

University of the West of England Bristol

Sustainability Executive Committee (formerly Sustainability Board)

Purpose

To enhance the sustainability practices and developments of the university in all its educational and operational endeavours and thereby to enhance the reputation of the university and its attractiveness to current and future students and staff as a place of study or employment.

To consider contemporary and emergent sustainability risks, opportunities and challenges and to advise the University on appropriate actions.

Terms of Reference

- To support implementation of Strategy 2030's aims and objectives.
- To guide, support and develop the University's integrated approach to embedding sustainability in all of its endeavours.
- To oversee implementation and achievement of the Transforming Futures Climate Action and Sustainability Strategy (CASS).
- To advise and assure the Vice Chancellor, Academic Board and the Board of Governors on progress with the strategy and matters pertaining to sustainability risk and reputation.
- To share good practice and promote continuous improvement.
- To assure the university that the requirements of ISO 14001 -2015 certification are met.
- To assure the university that the requirements of Responsible Futures accreditation are met.
- To support the implementation of the Principles of Responsible Management Education (PRME) across the university.
- To advise on the sustainability implications of current and future policies and practices.
- To advise on the continuing appropriateness of the Ethical Investment Policy.
- To advise on the continuing appropriateness of the Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking Statement
- To advise on any implications of the university's sustainability practices and policies with regard to Equality, Diversity and Inclusivity (EDI) and Health and Wellbeing.
- To establish appropriate procedures to ensure effective communications within the university on issues discussed and decisions taken by the Board.
- To undertake such other actions as may be required from time to time to discharge the Terms of Reference.

Membership

- Assistant Vice Chancellor, Environment and Sustainability, Chair.
- Director of Estates and Facilities.
- Pro Vice Chancellor Research and Business Engagement, Vice Chancellor's Executive Sponsor.
- The President of the Students' Union.
- A Vice President nominated by the Students' Union.
- The Sustainability Lead from each of the three College Executives
- Co-chairs of the Climate Action and Sustainability Group
- Director of Procurement
- Chair of the Knowledge Exchange for Sustainability Education Group.

Terms of Reference for 2022/23.

- The Sustainability Lead from UCU, Unite and Unison or nominee
- CASS Action Plan Leaders
- Representative of the Equality, Diversity and Inclusivity team
- Representative of the Careers and Enterprise Service
- Representative of Research, Business and Innovation
- PRME lead

By invitation

- A different representative of the Vice Chancellor's Executive at each meeting.

Clerk to the Board

- PA from the College of Arts, Technology and Environment

In Attendance

- Sustainability Officer, Students' Union.
- Support staff from The Students' Union at UWE including the Community Manager and the Student Sustainability Engagement Coordinator.
- Such others as may be required from time to time to discharge the Terms of Reference.

Quoracy

One half of the membership.

Meeting Frequency

5 times per year.

Reporting Relationships

Reports to:

Vice Chancellor's Executive

Academic Board

Board of Governors Finance, Estates and IT Committee

Reporting Bodies

Climate Action and Sustainability Group

Knowledge Exchange for Sustainability Education Group