

LABOR LICENSING POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

April 13, 2012 • 69 Bascom Hall

Attendance: Jane Collins, Robert Figueroa, Rolf Rodefled, Diane Michalski Turner, Cindy Van Matre, Brian Vaughan, Bret Vlach, Lydia Zepeda (chair) and Jonah Zinn. Not present: Kara Bissen, Thomas DeLeire, John Newton and Kimberly Nolet. Guests: Darrell Bazzell, Patrick McGowan and Vince Sweeney.

1. Meeting was called to order at 10:33 a.m.
2. Adidas Mediation. Brian Vaughan and Darrell Bazzell updated the committee on the University's progress in its mediation efforts with adidas. Jane Collins and Lydia Zepeda have been included in a meeting with Brian Vaughan and Wisconsin Department of Justice representatives: Cory Finkelmeyer, Charlotte Gibson and Mark Bromley. The focus of the mediation will be 1) to determine if there's been a breach in the contract and then 2) how to resolve it. A Los Angeles-based mediation firm has been selected and a mediator could be agreed upon by both sides as early as today or possibly within the next week. A date and location for mediation will then be determined. Brian estimated that it may take two months to complete the process. Mediation has no written decision and it is not binding. There was then a lengthy discussion regarding confidentiality, media inquiries and possible scenarios. The final LLPC meeting of the semester is May 11, but it was agreed that another meeting may need to be scheduled when the committee next meets.
3. LLPC Governance Document. There is no evidence that a LLPC governance document was ever approved by the University Committee. The University Committee suggested that the document with the changes shown in Attachment (LLPC Governance Document) would result in an acceptable document. Jonah Zinn did not want to give up language in No. 3 that states "The chancellor is expected to accept the recommendation of this committee." However, it was noted that no other campus committee can make this same claim and that the governance committees are advisory. Jonah requested the opportunity to work on revising the language which was granted.
4. Minutes from the March 9, 2012 LLPC meeting were approved.
5. Designated Supplier Program. Jonah opened by saying that the U.S. Department of Justice had issued a judgment that the DSP does not violate antitrust issues. Cindy Van Matre raised some concerns regarding details in the Attachment (DSP Program Description) released February 17, 2012 by the Workers Rights Consortium, including the aggressive implementation schedule and if the WRC had enough staff to administer the program. Lydia Zepeda had some concerns, too, and will ask Dawn Crim, a WRC Board Member, to attend the May 11 meeting. Lydia also will contact Scott Nova, WRC executive director, to get more information. She requested that everyone identify modifications or questions for the DSP document to improve its clarity and to bring them for discussion at next month's LLPC meeting.
6. Vince Sweeney announced that Everett Mitchell has been hired to fill the University's community relations position formerly held by Dawn Crim. Everett will start May 1 and Vince will invite him to attend the May 11 meeting.
7. Meeting was adjourned at 12:00 pm.