Environmental Council Meeting 24 – May 2021

Date/Time: 24 May 2021
Duration: 1 hr, 3:00PM start
Venue: Online – Zoom

Chairperson: Emily Conn
Note taker: Shanu Gunasinghe

Noted Attendees (look at attendance list):

Name: Emma Jarrat
Organisation: Student – Social Media Manager

Name: Emily Conn
Organisation: Student/Staff – Green Programs Assistant

Name: Hanis Lyna
Organisation: Student – Student Engagement Officer

Name: Jacques Dennison
Organisation: Student – SDG Manager

Name: Evelyn Alicia Gomez Juarez
Organisation: Student – Student Resources Manager

Name: Cassidy Mogg
Organisation: Student/Staff – UQ Life

Name: Sophia Rutter
Organisation: Staff – UQ Unwrapped

Name: Suzanne Davis
Organisation: Staff – UQ Sustainability Office

Name: Shanu Gunasinghe
Organisation: Student – Secretary

Noted Apologies:

Name: Tianjiao Yu
Organisation: Student – Events Planner

Item | Description | Action & Who | Due Date
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1. | Apologies & Previous Minutes | Apologies: Tianjiao Council unanimously agreed to previous minutes | -
2. | Suzanne’s Strategy Talk
Sustainability Strategy, STARS reporting system and GAP’s involvement | - Sustainability Strategy: overarching guide for sustainability over the next 5 years, due to go to the Senate for approval
- STARS (Sustainability Tracking, Assessment & Rating) reporting system: self-reporting framework to measure sustainability performance, available at stars.aashe.org
- GAP assists UQ by doing an independent review of the report (peer review group: exec or special group within the GAP community?)
- UQ currently has a Silver STARS rating, more info on the Sustainability website: sustainability.uq.edu.au | -
3. | Unfinished Business
QCC Collaboration
Conference reporting meeting | - Idea for collab for World Environment Day (June 5th) was dropped due to short notice and clash with exam | -
4. **Survey feedback**
   General feedback survey after re-promotion
   - Still only 1 response, feedback was generally good
   - Suggestion to have more in-person events to come hang out so that members get to know each other better
   - Emphasis on making people feel like they can post to the group rather than it just being exec who does so

5. **GAP’s involvement next semester**
   Welcome Week, Sustainability Week Forum and SDG events for Sustainability Week (Cassidy)
   - Welcome Weeks (O week and Connect Week) events: watch party on Friday (Week 1); Sustainability will have a presence at each of the faculty orientations
   - GAP Council will help engage students on each Orientation Day (tell new students about sustainability at UQ, getting involved through GAP)
   - Sunday, Aug 1, is National Tree Day; planting event to be plugged at Market Day, liaise with UQ Life to help promote it
   - Release survey to broader GAP community for movie selection in Sustainability Week
   - Meeting ended due to running out of time with remaining agenda items to be carried over to next meeting

6. **Next Meeting Details & Adjournment**
   Next meeting on Monday 7th at 3:00PM