SUSTAINABILITY REPRESENTATIVE NETWORK MEETING

Tuesday 5 August 2014 11.00am-12.30pm

Lindsay Room, Level 3 Campus Hub

MINUTES


1. Welcome

Cindy welcomed SRN members to the meeting and outlined the agenda of the meeting.

2. 2014 Department Sustainability Challenge - Cindy Cunningham, Sustainability Engagement Officer

The Sustainability Engagement Officer provided an overview of the background to the DSC. The DSC is now in its 6th year and has been used as a model overseas for other organisations.

The 2014 DSC commenced on August 4th and finishes on October 24th. The awards ceremony is planned for November 17th.

This year the DSC scorecard has been placed on iLearn. A little video has been put together on how to upload documents to iLearn to assist DSC coordinators.

As with previous years, students have been recruited to assist departments in their role as liaisons.

The DSC leaderboard will be updated weekly to show how departments are tracking.

At the 20 star milestone point, departments will receive some Fair Trade chocolates to reward their efforts and at the 30 star mark, the Australian Koala Foundation will plant a tree in endangered koala habitat.

Belinda and Cindy have been attending various faculty/department meetings to promote the DSC and engage the participation of new departments this year.
The presentation can be viewed as a separate attachment under the Minutes on the Sustainability website.

3. iLearn Scorecard

A video on how to upload documents to iLearn was shown to the group. Iain spoke about the scorecard and the format of the categories and actions.

4. 2014 DSC Categories – Belinda Bean, Sustainability Officer

Belinda explained the categories for this year which include:

- Tap It: It’s Fresh and Free
- MOOP Troops
- One Act
- Target Sustainability

Both the Tap It and MOOP Troops campaigns were rolled out earlier in the year as part of the M-power One Planet campus engagement program. Some departments have already completed the actions for these categories, and have a head start.

5. Target Sustainability – Belinda Bean

Belinda Bean explained the Target Sustainability category in the DSC. The tool enables departments to review what sustainable activities are already occurring, and develop an action plan for future activities that align with the University's strategic direction. The tool has been set up as a module within iLearn.

Target Sustainability is broken down into four key priority areas: Leadership and Governance; Partnership and Engagement; Learning, Teaching and Research; and Facilities and Operation. Bonus points are associated with each priority area.

Target Sustainability forms the basis of our first ever department sustainability accreditation scheme and is designed to help departments improve their social and environmental responsibility performance.

6. Next Meeting – Tuesday 9th December, 2014