



Ethical & Environmental Committee

13th December 2017 (15:30 – 16:45) in NH208

Present:

Caitlin Reid, E&E Officer (**Chair**)

Alan Adamson, E School Officer

Rachel Simpson, VP GSBS

Apologies:

Paulo Cruz, GCU Sustainability Officer

In Attendance:

Gary Kyle, Student Rep Assistant (**Clerk**)

1. Apologies

As detailed above.

2. Minutes from previous meeting (30/10/2017)

The responses to the previous meeting's actions are as follows:

ACTION: Decide when to close the "Wee Green Survey" and publish results via GCU Students' Association website. (ONGOING)	RESPONSE: Discussions were had surrounding whether to formally close the survey or take snapshots of key times to ensure that the survey was informing the E&E committee. Decision was made to have the survey run over the Christmas/New Year break and will be reviewed again at a later time.
ACTION: Student Rep Assistant to publish the NUS Sustainability Skills Survey 2017 results via GCU Students' Association website. (COMPLETED)	RESPONSE: These results were published on the GCU Students' Association website on 5 th December 2017.

<p>ACTION: E&E Officer to write brief website article regarding survey results that will be published.</p> <p>(COMPLETED)</p>	<p>RESPONSE: An article was published on the GCU Students' Association website on 4th December 2017.</p>
<p>ACTION: VP GSBS to draft a remit policy for the next E&E committee that will be presented at the next meeting.</p> <p>(COMPLETED)</p>	<p>RESPONSE: The remit, as it stands within current by-laws, states that the E&E committee consists of the E&E Officer, the FTO VP Policy Lead and students from each School and that the remit is to be developed at the first E&E committee meeting. This is an ongoing action from the previous year (2016/17) which was discussed at this year's first meeting.</p> <p>Based upon the previous meeting's discussions, the committee membership will be expanded to include the GCU Sustainability Officer alongside student champions from the Societies, Sports, The EDIT and Radio Caley committees.</p> <p>Remit will include running campaigns, update students on sustainability matters, develop GCU Students' Association policies when necessary and hold four statutory meetings per academic year.</p>
<p>ACTION: VP GSBS to contact GCU Students' Association senior management team.</p> <p>(ONGOING)</p>	<p>RESPONSE: This is still ongoing.</p>
<p>ACTION: VP GSBS to organise Trustee Info Session and/or raise sustainability at Trustee Board meeting.</p> <p>(ONGOING)</p>	<p>RESPONSE: This is still ongoing as the next Trustee Board meeting isn't until 18th December 2017. VP GSBS mentioned that there was not enough resources available to put together an entire info session before the meeting but did state that in the next Trimester, there could be an info session held where Trustee members are invited alongside senior management, students, etc.</p>
<p>ACTION: Student Rep Assistant to upload photo of E&E Officer onto the GCU Students' Association website.</p> <p>(ONGOING)</p>	<p>RESPONSE: This is still ongoing.</p>

<p>ACTION: Student Rep Assistant to summarise professional development and present paper at next E&E meeting.</p> <p>(ONGOING)</p>	<p>RESPONSE: This is still ongoing.</p>
<p>ACTION: Student Rep Assistant to explore additional accreditation opportunities.</p> <p>(ONGOING)</p>	<p>RESPONSE: The Student Rep Assistant discussed NUS' "Responsible Futures" programme and drew similarities between both it and the "Green Impact" award but with the focus being on embedding sustainability both formally and informally within the curriculum. It is advised that the programme is delivered through partnership with the university and that an audit is carried out every two years to maintain the accreditation.</p> <p>Additionally, there are programmes such as "Carbon Trust" (whom the Student Rep Assistant has e-mailed to enquire further about); "LiFE"; "ISO14001"; and other programmes that cover food-related matters (such as ensuring that food sold on campus is organic and not from GMO sources, etc.).</p> <p>So whilst the action has been completed, further discussions will take place with the university in Trimester B to explore the validity of pursuing any of these additional accreditations. (ACTION)</p>
<p>ACTION: VP GSBS to obtain a list of active clubs/societies for sustainability opportunities.</p> <p>(COMPLETED)</p>	<p>RESPONSE: VP GSBS provided a list of active clubs/societies. Several clubs/societies were identified as being potentially worthwhile to approach for collaborative sustainability work. Additionally, VP GSBS has e-mailed the sustainability society and hopes to liaise with them further in Trimester B.</p> <p>VP GSBS said that she would contact all clubs/societies to make them aware of additional funding opportunities surrounding organising sustainability-based events. (ACTION)</p>

