

2022-2023 Year-End Committee Report

Committee:	Social Responsibility Committee
Charge:	Reviews University policies and practices with regard to fairness, decency, and other community values and responsibilities.
Chair:	Celia O'Brien
# of Meetings:	6

Completed Business and/or Accomplishments

Drafted resolution calling for the continuation of bird-friendly measures on campus, which was approved by the full senate on 4/12/2023.

Met with Chief Investment Officer Amy Falls to discuss future of the Advisory Committee on Investment Responsibility (ACIR), express support for continued divestment from fossil fuels, and how the SRC may be facilitate connections to NU faculty expertise in domains related to alternative energies and other renewable resources that provide opportunities for investment.

Unfinished/Continuing Business

Community Service in Promotion and Tenure Decisions: In AY 23-24, the SRC will continue to work with the Faculty Handbook Committee and the Provost's office to explicitly define the term "service" so that departments may also consider community service in addition to professional and institutional service in P&T decisions. Celia O'Brien met with Kalyani Chadha, chair of the Handbook Committee, in May 2023 to share ideas on how to move this work forward.

The SRC will look to see if Susan Davis, the new VP for Student Affairs, would be willing to meet with the group to discuss working conditions at NU Residential Services. Items of interest include student working contracts, and whether there could be faculty to serve as a point of contact students not in the "chain of command" (similar to an ombudsperson).

New Business for Next Year