

## SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE

### MINUTES

MONDAY, MARCH 5, 2001

3:00 - 4:30

300 MORRILL HALL

[In these minutes: Proxy Voting, Global Warming, Coffee Vendors

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PRESENT: George French (Chair), Robert Brown, Selma de Ridder, John Jensen, Margaret Kuchenreuther, Wesley Matson, Greg Schooler, Karly Turner, Richard Zellman

REGRETS: Katherine Anderson, John Beatty, Mike Davey, Catherine Forseide-Hussain, Judi Linder, Geri Malandra, Jean Niemiec, Julie Sweitzer

ABSENT: Patricia Cavanaugh, Anthony Eliseuson, Andrew Kuhlmann, Luis Ramos-Garcia

GUEST: MPIRG Organizer Cara Saunders

All present were introduced.

#### 1. PROXY VOTING.

American International Group: Link executive pay to social criteria. Motion to vote FOR failed, with one in favor.

American International Group: Report on EEO. Motion to vote FOR passed unanimously.

AT&T: Link executive pay to social criteria. Motion to vote FOR failed, with one in favor.

AT&T: Affirm political nonpartisanship. Motion to vote FOR failed, with one in favor.

AT&T: Drop sexual orientation from EEO policy. Motion to vote AGAINST passed unanimously.

Citigroup: Review social criteria in financing ventures. Motion to vote FOR passed, with one opposed.

Citigroup: Report on EEO. Motion to vote FOR passed unanimously.

Citigroup: Report on indirect links to Burma. Motion to vote FOR passed unanimously.

Citigroup: Employee matching gift program. Motion to vote FOR passed unanimously.

Citigroup: Adopt strict criteria for emerging market loans. Motion to vote FOR passed unanimously.

Citigroup: Take steps to prevent predatory lending. Motion to vote FOR passed unanimously.

Citigroup: Link executive pay to social criteria. Motion to vote FOR failed, with one in favor.

Citigroup: Affirm political nonpartisanship. Motion to vote FOR failed, with one in favor.

Citigroup: Report on criteria for financing Three Gorges Dam. Motion to vote FOR passed unanimously.

E M C Corp Mass: Report on EEO. Motion to vote FOR passed unanimously.

General Electric: PCB cleanup delay. Motion to vote FOR passed unanimously.

General Electric: Sell NBC due to vulgar programming. Motion to ABSTAIN passed unanimously.

General Electric: Assess role in nuclear power. Motion to vote FOR passed unanimously.

General Electric: Renounce land mine production. Motion to vote FOR passed, with one opposed.

General Electric: Review global labor standards. Motion to vote FOR passed unanimously.

Home Depot Inc.: Adopt sexual orientation non-discrimination policy. Motion to vote FOR passed unanimously.

Home Depot Inc.: Endorse Ceres Principles. Motion to vote FOR passed unanimously.

Kohls Corp.: Link executive pay to social criteria. Motion to vote FOR failed, with one in favor.

MBNA: Report on "glass ceiling". Motion to vote FOR passed unanimously.

Merck & Co.: Report on "glass ceiling". Motion to vote FOR passed unanimously.

Merck & Co.: Adopt drug price restraint. Motion to vote FOR passed unanimously.

Pfizer: Adopt drug price restraint. Motion to vote FOR passed unanimously.

Pfizer: AIDS drugs affordability in poor countries. Motion to vote FOR passed unanimously.

Pharmacia: Adopt drug price restraint. Motion to vote FOR passed unanimously.

Schering Plough: Adopt drug price restraint. Motion to vote FOR passed unanimously.

UAL Corp.: Endorse Ceres Principles. Motion to vote FOR passed unanimously.

United Technologies: Disclose political contributions. Motion to ABSTAIN passed, with one opposed.

United technologies: Report on foreign offset agreements. Motion to vote FOR passed unanimously.

United Technologies: Link executive pay to social criteria. Motion to vote FOR failed, with one in favor.

Assignments to summarize remaining proxy resolutions for the next meeting:

ILO standards and third-party monitoring	John Jensen
Report on environmental impact and plans	Karly Turner
Report on involvement in pornography industry	Robert Brown
Vested employees traditional pension option	George French
Independent nominating committee	Rick Zellman

## 2. GLOBAL WARMING.

This item was tabled until the April meeting.

## 3. COFFEE VENDORS.

This item was tabled until the April meeting.

## 4. OTHER BUSINESS.

Agenda for the April 2nd meeting:

a. Proxy voting

b. Student Housing - Mary Anne Ryan

c. Global Warming/Energy/Building Standards - Margaret Kuchenreuther

d. Coffee vendors - Margaret Kuchenreuther

e. Report on Research Committee meeting - John Beatty

With no further business, Professor French thanked all present for attending and adjourned the meeting.

Mary Kosowski

University Senate