

Sustainability Board

7 October 2021, 6-7pm, MS Teams

Attendance

Present:

- Tala Sammur, Sustainability Officer (Mile End) – [TS] **Chair**
- Minahil Khan, Sustainability Officer (Barts and the London) – MK
- Alina Hassan, Mile End Sustainability Representative – AH
- Rosa Hughes, Barts and the London Sustainability Representative – RH
- Magdalini Parouti, Charterhouse/West Smithfield/Lincoln's Inn Sustainability Representative – MP

Apologies:

- None

In attendance:

- Tom Stockton, Sustainability Coordinator (Students' Union) – [THS]

Agenda item 1 – Welcome and introductions

- TS opened the meeting and all present introduced themselves and their role.

Agenda item 2 – Minutes of the previous meeting and matters arising

- There were no previous minutes from this academic year.
- There were no matters arising

Agenda item 3 – Review of the Terms of Reference (ToR)

- The ToR were approved without changes.
- **Action: THS to arrange elections to fill the currently vacant Liberation Rep role.**

Agenda item 4 – Updates from Sustainability Officers

- TS presented updates on her plans for the year ahead as Mile End Sustainability Officer. These will focus on;

- Campaigning for the University to join the Students' Union in declaring a Climate Emergency, hoping to pull together a document detailing what the declaration would mean in practice based on requests for this from Senior Staff.
 - RH suggested linking this to the Planetary Health Scorecard assessment used within the medical school.
 - THS suggested linking this to the nationally used People and Planet University Scorecard.
- Educating students on how to live more sustainably through guides and maps of the local area.
- Collaborating with student groups.
- Implementing a clear feedback mechanism for Sustainability issues.
- More vegetarian/vegan food on campus.
 - Starting with a survey and research on current options.
 - AH- suggested more variety was needed and activities could take place for Veganuary such as food trucks on campus. **Action: THS to explore feasibility of food trucks on campus with the University.**
- Ethical Investment.
 - AH and MP interested in attending future meetings with the University on this topic.
- MK presented updates on her plans for the year ahead as Barts and the London Sustainability Officer. These will focus on;
 - Improved Green Areas on the Whitechapel Campus such as a place for students to sit and socialise with green things.
 - Food waste
 - Such as using Olio in the Griff Inn. Already used at the Nucleus Café by the University.
 - Collaborate with societies
 - RH suggested collaboration with Sustain@BL Society. **Action: MK and RH plan to meet to discuss.**

Agenda item 5 – Review of previously passed motions

- Board members reviewed sustainability related motions passed by Student Council in 2019/20 & 2020/21.
- These included (date passed);
 - The Students' Union should declare a climate emergency, and lobby the University to do the same (November 2019- **due to lapse at October 2021 Student Council**)
 - The Union should introduce sustainability training for all SU staff (February 2020)
 - The Union should support and commit to pushing the re-evaluation of Queen Mary's ethical investment policy (December 2020)
 - The Student's Union should improve recycling facilities on all campus and lobby the University to do the same (March 2021)
 - The Union Should Broadly Endorse the Aims of the Green Charter, and Facilitate a Method of Direct Democracy in Working Towards its Full Implementation (March 2021)

- The Union should introduce a 'Big Green Box' online 'suggestion box' /concern reporting form (March 2021)
- The Union Should Discourage Staff and Students From Flying on Trips Associated With the Student's Union (March 2021)
- Board members voted 5-0 to recommend the extension of the climate emergency motion to Student Council. Voting record is available below.

Agenda item 6 – Queen Mary Sustainability Week

- THS highlighted that 18-22 October was Sustainability Week across Queen Mary with a range of events taking place which members could join.

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- MK hoped to explore a lab coat recycling scheme. **Action: THS to link MK with another student interested in this idea.**
- TS created a group chat for Board members to allow easier contact.
- The next meeting will take place on 2 November 2021 6-7pm.

Voting record:

Member	Vote 1: To recommend that the motion 'The Students' Union should declare a climate emergency and lobby the University to do the same (Passed November 2019) be extended.
Tala Sammur – Sustainability Officer (Mile End)	For
Minahil Khan – Sustainability Officer (Barts and the London)	For
Alina Hassan – Mile End Sustainability Representative	For
Rosa Hughes – Barts and the London Sustainability Representative – RH	For
Magdalini Parouti – Charterhouse/West Smithfield/Lincoln's Inn Sustainability Representative	For
Total votes:	5 For – 0 Against – 0 Abstain