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 though 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

- 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.

**AOB**

- 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:**

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