



STUDENT SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE

Funding Award and Acceptance Letter

February 18, 2016

Project Leaders: Eric Benson
Project: A Campus Circular Economy

Dear Mr. Benson:

On behalf of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign Student Sustainability Committee (SSC), I would like to thank you for considering the funds raised by the Sustainable Campus Environment Fee to implement a project that improves the sustainability of our campus. SSC is pleased to inform you that we are recommending to the Institute for Sustainability, Energy, and Environment (iSEE) that the Campus Circular Economy project **receives \$37,695 in grant funding. Only one year of staffing is funded under this award.**

In order to remain eligible for this award, you must agree to the following conditions:

1. A final report of all work completed should be provided to the SSC Program Advisor by January 31, 2018.
2. Project status updates and detailed account statements must be provided at the end of each semester until the project is completed.
3. The CFOP provided for this award shall strictly be used for the money awarded in this proposal.
4. Any substantial modifications to project scope, budget, or timeline must first be approved by SSC. These requests must be submitted in a formal letter to the Chair and Program Advisor.
5. All projects will be expected to follow campus policies and procedures as well as any applicable State and Federal laws.
6. SSC reserves the right to revoke funding if the project does not comply with the terms and conditions outlined in this letter.
7. Any press releases or educational/promotional materials involving the project should acknowledge SSC funding.
8. Any signage involving the project or events surrounding this project should include SSC's logo and/or a statement of which fee funded the project. Projects must coordinate with SSC to ensure promotion appropriately highlights the SSC's contributions to the project.
9. Projects must participate in the Campus Sustainability Symposium at least once before June 30, 2018.

If you agree to the terms and conditions for the funding, please sign on the designated line at the bottom of this letter. If you have any questions regarding these requirements please contact the Chair, Paul Couston, at pcousto2@illinois.edu or the SSC Coordinator, Micah Kenfield, at kenfield@illinois.edu. You will be notified when the Institute for Sustainability, Energy, and Environment and Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs officially approves this project. Again, thank you for your interest in improving the sustainability of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. We look forward to working with you in the future.



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Project Information

Project: A Campus Circular Economy – From Farm to Table & Desk

Funding Source: Sustainable Campus Environment Fee

Funding Amount: \$37,695

Receiving Campus Unit: Art + Design

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Project Description:

The Sustainable Student Farm (SSF), has been growing sustainably produced vegetables for the U of I campus community since 2009. Since 2012, Fresh Press (FP) has been producing paper from agricultural waste like soybean stalks and prairie grass, including much of the waste from SSF.

This project deepens the connection between SSF and Fresh Press while expanding their offerings to the community. In addition to expanding the current paper production, this project will also allow for the creation of a Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) program at the Sustainable Student Farm, increasing the farm's ability to sustain itself financially. Through employing students while selling their products to the campus and the community, this proposal ultimately truly creates a circular and sustainable economy on campus while furthering campus sustainability goals.

This proposal directly funds:

1. Additional papermaking units for Fresh Press
2. Marketing and outreach for the new CSA program
3. Initial funding for student salaries for Fresh Press and the Sustainable Student Farm