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POLICY

Boston College is a Catholic and Jesuit institution of higher education. In the management of its investments, Boston College reflects the ethical, social, and moral principles inherent in its traditions. In particular, the University is firmly committed to the promotion of the dignity of the individual, personal freedom, and social justice.

The Board of Trustees desires that Boston College investments be handled in accordance with these principles so that gains from investments will not be derived from fraud, abusive power, greed, or injustice, especially through discrimination by reasons of race, sex, age, or religion.

A constant attempt will be made to apply these principles to the University's investment practices. This means that investments held by the University will be examined periodically to ascertain whether the firms involved engage in practices or procedures opposed to the ethical, social, and moral principles deriving from Boston College's heritage. It also means that the University will not undertake new investments in companies that affront these principles.

In judging the ethical merit of its investments, the University will be aware of its commitment to the concept of Christian stewardship. In the event that ethical breaches are found in companies in which Boston College has invested, the University will ordinarily take an advocacy approach; that is, the University will attempt to sensitize appropriate administrators through means such as inquiries, letters of concern, proxy votes, or ultimately divestiture.

The University's Investment and Endowment Committee will be responsible for managing the University's investments justly and prudently according to the policy stated here. Its actions will be reviewed periodically by the Board of Trustees.
