COMMITTEE ON INVESTMENTS AND SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY MINUTES

Thursday, May 29, 2025

PRESENT: Carr, Feinerman, Gill, Grant, Hensley, Knight Marvar, Kraan, Ramirez, Steck, Veazie, Watson

STAFF: Jackie Petito (Investment Operations Analyst)

Jim Feinerman called the meeting to order at 12:03 p.m.

FSJP Proposal

CISR members discussed and concluded their review of the "Proposal for Investment in Equality, Human Rights, and Peace" submitted by Georgetown Faculty and Staff for Justice in Palestine (FSJP).

By a majority vote, CISR members declined to recommend that the proposal receive consideration by the Committee on Finance and Administration of the Georgetown University Board of Directors. Many CISR members, however, recognized the importance of some of the core issues raised by the proposal.

As an alternative, in a separate majority vote, CISR members approved a recommendation to the Committee on Finance and Administration to amend Section III(A) of Georgetown University's Socially Responsible Investing Policy – "Alignment – 'Do no harm'" (recommended text in italics):

In keeping with the principles outlined above, the University shall use reasonable efforts to avoid investments in companies that are substantially involved in the provision of abortion services. In addition, the University shall use reasonable efforts to avoid investments in companies that have demonstrated records of widespread violations of human dignity. As examples, this includes companies that are directly and significantly involved in the production of weapons that are intended to be used for indiscriminate destruction and companies that are engaged in activities having an extremely deleterious effect on the environment. Another example would be companies that are directly and significantly involved in gross violations of human rights according to international law. Reasonable efforts will include appropriate due diligence and reliance on accurate data.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:58 p.m.