Jim Feinerman called the meeting to order at 11:05 am.

Welcome/Introductions

Committee chair Jim Feinerman welcomed the new members of CISR, and all committee members introduced themselves. Jim gave an overview of CISR’s work and general meeting schedule.

Confidentiality of CISR’s Deliberations

Jim Feinerman explained the importance of maintaining confidentiality regarding CISR’s internal deliberations. Public communications of CISR’s recommendations will be made from time to time. These communications will be coordinated with the University’s Office of Strategic Communications.

Board of Directors Working Group on Socially Responsible Investment

Michael Barry gave an update on the progress of the Board of Directors Working Group on Socially Responsible Investment. Vice Chair of the Board Paul Tagliabue chairs this working group, which was formed as part of the Board’s resolution regarding fossil fuel divestment in 2015. The working group has met several times, including with students involved with the GU Fossil Free group. It will meet several more times before the February 2017 Board meeting. It expects to make recommendations to the Board’s Finance Committee at that time.

Proxy Voting Process

Jim Feinerman and Michael Barry gave an overview of the proxy voting process. The committee discussed its division of major proxy topics for the 2016-2017 academic year.
Discussion of Student Proposal

The committee had a preliminary discussion of the new proposal submitted by a group of students regarding the transparency of the University’s investment portfolio and divestment from private prison companies, companies that support the private prison industry, and companies that support Israel’s occupation of Palestinian territories. The committee agreed to meet again in November to continue its discussions about both the proposal’s substance and the committee’s process for reviewing the proposal.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:15 pm.