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Dear Colleagues,

In June our campus approved a new procedure (attached) to provide a framework for developing and evaluating new sustainability policies and initiatives for our campus. The Sustainability Council, on which I ask you to serve, represents the highest level of evaluation of such policies and initiatives. The Council bears the ultimate responsibility for ensuring that the campus meets its Illinois Climate Action Plan (iCAP) targets, and has two specific roles in this context.

First, the Council is to evaluate recommendations from the topical Sustainability Working Advisory Teams (SWATeams) that have major impacts on campus budget or policy. These recommendations have first been vetted by the iCAP Working Group, and any necessary information-gathering or feasibility studies should already be complete by the time the Council reviews these recommendations. The iCAP Working Group will then coordinate the implementation of the Council's decisions.

Second, the Council is responsible for evaluating revisions to the iCAP, which will occur every 5 years starting in 2015. These revisions will begin as recommendations from individual SWATeams, will be informed by public input sessions coordinated by iSEE, and will be synthesized into a complete document by the iCAP Working Group. The Sustainability Council should receive the proposed revision by the start of 2015 for its evaluation, with the aim that I will be able to approve the final 2015 iCAP by April.

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As you are no doubt aware, our campus is placing a renewed emphasis on the topic of sustainability, following the results of the Visioning Future Excellence process and the creation of iSEE. In 2008, our campus signed on to the American College & University Presidents' Climate Commitment, and in implementing this new procedure we reaffirm our commitment to become carbon neutral as soon as possible while also serving as a model of sustainability for all universities in the nation. Thank you in advance for helping to bring this vision to reality.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Phyllis M. Wise", with a long, sweeping horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Phyllis M. Wise
Chancellor

Attachment