**University of Exeter**

**Advocate Climate Taskforce**

**Terms of Reference**

**Purpose**

The Advocate Climate Taskforce (ACT) exists to support the University in meeting its sustainability commitments by providing academic expertise and supporting the development and delivery of Sustainability Action Plans for Faculties and Professional Services Divisions.

**Sustainability Advocates**

The University has appointed outstanding academic leaders to work with the Provost, Registrar and Director of Sustainability in the role of Sustainability Advocate. Advocates will contribute to the work of the ACT to progress challenging and transformational change supporting the delivery of the University’s sustainability commitments, including its net-zero target and nature positive goals. They participate in the Faculty or Divisional Sustainability Committee.

**Role**

1. To provide strategic oversight for the development of Sustainability Action Plans at Faculty/Divisional level. The plans must be meaningful with clear measurable objectives and will focus on what the Faculty/Division can change/control/influence.
2. To ensure the delivery of Faculty/Divisional Sustainability Action Plans by acting as a critical friend; and reviewing annual reports on progress against each plan.
3. To promote the sharing of good practice and experience across Faculties/Professional Services Divisions in the development and delivery of Sustainability Action Plans.
4. To develop and implement university-wide action plans relating to ACT themes (education, research, global) in discussion with the relevant DVC.
5. To advocate cultural change to promote sustained transformation in the everyday delivery of research and education.
6. To identify opportunities to utilise academic expertise in the delivery of sustainability initiatives.
7. To demonstrate leadership for the University’s journey to net-zero.

**Membership**

Membership consists of:

* Chair who is a member of the Environment and Climate Emergency (E&CE) Board
* Provost
* Three representatives from each Faculty made up of the Chair of the Faculty Sustainability Committee, an Academic, and a Post-graduate student, nominated by the Faculty PVC.
* One (or two if the role is shared) advocate representing each of the themes: Education; Research; Global; and Cornwall campuses, as nominated by the DVC for that theme.
* One representative from Research Services Division
* One representative from IIB
* Director of Sustainability plus one other member of the Sustainability Team

The Chair may invite non-members to attend a meeting to report on or discuss specific matters.

Members will serve a term of three-years, after which they can be renominated to serve another term.

Current membership

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| Co-Chairs | Chair of Biodiversity T&F GroupChair of Offsetting T&F Group | Juliet OsbornePeter Cox |
| UEB liaison | Provost | Dan Charman |
| Faculty of Environment, Society and Economy | Chair of Faculty Sustainability Committee | Nick Stone |
| Academic | Peter Connor |
| Post-graduate student |  |
| Faculty of Health and Life Sciences | Chair of Faculty Sustainability Committee | Jo Shuttleworth and Rich Smith (shared) |
| Academic | Natalia Lawrence and Tim Taylor (shared) |
| Post-graduate student | Jack Jarvis and Merlin Davies-Abraham (shared) |
| Faculty of Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences | Chair of Faculty Sustainability Committee | Cathy Durston |
| Academic | Nick Kirsop-Taylor |
| Post-graduate student |  |
| Theme: Education |  | Catherine Butler and Justin Hinshelwood (shared) |
| Theme: Research |  | Juliet Osborne and Chloe Onoufriou (shared) |
| Theme: Global |  | Caitlin DeSilvey |
| Theme: Cornwall campuses |  | Jamie Shutler |
| FX Plus | Executive Director (interim) | Stuart Gaslonde |
| Professional Services | Research Services Division | Charlotte Murphy |
| Professional Services | Director of Sustainability | Joanna Chamberlain |
| Professional Services | EEG Division | James Smith |
| Task and Finish Group Chair | Field Course | Ewan Woodley |
| Task and Finish Group Chair | Enabling Rail Travel | Stewart Barr |
| Secretary | Sustainability Senior Administrator | Emma Tranter |

**Organisation**

1. The Taskforce will meet at least 6 times per year, three of which will be paperless meetings. The formal meetings with papers will be timed to take place in advance of E&CE Board meetings.
2. The Taskforce reports to the Climate and Environmental Crisis (CEC) Board.
3. The Secretary is the Sustainability Senior Administrator.
4. The Faculty Academic Advocates and Theme Advocates will have 20% (10% where is it a shared role) of their time allocated to undertaking this role.