

Ethics and Environmental Committee

17 April 2019

Minutes

Present:

Moses Apiliga, VP GSBS

Paulo Cruz, GCU Sustainability

Sara MacLean, Student Voice Team Leader (Clerk)

Apologies:

Ewan Bally

Leila Rabelo, GCU Sustainability

1. Apologies

As detailed above

2. Minutes from previous meeting

Approved

3. Actions from previous meeting

Actions: Encouraging plant based food on campus - Rory has put the issue on to student voice. Paulo informed the committee that GCU has a sustainable food policy that sets out a certain proportion of food in the canteen must be meat-free. Meet Free Mondays was discussed as a possible campaign for next year.

4. Green Impact Update

Survey has closed, data has been analysed and an article on the outcomes has been posted on the website and promoted on social media.

Group discussed some of the barriers to using reusable cups and containers. Carrying the cups/containers was cited as a barrier. Paulo informed group that at the moment there are 500 unallocated lockers in Hamish Wood. Issue may be communication or how do people know that they can get a locker. **Action:** Students' Association to communicate about lockers

Group discusses single use cutlery and cups. Waste composition analysis highlighted metal cutlery in bins. Will be moving to wood cutlery as it looks different from plastic although it is more expensive. Group welcomed this change. The 10p discount will become a 10p charge. Cups 10p, takeaway containers 20p. Also starting the Ugly mug initiative – bring in an ugly mug. **Action:** Students' Association to communicate Ugly Mug

Group discussed introducing waste minimisation pack – keep cup, chilly bottle, Tupperware and spork. **Action:** Moses explore how we could partner with GCU sustainability to help introduce this initiative.

1. AOCB

None

Next Meeting: 2019/20 Academic Year