

LLC Charge—draft

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*Whereas* the University of Wisconsin (UW), Madison, is committed to working in every way possible to end violations of human rights in the world;

*Whereas* the UW recognizes that it can have influence particularly over the conditions of “sweatshop” workers associated with producing apparel and other goods for the university, usually under licensing agreements;

*Whereas* the UW has already established relationships with organizations and associations dedicated to the improvement of labor conditions, in particular the Workers Rights Consortium, of which the UW is a charter member committed to its success;

*Whereas* the UW has, considering the above, established the Labor Licensing Committee (LLC) to provide advice and recommendations, and to monitor the UW’s own compliance with its stated goals;

The **LABOR LICENSING COMMITTEE** therefore has the following mandate:

To develop minimal standards for licensees, particularly through the drafting of a Code of Conduct, and then to monitor the UW’s compliance with these minimal standards;

To advise the university about monitoring issues and how best to assure that licensees meet the requirements of the UW Code;

To communicate to the university and broader community the UW’s progress on these themes;

To work with universities, associations, and other organizations, such as the Workers Rights Consortium or human rights groups, to guarantee that the UW and other universities pursue fair conditions for sweatshop laborers;

To monitor the Collegiate Licensing Company (CLC) and vendors;

To pursue the implementation and monitoring of a living wage for employees of manufacturers of UW-licensed goods.