainable Investments Institute (Si2), the company the ACSRI has retained to provide us with research on the proxies we vote each year. Heidi has analyzed and written about corporate responsibility issues for more than two decades. She helped author seasonal and annual reports on proxy voting trends starting in 1987 at the Investor Responsibility Research Center (IRRC), closely followed social and environmental shareholders resolutions and their results, and for 16 years ran the monitoring program examining corporate compliance with the MacBride principles for fair employment in Northern Ireland. She coauthored the Carbon Disclosure Project's 2007 report on S&P 500 companies and also set up a global sustainability metrics project for RiskMetrics analyzing 1,800 of the world's biggest companies.

Introduction of Speaker

Heidi provided an overview of the topics we were most likely to see in this year's proxy voting, including: political contributions, equal opportunity employment, and environmental management/sustainability.

A question and answer period followed. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,

Ursula Bollini
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