

Sustainability Academic Network

<p>Delegated Authority and Purpose</p>	<p>Responsible on behalf of the Sustainability Committee for providing a link to all academic Departments to support and lead embedding sustainability into education, professional practice and research at BU.</p>
<p>Main Responsibilities</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Provide leadership to ensure delivery of the academic sustainability objectives in BU2025; 2. Highlight existing activity relating to sustainability within education, research and practice, including new developments and resources and sharing best practice; 3. Encourage promotion and inclusion of sustainability issues at department level in research, practice and through curriculum based activities; 4. Encourage academics to embed sustainability into their teaching, using a range of support methods including (but not limited to): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ providing example case studies published on BU website, ○ providing support through the Brightspace page Climate and Ecological Crisis (CEC) which is open to all, ○ and offering recognition through annual awards for Excellence in Education for Sustainable Development Award; 5. Identify and encourage areas of collaboration between academic departments and professional services to maximise sustainability approaches in education, research and practice, including the use of Living Labs; 6. Promote partnerships with the local community, business and the third sector to realise sustainability benefits for BU and the region; 7. Be a key driver in the development of the business case for academic sustainability issues across the University.
<p>Membership structure</p>	<p>Sustainability Academic Network (SAN) is open to all academics, connecting academics who are actively or interested in embedding sustainability within their work at BU. SAN replaces ESD Community of Practice to reduce confusion and clearly link activities to SAN, offering a series of events over the year, largely delivered online, with online resources either through Teams or a Brightspace unit. Membership is fluid, i.e. there is no expectation that all SAN members will attend each session.</p> <p>SAN Steering Group comprises representation from each department. Members of the steering group are expected to attend each steering group meeting, to report back to departments, to establish a sustainability department plan, to drive actions forward for example our SDG mapping activities. Membership of SAN would be recognised by Department Heads either in workload or evidence of leadership. SAN steering group meets three times a year.</p>

	Faculty leads/co-chairs of SAN drive forward academic representation, meeting monthly and connected into faculty management when sustainability can contribute to action. Faculty leads continue to represent SAN on Sustainability Committee and Deputy Chair of Sustainability Committee is held by a Faculty lead
Engagement and Participation	It is the responsibility of the Network and its members to support and lead Departmental engagement with BU sustainability initiatives, in particular three KPIs: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Teaching: All programmes are aligned to 1 or more UN Sustainable Development Goals by 2025 2. Teaching: All programmes to include the climate and ecological crisis in their indicative content in at least one unit per level by 2025. 3. Research: All Research & Knowledge Exchange projects are aligned to 1 or more UN SDG AND all UG and PG year dissertations/projects aligned to 1 or more UN SDG by 2025
Duration	Permanent
Chair	Co-chaired by academics from the BU Sustainability Committee
Support	Sustainability Support Officer
Membership	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. One academic from each Faculty on the BU Sustainability Committee 2. Sustainability Support Officer 3. Academic from each BU Department 4. Representative from the Doctoral College 5. Representative from FLIE 6. SU - VP Education 7. Sustainability Manager <p>The Co-Chairs may invite others to attend as appropriate.</p> <p>Substitutes may attend with the agreement of the Co-Chair</p>
Quorum	No minimum quorum specified but must include a Co-Chair.
Frequency	Approximately termly (at least three per year)
Reporting Line	Reports to the BU Sustainability Committee To provide a short update to the BU Sustainability Committee following each meeting to address decisions made, matters requiring decision or approval and reporting on progress.
Records of meetings	Minutes will be prepared and will be available via MS Teams
Publication of papers	Papers are not routinely published.
Review	Last review date Sept 2023. Next review due Sept 2024.