

ACIR Meeting Minutes
2 May 2017, 12:30 pm - 1:00 pm

Attendees (Voting members): (4 of 8, 50%)

Susan Sawyer (Staff)
Bevis Longstreth (Trustee) (via phone)
Ian Morlan (Staff)
Paul Hardart (Faculty)

Non Voting Attendees:

Larry Woods (Office of Business and Finance)
Tokumbo Shobowale (Chief Operating Officer)
Nicole Calcal (Upcoming student rep)
Baki Güney Işıkara (Research Assistant)
Marjan Fadavi Ardekani (Research Assistant)

Not in attendance: (4 of 8, 50%)

Charles Allison (Chair)
Bob Hoerle (Trustee)
Lena Simet (Student rep)
Lindsay O'Neill-Caffrey (Student rep)

Not in attendance

Linda Hirst (Office of Business and Finance)
Gaspar Cello (Upcoming student rep)

1. Minutes approved.

2. Updates

- RAs informed the committee that the proxy voting report is finalized and forwarded to Pavilion
- NS EMIT documents are finalized except for the data based on our total portfolio, which is to be provided soon by Pavilion

3. Conference proposal

- Bevis shared his proposal for getting a conference organized at the New School on the issue of public perceptions of climate change and the role of the academia in channeling the demands of the socially active public from government.
- The committee unanimously accepted to support the conference if the main initiative is taken by another instance (such as the Tishman Environment and Design Center)
- Committee expressed interest in attending a panel on impact investing in the conference proposed by Bevis.

4. Annual report

- Will be out by August 2017
- Will include information that is easy to understand and attractive for everybody

- A shorter version (summary) will be emailed to the student body with the link to the entire report
- More space will be allocated to prison divestment

5. Members suggestions on possible future projects

- Hosting a conference may be one of the next projects
- Wall divestment stood out as other possible projects
- Students' opinion will be taken by making use of the next Block Party
- Paul suggested the committee to think of more innovative initiatives to take which can get the NS ahead in the news.
- Ian Morlan briefly discussed the initiative of a NY assemblywoman for divestment from border wall companies as an action in line of the social impact aspect of the committee's responsibilities