

## The Green Ambassador Program

Official Meeting Minutes – Environmental Council Meeting

Sustainability Office, St. Lucia

### Environmental Council Meeting 10 – August 2020

<b>Date/Time</b>	27 August 2020	<b>Chairperson</b>	Fatima Sabdia
<b>Duration</b>	1hr; 11AM start	<b>Notetaker</b>	Fatima Sabdia
<b>Venue</b>	UQ St Lucia Campus, Great Court		

#### Noted Attendees (look at attendance list):

Name	Organisation
Fatima Sabdia	Student – Secretary (S)
Lauren Tipping	Student – SDG Manager (SDGM)
Bora Aska	Student – Events Planner (EP)
Emily Conn	Student/Staff – Green Programs Assistant (GPA)
Lachlan Green	Student/Staff – UQU Environment Collective (UQUEC)
Sophia Rutter	Alumni/Staff – UQ Unwrapped (UQUnw)

#### Noted Apologies:

Name	Organisation
Jasmine Palmer	Student – Student Resources Manager (SRM)
Lalith Kishore Sivakumar	Student – Student Engagement Officer (SEO)
Cassidy Mogg	Student/Staff – UQ Life (UQL)
Christine McCoy	Staff – Green Staff Programs (GSP)

Item	Description	Action & Who	Due Date
1.	<b>Acknowledgement of Country</b>	S acknowledged First Nations people as the Traditional - Owners of the land we are on today. Elders past, present and future were acknowledged	
2.	<b>Apologies &amp; Previous Minutes</b>	Unanimous approval of previous minutes by EC	-
3.	<b>Unfinished Business</b>	Bright Yellow	-
	Bright Yellow VR Update	- Add bee perched on title	
	Recap of Sustainability Week	- Add water body (with fish) instead of some wildlife (pig)	
	Code of Practice approval	- GPA to send off final changes to company 27 <sup>th</sup> August	
	GAP Facebook group rules	Sustainability Week	
		- Recordings of events have been made live	
		- GAP can share some of these	
		- 80% online, but increased outreach by over 50%	
		- Mending workshop worked really well; instructor demonstrated how to make masks (EC appreciated relevance and necessity of demonstration)	
		- Forum went well, recording will be online once edited by GPA	
		- Pictionary event also went smoothly	
		- Educational videos posted by Sustainability Office proved really helpful and necessary for students	
		Code of Practice approval	

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- UN SDGs are a political movement, so Council agrees that it's not feasible to be truly apolitical</li> <li>- Council agrees to remain impartial politically yet encourage GAP members to share their individual opinions with their local council members</li> <li>- Noted that Council is not permitted to endorse specific political parties or ideals, including protests</li> </ul> <p>Facebook Group Rules</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Define 'apolitical' in the group rules and how to conduct oneself</li> <li>- Define 'areligious'</li> <li>- Council approve of current group rules and new amendments</li> </ul>	
4.	<p><b>Social Media Manager</b></p> <p>Nominations – when to open and for how long</p> <p>Should the SMM document be made available?</p> <p>SMM document approval</p>	<p>Nominations to open this weekend (29-30 August)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- To remain open for two weeks</li> <li>- GPA to email initial 4 members that did not get a Council position</li> <li>- Voting using poll in the GAP group</li> </ul> <p>SMM document beneficial for future SM manager to have access to, to ensure a complete understanding of their role</p> <p>'Duties' section of the SMM document to be made available to GAP community prior to nominations opening</p> <p>The remaining section of the document is to be provided to the new SMM upon election</p>	-
5.	<p><b>Semester 2 Events</b></p> <p>Briefly plan events (deadlines included)</p> <p>Schedule events</p>	<p>UQ Life</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- GAP to host one of the UQ Life's regular movie nights (large blow-up screen in the Great Court)</li> </ul> <p><b>16th September 2020 6pm to late</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 'Wednesdays on the Knoll' – a regular UQ Life event from 10am to 2pm; potential for GAP to host an event (board game)</li> </ul> <p>Awards</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Upcoming meeting with Suzanne (UQ Sustainability Office) to discuss using the SDG academy as part of the Employability Award; also to discuss a separate Sustainability Award</li> </ul> <p>SDG Photo Competition</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Possibly held after SMM position has been filled</li> <li>- 3-4 weeks from now</li> <li>- New SMM can help host event</li> </ul> <p>Organic Bins</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- P&amp;F doesn't have control over the UQ Union Complex so it's hard to implement organic bins in those areas</li> <li>- SDGM suggested increasing signage elsewhere on campus (aside from Physiol)</li> </ul>	-

- UQ Unwrapped attempting to increase waste disposal streams across campus but are facing roadblocks

Plogging

- Event still to come
- Council group

Forum Initiative Ideas

- Increasing vegetation & nature on campus: large undertaking that's not under control of GAP
- Awareness about microplastics on campus
- Infrastructure for wildlife: duck bridges, safe passage across roads/walkways
- Expand usable food containers: already happening
- Reducing lab waste: lots of single use items in first-year chemistry labs that may be unnecessary; Sophia to investigate
- Increased waste signage (especially for international students)
- Working with landcare groups to plant trees
- Sustainable fabric for merch for clubs and societies: UQUEC looked into it and were unable to proceed due to COVID
- Raise community awareness and educate about wildlife

Council to create and vote on poll regarding the above ideas and which to work towards implementing on campus this semester

6.	<b>Sustainability Website</b> Forum webpage on Sustainability website (collaboration with SO and UQUEC)	<p>Forum Webpage</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- GPA created document with text for a new webpage and Youtube video description</li> <li>- Forum recording to be imbedded into the webpage</li> <li>- Slides also to be imbedded into the webpage</li> <li>- UQ Environment Forum graphic to be used</li> <li>- Council approves of webpage content ideas</li> </ul>	-
7.	<b>New Business</b> GAP newsletter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Detail of what we've achieved throughout the year</li> <li>- Article detailing what GAP is about to be written by Council members to be implementing into the newsletter and also in the annual report</li> <li>- Newsletter may be engaging with links to polls or other interactive sites to encourage ideas from readers</li> <li>- Newsletter can also be put into the website so there's a permanent copy</li> </ul>	-
8.	<b>Next Meeting Details &amp; Adjournment</b>	Council to discuss whether meetings should remain in-person or whether attendance would be easier online	