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From: Robert Ellam
Sent: 10 October 2014 09:03
To: Roderick Brown
Cc: fin.stuart@glasgow.ac.uk; Paul Younger; David Newall (Secretary of Court); David Fearn
Subject: RE: URGENT! RE: GU divestment in fossil fuel companies

Dear Rod/Fin/Paul/Davids

I'm in Japan but back in the office on Tuesday. I have briefed Fin who, I understand, is going to attend the meeting on my (and his own) behalf. Three points:

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I trust you will include these issues in your discussion.

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Cc: Roderick Brown; Paul Younger; Robert Ellam; Maggie Cusack; The Principal; John Marsh; David Fearn
Subject: Re: URGENT! RE: GU divestment in fossil fuel companies

Dear David,

Given the importance of this decision (& subsequent publicity) I plan to come to the meeting tomorrow. Can I suggest that it deals with the wider issue of how GU deals with hydrocarbon industry-facing research, and is not restricted to 1 DTP.

Fin

Sent from my iPhone

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David

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Dear David

I am currently on holiday abroad and learned of this today on my BBC newsfeed. I have to say that I am dismayed at the news and the route at which I found out something so important to my school.

We have provided data on the breadth and depth of our involvement in terms of research and teaching.

May I ask that I am kept informed from here on in because the ramifications for GES are massive.

Maggie

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From: Miles Padgett
Sent: 09 October 2014 19:51
To: David Newall (Secretary of Court)
Cc: Jonathan Cooper; Paul Younger; Neal Juster
Subject: Re: URGENT! RE: GU divestment in fossil fuel companies

hi david

see below

i assume that you will send fin a suitable form of words after you have seen paul tomorrow -- that he can relay to our funders?

you may know that EPSRC have also been in contact with anne anderson

did the working party consider the words we should use to respond to such approaches?

if so please do send a copy of the words to me and i will use them to answer questions

i dont want to say the wrong thing

many thanks

miles

On 9 Oct 2014, at 18:11, Paul Younger <Paul.Younger@glasgow.ac.uk> wrote:

Hi Miles

Sure, we understand that, but our fear is the impact on sponsors attitudes to us: the University has made a public statement of opprobrium of the entire hydrocarbons sector, and they are unlikely to take kindly to that when we ask THEM for investment in our research (as the query from the NERC Oil & Gas CDT Coordinator shows) ...

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From: Miles Padgett
Sent: 09 October 2014 18:08
To: Paul Younger
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paul

thanks for letting us know

to be clear the decision relates to our investment portfolio NOT our research strategy nor the associated funding

please do copy Neal juster in on any further developments

yours

miles

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Yes, David, I can pop over at 10:30 tomorrow

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