

MOTION TO THE SRC/SSC TO CREATE THE ASSOCIATION SUSTAINABILITY OFFICER AND COMMITTEE

This SSC/SRC notes:

- That the topics discussed and campaigns run by the Environment and Ethics Committee (E&E) are not confined to representation issues of the Students' Representation Council (SRC) but to all matters affecting the Associations practices and performance including those of the Students' Services Council (SSC)
- That the term 'environment and ethics' creates a very narrow view of what they represent
- The E&E committee has stagnated and needs to be re-branded into something more relevant and inline with current sustainable thinking
- It is difficult to define 'ethics' but the term sustainability incorporates social responsibility
- The term 'sustainability' is a more encompassing definition to the campaigns and issues raised at the E&E committee
- Renaming the E&E committee to the Sustainability committee would be in line with the Universities sustainability strategy as well as current thinking
- The Formation of the Association Sustainability Committee and Officer would be the first of its kind in the UK
- The position of Environment and Ethics was formerly the Association E&E Officer, not just an SRC one

This SSC/SRC believes:

- That the creation of the Association Sustainability Officer and Committee will more accurately define and promote what the committee stands for and what the Association should be doing to secure environmental, social and financial responsibility
- The renaming of the E&E committee to the Sustainability Committee will encourage more enthusiasm, participation and interest from a wide range of students as it reflects something much more relevant to everyday activities of both the Union, University and the individual students

This SSC/SRC resolves:

- To redesign the position of SRC Environment and Ethics Officer by creating an Association Sustainability Officer who will chair the Association Sustainability Committee, and be a voting member on both the SRC and SSC.
- The Environment and Ethics Committee will be renamed the Sustainability committee, but will continue with its current membership (the proposed Sustainability Officer, the Director of Representation, the Director of Student Development and Activities, two SRC nominees, and two SSC nominees.

Proposed:

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