**College Council on Community Policy Minutes**

**April 6, 2012**

**Members Present:** Susannah Howe, Diane Tsoulas, Brent Durbin, Vera Shevzov, Daniel Kramer, Mairin Brady, Scott Morin, Ashavan Doyon, Ana Gorman, Sherry Wingfield, Donna Safford, Stacie Hagenbaugh, Margaret Bruzelius, Robert Smith, Kendra Danowski, Catherine Leung, and Barbara Williams.

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1. **Final Discussion of Coca-Cola**

* We have two questions to address in our final discussion of Coca-Cola:
  + Should we invite Coke to participate in the RFP bidding process for the next five year contract?
  + If we decide to not let Coke bid, can Coke products be sold on campus if supplied by third party vendors (such as in vending machines)?
* Discussion of the first question:
  + - Coke did not make a case for itself and did not provide answers to our questions.
    - Is it fair to scrutinize Coke and not the other companies participating in the RFP bids?
    - We need to focus on this issue specifically, not in context of how other companies are treated. We have only been asked to evaluate Coke. Next year we may want to examine the Vendor Code of Conduct so that all companies will be looked at equally. This is the purpose of the Code, but it doesn’t seem to be being followed.
    - Bottom line, Coke didn’t respond to our questions or concerns.
    - Based on what we were told by the representative from Verite, many companies have participated in or been associated with bad practices. To evaluate Coke, we need to ask how aggregious these acts were and how the company has responded to/resolved them.
    - Since we banned Coke in the past, should they have been more motivated to respond to us? We are a small contract for them.
    - Coke is in the spotlight for a reason, more than other companies are.
* A motion was made to not allow Coke to participate in the RFP process. This motion was seconded and passed with 16 votes in favor.
* Discussion of the second question:
  + - How will we be able to identify all Coke products that are on campus? Information was given about other beverages that Coke manufactures.
    - How do we control other companies that are present on campus, such as the Bookstore, Riff’s Café, etc.?
    - The general feeling of the council is that to allow other vendors to sell Coke products on campus would contradict our ban.
    - How far down the chain would our ban go? For example, what about using campus funds to buy Coke products when faculty and staff make purchases with their office budgets?
    - We might want to reach out to other institutions that have banned Coke for ideas.
    - We would like to educate and inform the Smith community about the ban as well as make a statement to Coke.
* A motion was made to not allow Coke products supplied by third party vendors to be sold on campus. This motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

1. **Next year: issues that we would like to explore/revisit:**

* The Vendor Code of Conduct is the main issue that we would like to examine.
* Please email any other ideas to Stacie.