

Investment Policy DTF

Notes from the meeting on August 26, 2024.

Present: Steff Beck, Dave Kohler, Meredith Espinosa, Alex Marshall, Jonathan DeLacy, Zoltan Grossman, Sandy Kaiser, Javier Womeldorff; Savvina Chowdhury (at the request of Amjad Faur and with the agreement of all DTF members).

Notes from August 12, 2024

The notes from July 29 were reviewed. One recommendation for revision: Under “Next Steps,” last sentence should include reference to the Board of Trustees, to read: "A preliminary report from subcommittee A, further discussion about external communication and planning for forums, and a report-out from the DTF agenda item at the Board of Trustees’ Finance and Budget Committee on the 19th.”

External Communications

The DTF members discussed how to receive and respond to communications regarding our work from parties who are not currently employed by or enrolled at Evergreen. It was agreed that we will receive comments from such parties outside Evergreen through our website, once that is live, and that any communications we receive prior to that time will be kept and reviewed alongside materials gathered through the website.

Report out from the Finance and Budget Committee meeting

Members who were present at the Board of Trustees’ Finance and Budget committee meeting on August 19 reported on the meeting. A written summary of the DTF’s work was shared with the Board committee and was shared at the DTF meeting. The committee meeting needed to address other matters and so did not have sufficient time to discuss the DTF’s update. A future invitation to the committee is possible.

Forums

The DTF developed plans to meet with the GSU on Monday, September 30 and arrange with them for a student forum; to reach out to the Agenda Committee to seek time on the agenda at an early faculty meeting in fall; and to reach out to the different divisions of the college so as to arrange forums for staff members. The DTF decided not to hold a forum for external audiences but instead to welcome their feedback to our website via a feedback form.

Preliminary report from subcommittee A (identify readings and other educational resources needed to become familiar with institutional investing and socially responsible investing)

The DTF heard a report from members of the subcommittee regarding different ways of conceptualizing socially responsible investing along with some historical and social background on socially responsible investing.

Fall Meeting Schedule

DTF members discussed meeting frequency; modality; and weekly schedule. Preliminary consensus appears to be that we meet weekly and that we keep to the Monday, 1-3 pm schedule. At least one member voiced doubt whether they could attend in person on that schedule.

Next Steps

At the next full meeting of the DTF (September 9) the following will be on the agenda: Discussion of subcommittee A's report; work plan for fall quarter.