

ACCRIP Timeline

2009-2010

Luis Putterman, Chair

Issue	Description	Action
Transparency	Students from OpenBooks! Requested easier access to information regarding how Brown's endowment is invested.	Research on what comparable institutions were doing.
HEI	HEI runs an equity fund invested in hotels and resorts, and manages some of those properties. Student Labor Alliance asked that Brown stop doing business with HEI because of their documented unfair labor practices.	Draft letter, to be sent by the President to HEI for clarification on labor practice allegations.
Relation to administration	ACCRIP's charter places it in an advisory role, and explicitly denies the right to directly influence investment policy.	Rather than functioning as a mouthpiece on social responsibility in investment, ACCRIP will work within its charter to improve current system.

2010-2011

Luiz Valente, Chair

Issue	Description	Action
HEI	HEI runs an equity fund invested in hotels and resorts, and manages some of those properties. Student Labor Alliance asked that Brown stop doing business with HEI because of their documented unfair labor practices.	A letter was sent to the President requesting no further investment in HEI unless Brown is confident that HEI is adhering to Brown standards in the treatment of its workers at the time of any new investment.
Conflict Minerals	STAND an anti-genocide student group raised the issue of metals mined by warring factions in the DRC were being sold to support oppression. The metals are used in a wide range of electronics products. They wondered if there was a way to certify that metals purchased by companies in which we have investments did not come from conflict areas.	Several international efforts are pending, no action was taken, in hopes that those other efforts might provide an opportunity to act.
Transparency	Several student groups sought access to detailed information on how Brown's endowment is invested.	Discussion only, research other universities responses to similar requests.
Occupied Territories	Brown Students for Justice in Palestine raised the issue of documented human rights abuses in the Occupied Territories and asked that Brown divest from holdings in companies such as Caterpillar, Boeing, Motorola, Raytheon, and others.	Agreed to investigate the issue.

2011-2012

Christopher Bull, Chair

Issue	Description	Action
Occupied Territories	Brown Students for Justice in Palestine raised the issue of documented human rights abuses in the Occupied Territories and asked that Brown divest from holdings in companies such as Caterpillar, Boeing, Motorola, Raytheon, and others.	The committee's research assistant vetted material provided by BSJP. The committee discussed the possibility of taking some action and the potential impact of those actions.
Sudan Divestment List	Since the University divested from companies doing business with Sudan in 2006 there has been no update of the status companies on the 2006 list.	Joined the Conflict Risk Network which will provide annual updates on companies doing business with Sudan. The updates will be used for decision making in the investment office.
Proxy Voting Guidelines	The committee's proxy voting guidelines were formulated in 2007, since then there have been changes in the social norms. The proxy guidelines should be reviewed and amended as necessary.	Discussion only.

2012-2013

Christopher Bull, Chair

Issues	Description	Action
Occupied Territories	Brown Students for Justice in Palestine raised the issue of documented human rights abuses in the Occupied Territories and asked that Brown divest from holdings in companies such as Caterpillar, Boeing, Motorola, Raytheon, and others.	Letter to the President stating that we found compelling documentation of grave social harm and that there was not a consensus on the committee regarding what action to take. We suggested further dialog on campus. Received presentations from BSJP, BSI, J-Street U.
Coal	Brown students petitioned the committee to recommend that Brown divest from companies mining and burning coal.	Letter to the President recommending divestment from a number of companies mining coal and burning coal with specific thresholds that would trigger divestment. Subsequent meetings with the Corporation to clarify the issue. The Corporation declined action.
Bylaws	Discussion on the Occupied Territories and about members disclosing past affiliations with groups with business before the committee revealed that the committee was operating without bylaws that addressed this and other issues.	Process put in place to create and adopt bylaws.