Sustainable Development Committee

Membership and Terms of Reference

Membership

PVC Research (Chair)

Director of Sustainability (Secretary)

Pro Vice Chancellor Digital Transformation or nominee

President of SU or nominee

Assistant Director of Student Life

Academic Lead for Sustainability

Head of Press and Public Affairs

Head of Organisational Development

Representation from relevant Committees, Steering Groups and Forums

- Biodiversity Steering Group Chair
- Procurement Steering Group Chair
- Travel and Transport Steering Group Chair
- Energy Committee Chair or nominee
- Campus Experience Committee Chair or nominee
- Chair of Sustainability Forum

In attendance:

- Minuting Secretary

Terms of Reference

1. To develop the University's Sustainability Strategy, setting objectives and targets to prevent pollution, mitigate the University's significant environmental impacts and consider how climate and environmental issues will affect the University's future operations including developing and monitoring carbon footprint, reduction targets and formulating strategies to minimise impacts and create opportunities for positive societal change.
2. To monitor and report to UEB on the University's performance against its strategy, including against environmental performance indicators.

3. To oversee the management of the University's Environmental and Energy Management Systems
4. To advise and make recommendations to the University Executive Board on new policies, processes and initiatives that will enable the University to meet its strategic objectives and targets for sustainability.
5. To review, revise and recommend existing policies to UEB for approval on a periodic basis.
6. To oversee the development and submission of grant applications relating to sustainability, referring to UEB for approval as appropriate.
7. To promote the continual improvement of the University's social and environmental performance, ensuring University staff and students are aware of relevant legislation.
8. To advise the University on legislative compliance as necessary.
9. To promote engagement with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals and other approaches to sustainability and social responsibility within the University's curriculum and research.
10. To develop initiatives to promote Education for Sustainable Development (ESD) within the teaching, learning and student experience at the University.
11. To promote good practice in sustainability and social responsibility within the wider community.
12. To consult effectively with students, staff, and communities.

Meetings

The Committee should meet 4 times a year.

Reporting

The Sustainable Development Committee reports directly to the University Executive Board, providing a written report after each meeting. It will also report on relevant matters as appropriate to Learning, Teaching and Student Experience Committee and Research and Knowledge Exchange Committee. In addition, it will report to the Joint Consultative Committee.

The following groups and forums will report to the Sustainable Development Committee: -

- Biodiversity Steering Group – via a yearly report.
- Sustainable Procurement Steering Group – via a report to each meeting.
- Sustainability Forum – via a yearly report.
- Travel and Transport Steering Group – via a report to each meeting.