<p>ACTION: VP GSBS to draft policy for next E&E committee meeting.</p> <p>(ONGOING)</p>	<p>RESPONSE: This is still ongoing.</p>
<p>ACTION: Student Rep Assistant to contact the Students' Associations for both City of Glasgow College and the University of Glasgow regarding potentially collaborating on sustainability work.</p> <p>(COMPLETED)</p>	<p>RESPONSE: The Student Rep Assistant met with the City of Glasgow College Students' Association on 6th December 2017 and has received interest from them in regards to collaborating further for sustainability. Further discussions will take place in Trimester B.</p> <p>The University of Glasgow have refused to participate at this particular time.</p>
<p>ACTION: VP GSBS and E&E Officer to meet with university staff to discuss "Swap Shop" proposal further and report back at the next E&E committee meeting.</p> <p>(ONGOING)</p>	<p>RESPONSE: VP GSBS and E&E Officer met with the GCU Sustainability Officer to discuss this initiative further and VP GSBS has also sought feedback from the Executive Committee who are keen to see this implemented. Further discussions need to be held in regards to organising the logistics surrounding the implementation of this proposal.</p>
<p>ACTION: VP GSBS to discuss "Glasgow Goes Green" proposal with university staff and Executive Committee and report back at the next E&E committee meeting.</p> <p>(ONGOING)</p>	<p>RESPONSE: This is still ongoing because the "Glasgow Goes Green" week does not take place until February 2018 and VP GSBS is awaiting additional information before taking it to Executive Committee.</p>
<p>ACTION: VP GSBS to continue looking into sewing workshop provision.</p> <p>(ONGOING)</p>	<p>RESPONSE: This is still ongoing.</p>
<p>ACTION: Clerk to invite GCU's sustainability lead to next E&E committee meeting.</p> <p>(COMPLETED)</p>	<p>RESPONSE: This has been completed.</p>

3. “Green Impact” Progress

The Student Rep stated that a lot of the previous actions were contributing factors to the “Green Impact” progress. He went on to mention the GCU Students’ Association website and how to improve it to make the institution’s progress on “Green Impact” more readily visible.

The E&E Officer referred to a previous suggestion she had made about incorporating the ethical and environmental work into a recurring blog/page via the student media group: “The EDIT”. VP GSBS mentioned that she had e-mailed “The EDIT” on the E&E committee’s behalf and the response received was that the paper copy publication would depend upon size of submission whereas the online publication can allow more regular submissions with fewer restrictions (and as we are promoting environmentalism, the online publication would be more sustainable). Blogs can also be posted via the GCU Students’ Association website.

VP GSBS has also advertised the E&E committee via “Radio Caley” shows and encourage students to participate in the “Wee Green Survey”. VP GSBS and the Student Rep Assistant have also done some promotion via social media.

4. “Wee Green Survey” Update

The Student Rep Assistant said that, as of today, the current submission rate for the “Wee Green Survey” was 18 individuals. He shared with the E&E committee a brief overview of the common themes that were coming through – such as students expressing greater interest in renewable energy, energy wastage and global warming; rather than themes such as recycling (he hypothesised that this may be due to the university already having quite a visible presence in terms of the number of recycling bins across campus).

The Engineering (E) School Officer mentioned that the Student President had publicly announced that the university would not be investing anymore into fossil fuel education (in an attempt to shift to more sustainable-based education). He went on to state that he would share the “Wee Green Survey” amongst the Engineering Society (which he Chairs).

ACTION: E School Officer to share “Wee Green Survey” amongst the Engineering Society.
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5. AOCB

The E School Officer listed the benefits of teleconferencing in response to the E&E Officer stating that some students were interested in the work of the E&E committee but, due to placements, couldn’t attend. This is beneficial for widening student engagement with the

E&E committee but also is a more environmentally-friendly approach. The Student Rep Assistant will explore the teleconferencing options within GCU Students' Association further due to the E&E Officer going on placement for the entire duration of Trimester B – ensuring that she can still participate from afar.

ACTION: Student Rep Assistant to explore GCU Students' Association teleconferencing.

**The next meeting for the Ethical & Environmental Committee is scheduled to take place
on 8th February (18:00-19:00)**