

Chancellor's Labor Codes and Licensing Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes

Nov. 17, 2014 • 260 Bascom • 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

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Committee members attending: John Ahlquist (Chair), Randy Dunham, David Gardner, Melanie Meyer, Jason Lee, Jason Weitzman (via Skype), Tammi Simpson, Bruce Petters, Cindy Van Matre, Chelsea Anderson, Ian Coxhead, John Newton

Also attending: Everett Mitchell, Lisa Hull, Pat McGowan

Absent: Valyncia Raphael

The meeting was called to order at 12:03 pm.

Minutes. The minutes from the Oct. 20, 2014 meeting were approved.

Discussion. John Ahlquist reviewed the communication to and from the Chancellor regarding the restructuring of the committee and the committee action last year on the Accord. The committee discussed the VF/JanSport situation, and Everett relayed to the committee that Scott Nova of the WRC had noted at the last WRC Board meeting that the Alliance and Accord in Bangladesh are working together, and not opposing each other. He also relayed that the BGMA (Bangladeshi Garment Manufacturers Association) is opposing both the Accord and the Alliance efforts to make changes in Bangladesh factories. Everett noted that when the recommendation was made to the Chancellor to require UW-Madison licensees to sign the Accord, neither organization was up and running so there was nothing to judge effectiveness on, but now it seemed that neither organization so far was being very effective in making workers in Bangladesh safer.

Cindy Van Matre suggested committee members set up their own web google alerts to keep apprised of developments in Bangladesh for themselves, and not rely on third-hand information.

The committee discussed inviting the Chancellor to come to a committee meeting. It was agreed that the committee should wait until they have an agenda for discussion and clear goals, and then invite the Chancellor to a meeting to discuss those recommendations. The committee wants better understanding about what's happening on the ground in Bangladesh before deciding how to revisit the JanSport issue.

Subcommittee on Restructuring. The subcommittee has met three times, and have been reaching out to other committee members for discussions. They asked to delay presenting their recommendations back to the full committee until the next meeting. The subcommittee is meeting with the Chancellor on Dec. 3

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 1:05 p.m.

Meeting schedule: Mon. Oct. 20, 2014, 12 – 1 p.m.
Mon. Nov. 17, 2014 12 – 1 p.m.
Mon. Dec. 15, 2014 12 – 1 p.m.
Meetings will be held in Room 67 Bascom.