Faculty of Life Sciences (FLS) Sustainability Committee Monday 29th January 2024 MS TEAMS MINUTES



Minutes

Present: Renata Adamcova, Byrony Franklin, Gaia Gestri, Diana Ivanovic, Claudia Manzoni, Sudax Murdan, Giovanna Vinti, Christopher Waudby, Eve McLoughlin, Jason Clarke, Amy Godfrey

Apologies: Marc Amoyel

In Attendance: Mariam Al-Janabi.

1. Chairs Welcome and Matters Arising

CM stated that her maternity starts in February and should finish in October 2024; Christopher Waudby volunteered to cover.

CM highlighted that a successful sustainability event was held and there is still funding available to organise a second lecture. UCL holds 28 days of sustainability, CM raised that it may be useful to organise something during this time.

Link to sustainability days and information, available here.

2. Action Plan and Updates

Please find the draft action plan here.

EM stated that point 1.2 (reducing water temperature) may be an action that will need to be checked with estates as there may be legal legislations. The heating and cooling aspect of this action may be building dependant.

Action: CM requested for all members to record the number of wet labs in their building.

CM stated that for action point 1.3 a case study should be conducted to show how staff and individuals within UCL could be more sustainable.

GG suggested that regarding point 1.4 operations or cleaning should be involved/ contacted to help adhere to the switch off policy for computers and lights. GV added that cleaners should not be the only individuals who should take this initiative.

Action: Contact operations or identify a list of contacts to help deal with point 1.4.

Action: EM to write a case study on the switch off policy, highlighting how the building have an automatic turn off and a manual turn on switch which supports sustainability.

JC highlighted that electric data can be collected every 30 minutes for each building or by faculty when looking at the floor area. JC stated that faculty data versus building data may be quite different. JC reported that he could present information on point 1.7 on certain areas using the data that is collected.

GV stated that training sessions should be provided to help encourage individuals to support sustainability and understand the concept. JC stated that he could provide materials and training sessions.

SM raised that to support action point 1.8 and initiative for floor stickers to lead individuals to the stairs was quoted for however they were expensive and the building lacks funding.

Action: DI to write a case study on energy waste including energy consumption before and after.

CM invited all members to work on projects and case studies to help implement sustainability in UCL. SM raised that the bins are not fit for purpose within the offices, EM raised that sustainability events such as competitions to promote knowledge on waste management as well as clinical waste and how to correctly dispose.

GV suggested promoting guidance for the faculty to encourage individuals to understand medical and offensive waste.

Next Meeting: 5th June 2024