

Labor Licensing Notes
October 27, 2006

LaMarr gave a report on DSP – next meeting will be December 6.

- Workers Rights Consortium – new Board member is Joel Feingold.
- Developing policy that brands agree to 3 year contracts with factories
- Developing criteria to codify procedure for review of compliance with policy (what is compliance, how can brands move plants, how to appeal)
- Still not at critical mass of licensors that have signed on for program to be effective – UW-Madison is largest licensor in the program but is only 15th largest licensor in U.S.

New business in area – Fair Indigo. Started by Bill Bass, formerly of Lands End. Motion Barrett/Michelle to invite to December 8 meeting (next Labor Licensing Committee meeting). Unanimous consent. Meeting will also include discussion with Chancellor Wiley.

Discussion of student organizing. Purdue and Penn State appear close to agreement. There are currently 150 campaigns with different approaches at different schools.

Joel gave some factory updates.

- El Salvador – Hermosa workers have suffered discrimination while trying to Unionize. Should committee (?) send a letter to Adidas? LaMarr – UW-Madison is sending questions to Adidas and Greg Nebel. Have received some responses about Hermosa which have generated more questions. Joel requested that LaMarr letter be coordinated by email.
- Cambodia – Sun-Tex. Information came out this summer concerning worker that was attacked.
- Kenya – Rising Sun which has been major supplier for Steve and Berry's locked out 1200 workers from factory after they were protesting labor rights violations. Also included physical assaults on workers by factory security guards.

Role of Committee

Michelle asked for clarification in response to last month's committee meeting which was followed the next day by "National Day of Action". UW-Madison Chancellor and some committee members felt "blind-sided" by students (SLAC). LaMarr and Joel had different perspectives on "National Day of Action". Committee role is to provide advice to UW-Madison Chancellor.

Next meeting – December 8, 2006, 2 PM – 3 PM. Chair, Gary Mitchell; Notes, Joel Feingold.