

**Goldsmiths  
University of London**

**ESTATES COMMITTEE**

**ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY SUB-COMMITTEE**

**6 October 2009**

**Present:** Mr Hugh Jones (Chair), Mr Michael Dick, Ms Erica Drew,  
Ms Kay Stables, Ms Mrs Mary Bright, Mr Graham Gaskell,  
Ms Patsy Carter (Secretary).

**In attendance:** Mr Tom Pool, Dr Richard Carmichael, Mr Adam Cresswell, Mr Nick Jones,

**Apologies:** Ms Craigie-Lee Paterson, Ms Charlie Wainwright, Professor John Wood.  
Miss Sally Townsend, Ms Vicky Annand, Ms Rebecca Watts,

OPEN BUSINESS

**1 WELCOME**

The Chair welcomed Tom Pool who was in attendance.

**2 MINUTES**

**Resolved:**

that the minutes of the meeting held 6 June 2009 be approved.

**3 COMMITTEE TERMS OF REFERENCE (TOR), COMPOSITION AND MEMBERSHIP  
2009-10**

Received:

- (i) the College Policy on Conflicts of Interest, including in particular, its Committee section (09-329);

Noted:

- (i) that other members of the Carbon Champions Network would be invited to attend the meetings of the Committee, perhaps on an annual basis;

- (ii) that the next staff induction meeting was due to be held 28 October 2009 and that this might present an opportunity to discuss the environmental activities the College was committed to undertaking as well as advise new members of staff of how they could get involved.

**Resolved:**

that Erica Drew would inform the Committee Secretary of the names of the people to be invited to future meetings;

**4 MATTER ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

Noted

Items raised under Any Other Business

- (i) the Director of Estates and Facilities, Michael Dick, reported that the master planners had proposed landscaping the forecourt of the Richard Hoggart building and the re-balancing car parking spaces with cycle parking provision and that this would result in a significant reduction in car parking spaces available in that location;
- (ii) the Head of Facilities, Nick Jones, reported that the new cycle parking provisions had been ordered and it was planned to locate a number of cycle racks in the areas of the Education and Rutherford Building Quad as well as the Ben Pimlott Building.

**Noted:**

- (i) a car sharing pool was suggested, and Street Car given as an example of a useful resource; however, it was noted that the College was well served by its transport links;
- (ii) that additional showers would be provided within the New Academic Building or alternatively the showers that were located in the Pulse Gym could be used.

**5 COLLEGE POLICY ON CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

Received:

the revised Conflicts of Interest Policy to take effect from 1 September 2009. **(09-319)**.

**6 AMENDMENTS TO STANDING ORDERS**

Received:

the revised Standing Orders to take effect from 1 September 2009 **(09-320)**.

## 7 HEFCE CONSULTATION – HEI CARBON REDUCTION TARGETS FOR 2020 AND 2050

Received:

the HEFCE consultation report on a Carbon Reduction Target and Strategy for HEIs publication 2009/27 and an oral report from the Chair.

That a joint consultation between HEFCE, Universities UK and GuildHE on developing a carbon reduction target and strategy for higher education in England had been taking place and the consultation was seeking the views on proposed sector level targets for the reduction of carbon emissions and a proposed strategy for achieving these targets.

The proposals were that the higher education sector should:

- (i) commit to reducing scope 1 and 2 emissions by 80 per cent by 2050 and by at least 34% by 2020, against the 1990 baseline;  
  
scope 1 emissions were direct emissions that occurred from sources owned or controlled by the College, for example emissions from combustion in owned or controlled boilers/furnaces/vehicles;  
  
scope 2 emissions were emissions from the generation of purchased electricity consumed by the College;  
  
scope 3 covered all other indirect emissions that were a consequence of the activities of the College, but occurred from sources not owned or controlled by the College – for example, commuting and procurement;
- (ii) aspire to reduce scope 1 and 2 emissions by 50 per cent by 2020 and by 100 per cent by 2050, against 1990 levels;
- (iii) commit to reducing scope 3 emissions and to improving measurement of scope 3 emissions with the intention of setting targets for these emissions in the future.

