

**GOLDSMITHS
University of London**

ESTATES COMMITTEE

ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY SUB-COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held on 19 March 2013

Present: Professor Kay Stables (in the Chair), Mrs Catriona Boulton, Ms Sarah Charter, Mr Richard Groves, Ms Melanie Rimmer, Professor Tim Valentine.

Apologies: Ms Patsy Carter, Mrs Rachael Johnson, Mr Danny O'Sullivan, Ms Erica Drew, Mr Andrew Lantry, Ms Jacqueline McNee, Dr Noortje Marres, Ms Craigie-lee Paterson.

In attendance: Ms Nicola Hogan.

OPEN BUSINESS

1 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

Resolved:

that minutes of the last meeting held on 22 January 2013 be approved.

The Sub-committee noted the following corrections to the minutes of the last meeting:

- (i) The Bio-diversity Action Plan (13-12) was ready to be submitted for recommendation to the Estates Committee.
- (ii) The Barclays Cycle Superhighways full funding available was £9,330.00 rather than £15,000.00 as stated in the minutes of the last meeting.

2 DRAFT ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT POLICIES SCHEDULE

Received:

the Draft Energy & Environment Policies Schedule paper by the Energy & Environment Manager (13-119).

In discussion of the above policy the Sub-committee noted the following points:

- (ii) The Education for Sustainable Development Strategy and Action Plan was still in development.
- (iii) The Sustainable Procurement Strategy and Action Plan was in development. A working group had been established. The Policy should be submitted to the next ESSC meeting for comments.
- (iv) The Community Involvement Strategy and Action Plan was in development by the External Relations Committee and would be submitted to the ESSC for comments when completed.
- (v) The Ethical Investment Policy was to be submitted to **the June 2013 meeting of Council, assuming recommendation by lower committees.**

Resolved:

- (i) that the Sub-Committee be consulted by circulation on draft revisions to the Ethical Investment Policy prior to consideration by Estates Committee and Finance and Resources Committee, and approval by Council;
- (ii) that the Energy and Environmental Policies Schedule be updated, including by the addition of the Sustainable and Ethical Food Policy, and circulated to the Sub-Committee in advance of consideration by Estates Committee in May 2013.

Noted:

that all relevant policies would be published on the Greening Goldsmiths webpages by the Energy and Environmental Manager following final approval.

3 WASTE MANAGEMENT STRATEGY AND ACTION PLAN

Received:

the Waste Management Strategy & Action Plan paper by the Energy & Environment Manager (13-10R).

In discussion of the above policy the Sub-committee noted the following points:

- (i) In the Target section of the paper, items 1 and 2 were contradictory.
- (ii) It was not clear who was to implement the targets on a daily basis.
- (iii) There should be more definite information about which department was the largest user of textiles in the College. Whilst the Policy advised that possibly the largest user was the Design Department, it did not mention the Art Department, which could be one of the largest users of textiles as well.

Resolved:

that the Strategy and Action Plan be updated in the light of the Sub-Committee's comments and that the Sub-Committee would be consulted by correspondence on a further draft prior to submission to the Summer term meeting of Estates Committee.

4 THE FOOD POLICY DRAFT

Received:

the Food Policy draft by the Project Officer (13-11R).

Noted:

that the Target section had been added to the Policy.

Resolved:

- (i) Percentages would be added to targets 5, 6 and 7 so that they would be more measurable by the Project Officer.
- (ii) The Target section would be circulated to the ESSC members via email before being submitted for recommendation to the Estates Committee on 2 May 2013 by the Project Officer.

5 SMOKE-FREE CAMPUS

Received:

an oral update from the Energy & Environment Manager.

Resolved:

that a Smoke-Free Campus Paper was to be provided by the Project Officer for the next ESSC meeting, proposing clear reasons, objectives and options for a smoke-free campus.

6 ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT UPDATE

Received:

an oral update from the Environment Officer on the following:

- (i) Additional bins for mixed waste, general waste and paper-only waste had been put in the Estates offices in Dixon Road. After Easter the whole campus would get paper-only waste bins. The Project Officer had been working with the Design

& Print department to create logos advising what waste was recyclable and non-recyclable.

- (ii) The application for Fairtrade status had been submitted. The Sub-Committee should find out if the College had been successful at the next ESSC meeting.
- (iii) Go-Green Week had been promoted recently with different Green initiatives being suggested for each day of the week.
- (iv) The Green League application had been submitted. The Project Officer had provided 25 new pieces of information and it was hoped that the College would go up the Green League table.
- (v) Information was provided on how different departments provide Education for Sustainable Development.
- (vi) The Green-Impact scheme.
- (vii) The Emission and Discharge Policy.
- (viii) The ESSC Terms of Reference.

Resolved:

- (i) that the Project Officer be invited to circulate a draft Emission and Discharge Policy to the next meeting, unless such a Policy already existed;
- (ii) that the Project Officer's concern's be discussed with the Chair and the Energy and Environmental Manager in advance of the next meeting of the committee.

Received:

an oral update from the Energy & Environment Manager on the following:

- (i) The possibility of installing a Green Wall on the Library, Laurie Grove and St James walls, as well as Rain Gardens along the Laurie Grove front gardens.
- (ii) The Carbon Management Plan and the increase in electricity and gas usage.
- (iii) The Re:fit programme that would be going to the Estates Committee for approval on 2 May 2013.
- (iv) The Sustainable Procurement Policy and its working group.
- (v) The Barclays Cycle Superhighways grant, which should be spent on improving cycling facilities across the campus by installing more bicycle racks, possibly along Laurie Grove.

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