**Funding Award and Acceptance Letter**

April 4, 2014

Project Leader: Brian Jacobson

Project Team: Juan Andrade, Youngsoo Lee, Nicki Engeseth, Zack Grant, Bruce Branham, Christopher Henning, Dawn Aubrey

Project: Sustainable Agriculture Food System-Phase II

Re: Sustainable Campus Environment Fee – Award Recommendation

Dear Mr. Jacobson:

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 Sustainable Agriculture Food System-Phase II project **receives $387,000.00 in grant funding**.

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

1. All funds must be spent by December 31, 2015.
2. A final report of all work completed should be provided by January 31, 2016.
3. Project status updates and detailed account statements must be provided at the end of each semester until the project is completed.
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. Upon implementation, signage must educate the public about the project and its impact on campus.
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.
9. Any press releases involving the project should acknowledge SSC funding.

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, Marika Nell, at [nell2@illinois.edu](mailto:nell2@illinois.edu) or the Interim SSC Program Advisor & Student Programs & Activities Assistant Director, Dementro Powell, at [dementro@illinois.edu](mailto:dementro@illinois.edu). You will be notified when the Institute for Sustainability, Energy, and Environment 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.

**SSC Signatories** **Awardee Signatory**

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Marika Nell Brian Jacobson

Chair, Student Sustainability Committee Department of Food Science & Human Nutrition

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Kathryn KinleyTreasurer, Student Sustainability Committee \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Dr. Evan DeLucia, Director

Institute for Sustainability, Energy, and Environment

**Project Information**

**Project:** Sustainable Agriculture Food System-Phase II

**Funding Source:** Sustainable Campus Environment Fee

**Funding Amount:** $387,000.00

**Award Code:** 1-303692-698000-698143-698SA2

**Receiving Campus Unit:** Department of Food Science & Human Nutrition

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**Project Description:** This application is the funding request for Phase 2 of a 3 phase project originally submitted in spring 2013. The first phase was fully funded by the SSC, and the attached document contains updates on the progress. The project was started after Brian attended a SSF open house and spoke to Zack about their successes and challenges on the farm. After many discussions with Zack, FSHN faculty and staff, and Dining Services, it was determined to be a viable project with tremendous potential. Our goal is to operate a model local food system that provides sustainably processed tomato sauce, made from freshly grown tomatoes, to the campus Dining Halls. We plan on making this project, its experiences, and data accessible to the campus community and others involved in the local food movement. A long term goal would be to expand the products that we can handle to include all commonly grown produce in Illinois. There is a great need to expand this knowledge, and the USDA is motivated in the local food movement.