The aim of the strategy was to focus efforts in areas that offered the greatest potential carbon reduction return, such as: energy use within the estate; transport; water consumption, waste and procurement, through technical, structural and behavioral solutions.

The consultation sets out areas where HEFCE, Universities UK and GuildHE are to work with institutions and other stakeholders to achieve carbon reductions and that it would be for individual institutions to decide, within the national set of targets, how to reduce, measure, review and report progress on their own emissions.

The consultation asked for comments on HEFCE's initial thinking for linking capital funding to carbon emissions. This will be achieved using the next Capital Investment Framework, which will have a greater focus on carbon.

Noted:

- (i) that the work already achieved through the implementation of actions arising from the Colleges' Carbon Management Strategy and Implementation Plans would provide a good platform for achieving the proposed targets;
- (ii) that the aspirational target to achieve a reduction of 20% by 2012 was viewed as achievable;
- (iii) that there were actions being taken to increase the BREAM rating for the New Academic Building from 'good' to 'excellent' and that the College had signed up to the 10:10 initiative and that successful implementation of these actions would support the College with achieving the proposed aspirational targets.

## **8 DRAFT ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY POLICY STATEMENT**

Received:

the draft Environment and Sustainability Policy Statement and an oral report from the Environmental Adviser (09-147R).

**Recommended:**

that further revisions should be carried out, in particular and where applicable, targets should be aligned to the 10:10 targets and that the Chair would provide Erica Drew with the revised wording to be incorporated.

Noted:

that the Director of Finance would continue the development of the Ethical Investment Policy.

**Resolved:**

that following amendment the draft policy should be presented at the next meeting of the Estates Committee due to be held 27 October 2009 for their approval and recommendation to Council that the policy be approved at its meeting to be held 1 December 2009.

## **9 REPORT FROM THE CARBON MANAGEMENT FOCUS GROUPS**

Received:

an oral report from the Campaign Awareness Focus Group

Noted:

- (i) that the environmental initiatives that had been reported in the Student and Staff Hallmark were the Greening Goldsmiths and the 10:10 initiative and the ongoing 10:10 actions would continued to be reported;
- (ii) that there was a need to improve the signposting of environmental resources and that this could be achieved by creating a central resource portal on the College website. This would be taken forward by Erica Drew and Rebecca Watts.

Received:

an oral report from the Waste Management and Recycling Group

Noted:

At its meeting held 9 June 2009 the Committee discussed the proposal of a new campus wide recycling system. Mary Bright reported that she had received a mixed response to the proposal, some staff members were concerned about how system would work in principle and others welcomed the idea.

- (i) that the implementation of new system would need to be considered in conjunction with appointing new waste management services;
- (ii) that a review of the waste services had been undertaken and the report from the review would inform the procurement of new waste management services;
- (iii) that the recycling system would be made accessible in corridors to address areas that were not accessible by students;
- (iv) that the College could recycle a large volume of cardboard, however, this was not being identified separately and in order to achieve this the compactor in the location of the Whitehead Building would be dedicated to cardboard waste only and that to control the use of the compactor users would be allocated a key;
- (v) that Catering would ensure that clear bags only were used for food waste;
- (vi) Mary Bright reported that the College had been approached by Lewisham Council regarding the installation of battery collection bins on campus and the Committee suggested that location areas could be RCCS, Students' Union and the front of the Richard Hoggart Building.

### **Building Energy Management Group**

Received:

an oral report on the energy management activities from the Director of Estates and Facilities.

Noted:

- (i) that the installation of Valve Insulation Jackets across the campus had been completed included boiler rooms within the main building, Deptford Town Hall Building, Education Building, Warmington Tower, Raymont Hall, Surrey House and the New Academic Building;
- (ii) that Thermostatic Radiator Valves had been installed in Warmington Tower;

- (iii) that the conversion of the lighting system within Richard Hoggart Building had been carried out;
- (iv) that the interviews for the appointment of the Energy and Environmental Manager would be carried out 9 October 2009.

**Recommended:**

- (i) that it would be useful particularly to support engagement of carbon champions, to publish the achievement against carbon activities on the College website and in Hallmark as well as a carbon saving graph.

**10 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING**

Thursday 14 January 2010, 2.30pm

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November 2009