

WSU Sustainability Committee Minutes

Tuesday 24/01/23

Agenda

	Item	Responsible	Timing
1	Welcome and Apologies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Welcome Antonia (Co-Chair) 	AL	3 mins
2	Matters Arising/Minutes approval	AL	15 mins
3	Update from University Sustainability Strategy Group-RF Action Plan	AL	10 mins
5	GISU Update	ASB	5 mins
6	SU Operational Plan 2022-23	AL	5 mins
7	Fairtrade Policy	ASB	5 mins
78	AOB	AL	2 mins

Attendance

Al Linforth	President	AL
Antonia Rossiter-Eaglesfield	Director of Representation and membership Services	ARE
Anna-Symone	Student Communities Coordinator	ASB
Clement Servini	Marketing, Communications and Commercial Manager	CS
Sarah Czyrko	Finance and Admin Assistant	SC

Minutes

	Item		
1	Welcome and Apologies		
	Welcome from AL and no apologies given		
2	Matters Arising/Minutes approval		
	Item:	Action Required:	Progress
	01	To Check with Chief Executive where SU is at with item. (SU Operational Plan 2021-22- Carbon Neutral (2.7) MEM to adapt University plan around carbon neutrality to fit SU once University carbon neutral plan available.)	Ongoing. ACTION 01: ARE to check with CE where we are with this.
	02	Single Use Plastic Cups in Bar CS to track of single use plastic cups in bar.	Ongoing
	03	Plastic Free Worcester ASB to reach out to Peter Robinson	ACTION 02: ongoing
	04	Single Use Plastic THB to add to his handover for this project to move to next step.	ACTION 03: ARE to check KCR/THB handover notes
	05	SSG Report AL to upload report to shared drive and share with rest of committee.	Completed
	06	Go Green Week ASB to complete Risk assessment for the week	Not required. Completed
3	Go Green Week		

	<p>CS has been updating the website this week with a line up of all the events that have been scheduled. Some of the events that have been booked include, fairtrade chocolate, plant pots, bird drawing, the repair café on Thursday the 9th of February, where students can come along and have their items repaired by professionals, the PCSO's are offering free bike security marking, Friday online sessions include carbon literacy training as well as a students from Sudan doing a talk about the climate crisis. There will also be an Air quality forum on the Friday hosted by David Green and will have a panel of politicians and experts and students are invited along to this. Action 03: ARE to put air quality forum in staff and officer diaries.</p>
4	<p>Update from University Sustainability Strategy Group-RF Action Plan</p> <p>No meeting since last Sustainability committee nor any agenda,</p>
5	<p>GISU (Green Impact Students' Union) Update</p> <p>ASB shared the write up of the GISU Cost of Living campaign. ARE discussed ensuring the campaign and its plan includes that our campaign has links into the national campaign (links with allies - NUS) and that our Officers are engaging in the national campaign and have lobbying power. Discussion around the sustainability of the community cupboard as items have almost depleted and not much left to restock it with. SC and AL suggested making use of social media to do another push for donations.</p>
6	<p>SU Operational Plan 2022-23</p> <p>Progress has been made against all sustainability items on the Ops plan, except for "Work with the Duckworth Trust to facilitate litter picking street champions". ACTION 04: ASB to reach out to and build a relationship with Duckworth Trust. ARE discussed sustainability in regard to the upcoming elections, especially in terms of sustainable materials when promoting the elections. Thought it could be good to put some of that stuff in the ops plan and GISU wherever appropriate as a justification for the work they are doing as the Elections Committee.</p> <p>More discussion will follow regarding the Ops Plan in the all-staff meeting scheduled on Friday.</p>
7	<p>Fairtrade Policy</p> <p>ASB updated that as part of the University Fairtrade Accreditation, the SU have been approached to create a fairtrade policy of our own. ACTION 05: ASB to go away and start pulling together a fairtrade Policy for the SU.</p>
8	<p>AOB</p> <p>ARE shared the Standardised Carbon Emissions Framework (SCEF) that looks at organisations in further and higher education becoming carbon neutral by 2025 and this is something the University will most likely be working on. ACTION 06: for the committee to</p>

	read the carbon Neutral Framework and discuss in the next committee meeting regarding best practice.
	Next meeting TBC

Actions

ACTION 01: ARE to check with CE where we are with the first item SU Operational Plan 2021-22- Carbon Neutral (2.7) MEM to adapt University plan around carbon neutrality to fit SU once University carbon neutral plan available.)

ACTION 02: Ongoing (CS to track of single use plastic cups in bar.)

ACTION 03: ARE to check KCR/THB handover notes (THB to add to his handover for this project to move to next step)

ACTION 04: ASB to reach out to and build a relationship with Duckworth Trust.

ACTION 05: ASB to go away and start pulling together a fairtrade Policy for the SU.

ACTION 06: Committee to read the carbon Neutral Framework and discuss in the next committee meeting regarding best practice.