The Sustainability Advocates Forum was held on Tuesday, 20 September 2016 from 10.00am – 11.00am at Graduate House.

Minutes

Items:

1. Welcome

   1.1 Attendance

   Danielle Rostan-Herbert

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   Danielle Rostan-Herbert, Nick Swan, Clare Walker, June Mcbeth, David Threlfall, Anisa Rogers, Emily Lebetzis, Monique Edwards, Pete Barry, Rohan McBeth, Rosemary Schiavello, Kathryn Perez, Eoin Hahessy, Thomas Feng, Katherine Smith, David Waterworth, Emily Newton, Sue Hopkins, Dianne Chambers

2. Sustainability Team Update

   Danielle Rostan-Herbert

   Danielle introduced the new Engagement Coordinator Sue Hopkins and Energy & Water Coordinator Ned Halliday.

   Sue will be initiating the Green Impact program with the Sustainability Advocates next year. This program has been used in the UK http://sustainability.nus.org.uk/green-impact/about. The program aims to empower different departments/faculties to take action on sustainability. Sue will be providing more information on this program in the coming months.

   Ned provided updates on one of the major energy projects happening at the moment, which involves the installation of solar panels at various sites around the University.

   These sites include:

   - The McCoy Building (Earth Sciences)
   - The SPOT Building (FB&E)
   - The Alice Hoy Building (MDHS)
   - The Richard Berry Building (Science)
   - The University Sports Building
   - The University Archives Building (Dawson St)

   For more information: http://sustainablecampus.unimelb.edu.au/key-areas/energy

3. Sustainability Plan Update

   Clare Walker

   Clare Walker provided updates on the University’s involvement with the UN Sustainable Development Goals and the TAKE2 Climate Change Program. She also included information on the status of the Sustainability Plan, its new website, and the current schedule. Please see attached power point for full
4. **Sustainability Advocates – Have Your Say**

- Some offices are incorporating sustainability into their catering, not using single-use plates, etc for morning teas
- Staff participated in Plastic Free July – one office opted out of single-use cups and used Keep Cups for coffee runs
- Sustainability signs on the back of toilet doors, which displayed energy/water use are currently being updated
- The Battery Bin system is working well in several offices. New maps of all the bins and other sustainability-related locations can now be found on the Sustainable Campus website:

  Via A-Z

  - [Battery Buckets](#)
  - [Cardboard](#)
  - [Cycling](#)
  - [Fair Trade](#)
  - [Water](#)

Via Key Areas

- [Biodiversity Tour](#)
- [Fair Trade](#)
- [Sustainability Tour](#)
- [Transport](#)
- [Water](#)

- **ACTION**: Find out how staff are finding the new paper supplier – is recycled paper too expensive? Is it easy to find via procurement? What are your views? Email sustainable-campus@unimelb.edu.au

5. **Upcoming Events**

- **Campus Biodiversity Tours**: Due to high demand, there will be several biodiversity tours coming up including next week’s event [http://sustainablecampus.unimelb.edu.au/current-issues/events/campus-biodiversity-tour](http://sustainablecampus.unimelb.edu.au/current-issues/events/campus-biodiversity-tour) and also one on October 12th. Contact Judith Alcorn at jalcorn@unimelb.edu.au to be put on a waiting list for future tours.

- **Melbourne Uni Bike Co-op**: Staff are encouraged to check out the new Bike Co-op located in the basement of the John Smyth building off Swanston Street. Come by to learn how to fix your bike, attend workshops + more! The Bike Co-op hours are currently:
  - Tuesdays 9 - 11 with professional bike mechanic on hand
  - Wednesdays 12 - 2
  - Thursdays 3 – 5
  For more info: [https://www.facebook.com/melbunibikecoop/](https://www.facebook.com/melbunibikecoop/)

- **System Garden 160th Anniversary - Oct 23 – 25th**
  Three days of tours, talks, and a tree planting ceremony with VC Glyn Davis. More info coming soon!
Keeping Honey Bees in Victoria
Interested in bees and beekeeping? Join us on Thursday, 6th October for a public lecture by accomplished writer, beekeeper, and #unimelb PhD student Robert Owen. For more info and to RSVP: https://events.unimelb.edu.au/events/7542-keeping-honey-bees-in-victoria

Meeting dates for 2016

Sustainability Advocates (SA) is a forum for the communication of Sustainability issues, and for Advocates to raise Sustainability issues. Interested staff members are also welcome to attend.

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The Vice-Chancellor signed the University commitment to the UN Sustainable Development Goals.

- shared global framework of development priorities to 2030
- addresses the most important economic, social, environmental and governance challenges of our time:
  - end extreme poverty
  - promote prosperity and well-being for all
  - protect the environment and address climate change
  - encourage good governance and peace and security

- 17 SDGs and 169 related targets
- Foundation is the ten principles of the UN Global Compact
  - Human rights, labour, environment, anti-corruption

The SDGs clearly define the world we want – applying to all nations and leaving no one behind.
The University has joined the TAKE2 Climate Change pledge program

- Pledge program for voluntary actions taken to reduce emissions and contribute to a more sustainable future
- Actions across 10 theme areas will be developed later in 2016
- over 180 founding partners - government, business and community

- 2015 Independent Review of the Climate Change Act 2010
- Target of net zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2050 across the Victorian economy
- Victorian renewable energy generation targets - 25% by 2020 and 40% by 2025

• Consultation Period April – August

  72 feedback e-mails
  475 attendees over two forum events
  – Sustainability Plan Forum May 5
  – Investments Forum August 9
  UMSU-led Hackathon workshop - 30 participants

• New Our Campus website!
  http://ourcampus.unimelb.edu.au/sustainability-plan

• Sustainability Executive working groups => portfolio leaders
• Plan scheduled for University Executive on October 19th and Council November 16th
• Annual Refresh