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UCS Update

Student Engagement:

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	it is not possible to turn off computers as they are being used remotely).	
9 Conferencing	Food Choices: The department has not had opportunities to implement any new measures. It was intended to speak to summer school organisers and big events to promote vegetarian options (particularly with summer schools to promote one day a week of vegetarian food). The food choices will be brought up when opportunity allows. AB can help support this. There was a potential for significant wins with lots of meal choices in one go.	
10 Accommodation	<p>Laundry Services: These will go over to an app with no coins, beginning from Clare Court.</p> <p>Recycling: All rooms at St Regis now have recycling bins. Students have been emptying bins themselves.</p> <p>Posters: Additional posters were requested. <i>[Post meeting note: These are now in place around the College, including in St Regis.]</i></p> <p>Heating: Empty rooms have had the radiators turned down.</p>	
12 Buildings	<p>St Regis: There have been some complaints about the heating, however the building generally gives better individual control. The heating timings have been adjusted, and the building is well insulated so may not need as much heating as other buildings. The site has photovoltaics on the roof which will generate electricity, and a CHP unit. Although a CHP unit might not be a first choice today, the design was done 4-5 years ago when this was seen as a sustainable option. Discussions with the manufacturers have given assurances that it will be more efficient than modern gas boilers, producing electricity as a by-product. 102 Chesterton Road is currently being connected to the heat and power from St Regis, and the site has green roofs. The site also has electric vehicle charging points.</p> <p>Old Court Sustainability Report: Although the options were constrained by the existing site and architecture, the use of timber was very positive.</p> <p>Carbon Zero: The University has a Zero Carbon strategy, and the College has engaged with Element Energy, who are advising the University, in connection with Memorial Court. There is potential for a future heating main running as far as the University Library. The College is currently looking at Ground Source Heat Pumps around Memorial Court, and it is hoped to have a report back by the time of Estates Committee.</p> <p>EPCs and Energy Intensities: The College is having Energy Performance Certificates done for buildings at the Colony (mini energy audits). Details on building energy intensities were circulated</p>	

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Carbon Neutral Working Group: There was a general recommendation to set up a Carbon Neutral Working Group, which other Colleges had done. However, Clare had initially moved faster than most other Colleges in setting up the Environment Committee. The new Master would need to be involved in any discussions. DH / AB / ACS to try to meet with Professor Phil Allmendinger to look at the roles of the group(s) going forwards.

Electric Vehicles: The College currently only has a charging point at the Colony. One of the few realistic ways to reduce the footprint of driving into work was to provide charging points, to encourage

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Dates for Next
Meetings

6 May 2021, 2pm-4pm