



Sustainability & Social Responsibility Sub Committee (SSRSC)

SSRSC18 – M1

Minutes of Meeting

These are the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 16th January 2.00 – 4.00pm in the Jennings Council Chamber, Hazlerigg Building

★ Starred items are for information and are not discussed.

	Item	Action
18.1.1.	<p>Present: Richard Taylor (RT) Jo Shields (JS) Nik Hunt (NH)</p> <p>Apologies: Alison Barlow (AB) George Etherington (GE) Jon Walker (JW)</p>	<p>Nicholas Clifford (NC) Andrew Burgess (ABu) Tracey Bhamra (TB)</p> <p>Invited:</p>
18.1.2.	<p>Minutes from previous meeting Correct Record. NH still has some actions on imago and tenants JS still has some actions but is clear on these.</p>	
18.1.3.	<p>Actions not appearing elsewhere on the agenda None</p>	

SSRSC will need to decide and support items reported at Senate and the various Committees. Meetings should therefore note business that requires reporting and into which committee and actioned accordingly.

	Area of Discussion:	Action
18.1.4.	<p>Environmental Management System targets SSRSC18.A1 P01 Targets as detailed in the paper</p> <p>Waste Targets: 4 revised targets in the process of being created:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overall waste per bedspace 210Kg and onsite Recycling per bedspace 60Kg. • Overall waste per GIA and Recycling per GIA – these figures are still being calculated as EMR data does not include commercial space and waste includes commercial space. <p>RAG Dashboard to monitor specific projects / behaviour change to see if we are happy especially in key areas such as plastics, food waste, cups, radiation waste, hazardous waste, printing, water fountains.</p> <p>Identify behaviours which need to change to reflect Sustainability Charter and Environmental Policy.</p>	JS

	NH and JS to develop.	NH/JS
18.1.5.	<p>Environmental activism - Verbal</p> <p>Activism by P&P in recent months, causing problems by their actions in respect of promoting divestment from fossil fuels.</p> <p>Other universities have divested. There have been instances of greater activism in other institutions LU only has a small amount invested in fossil fuels and sustainability do feel we should talk about exploring our options for divesting because we want to. Comment from AB: James Jones does not feel it's a big deal and not worthy of action if it costs which effects the student experience. Andy Stephens (AS) comment is only minor return and we have little buying power and there would be a cost.</p> <p>Are we bowing to pressure if we action this?</p> <p>On balance we might not invest and more discussion needs to be had. Counter arguments – don't view this as legitimate Action for RT to convey discussion to AS so he can talk to the treasurer.</p>	<p>RT</p> <p>RT</p>
18.1.6	<p>Reuse: WARPit – Verbal</p> <p>A paper was presented at last years May meeting – it was advised that Procurement should take the lead</p> <p>A meeting was subsequently held with procurement and they felt this was not something they could develop as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • They don't have the resource to progress this • Most items wouldn't go through the procurement office so there would be little opportunity to encourage reuse • They would however be happy to flag it as a policy / procedural requirement and work with us to promote it. <p>The use of a system such as WARPit is still required to increase our reuse and to make it work needs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support through a policy from procurement • Promotion and training co-ordination by Sustainability / the service provider • Involvement from Domestic Services for transportation • Ownership by the Schools and Professional Service Departments once trained. • Funding <p>The committee is asked to approve this being progressed with WARPit through the Sustainability Team.</p> <p>Procurement – need to build more in to tender in terms of criteria for reuse / takeback.</p>	<p>NH</p>

	park for visitors. Specialist needs to be brought in to review.	
	Strategic items	
18.1.9	Terms of Reference SSRSC18.A1 P02 Approved	JS
18.1.10	Students Union strategic direction - verbal LSU has no paper for its sustainable strategic direction currently	GE
18.1.11	Social responsibility strategic direction SSRSC18.A1 P03 Paper encourages us to keep thinking about the area of SR but that we are not making the most of this for the University! It is however a matter of priorities and choices and we can't do everything. The action remains for JW to gather a group to discuss this and report back.	JW JW
	Key Drivers	
18.1.12	Sustainable Development Goals SSRSC18.A1 P04 / Presentation Action to map SDG to Sustainability Action Plan. 17 core goals with indicators behind them. Governments should be working to these and aiming to deliver by 2030. Accord was created by the EAUC and this is a commitment that an institution will work towards them. Benefit Demonstrate how our actions map Work with our peers to make a commitment Mapping exercise would tell us whether there is an alignment.	JS
18.1.13	Any Other Business None	
18.1.14.	Date of Next Meeting – 14 th May	