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## **Aims & Objectives:**

The aim of the Sustainability Forum (SF) is to support the development and implementation of operational initiatives that improve the University's sustainability and help deliver associated commitments. The SF will replace the Sustainability Working group.

To achieve its aims, the SF will:

- Adopt a cross-institutional approach
- Create opportunities for sharing experience and good practice
- Pool expertise to overcome barriers
- Provide modest financial support

## **Roles & Responsibilities:**

Membership of the SF will include (not exclusively): GCU's Sustainability Team; GCU SA (students); Trade Unions (staff); Strategy & Planning; Student & Staff Comms; Finance; Procurement and those leading the delivery of various operational initiatives (or their representatives).

Membership of the group will be published in the University's webpages as will meeting notes. Supporting documents will also be available through a dedicated SharePoint page and TEAMS channel.

Without detriment to existing roles/commitments, the following contributions are anticipated:

- GCU's Head of Operational Sustainability (HOS) will chair the forum and have responsibility for identifying priority areas (in conjunction with relevant stakeholders) to support the development of new interventions/initiatives with potential to reduce environmental impacts, enhance performance and contribute to delivering sustainability commitments. The HOS will also, through FMD provide a secretariat for the SF.
- GCU Students' Association: will represent students and provide a link to initiatives developed by the Association.
- Trade Unions: will represent staff interests.
- Strategy & Planning: will provide a link to the University's broader strategic objectives.
- Comms: Will provide visibility to sustainability initiatives.

Examples of operational initiatives: Fairtrade Certification; Sustainable Food Policy; Sustainable Travel Plan; Circular Economy Plan; Water Efficiency Plan; Sustainable Labs; Biodiversity; Energy and Saving/CMP; sustainable procurement; student engagement.

## **Meetings & Updates:**

SF will meet 4 times a year. Notes with actions from the meetings will be taken and include the following agenda:

- Updates on the University's performance.
- Updates from each initiative/sub groups.
- Overview of barriers and opportunities.
- New initiatives