

Apparel Committee Minutes – November 8, 2004 – 9:00 am,
1233 Park St. (Office of College Services)

Attending: John Kalkbrenner, Cassie Wherry, Evelyn Freeman, Cecilia Knight, Janice Morrill, Linda Johnson, Nick Zurko (Marcy Meythaler taking notes)

Introduction of Committee members

Students
Nick Zurko,
Linda Johnson,
Jan Morrill.

Faculty
Cecilia Knight
Evelyn Freeman

Staff
Cassie Wherry
John Kalkbrenner

Review of the committee's Charge

See the policy statement

Review of activities last year

See 2003-2004 committee annual report

Update from College Bookstore

Cassie Wherry reviewed her involvement in apparel purchasing. The bookstore requires a letter from all vendors before the store places an order with the vendor. The letter outlines their commitment to not participating in unfair labor practices.

Gildan, an apparel manufacturer, was dropped from FLA approved list. The FLA updates Cassie on the status of Gildan's compliance. The committee discussed what to do about the Gildan situation. It was decided that the committee should contact Gildan as outlined in the policy.

Update from Athletics/PE department

Athletics has been accumulating vendor information about all vendors that they purchase from. They have not yet sent letters to the vendors. It was suggested that at the end of the semester, letter could be sent.

New Business –

Cassie Wherry – Gildan – See update above.

Vendor Recommendations

The student members of the committee brought information about a manufacturer that is compiling with labor guidelines and who they would like to recommend. (North Country Fair Trade Association supplier (Minnesota) for these companies or order direct)

Although the committee is not charged to recommend vendors, it was decided that the vendor be included in a general informational piece that will go to college departments.

Action items:

Jan Morrill will draft letter and submit to committee requesting Gildan to comply with FLA guidelines.

The student members of the committee will create a list of recommended vendors with the assistance from Cassie Wherry and distribute the list to college departments who may be purchasing apparel. While this activity is not an official committee activity, it will help increase awareness of the issue in college departments.

Athletics will send letters in January to vendors purchased from in Fall semester, 2004; send cover letter

John Kalkbrenner will send official directive to Dee Fairchild and Mary Kissinger to request that item 3 happens.

Marcy will locate a copy of cover letter that should be sent to all vendors and will forward that to the committee