March 31, 2011

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (UIUC) Student Sustainability Committee

Re: Request for funding from the UIUC Sustainability / Clean Energy Technology Fees

Project: Natural Resources Building Prairie

Applicant: Gary Miller

Dear Gary:

On behalf of the Student Sustainability Committee for the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, I would like to thank you for responding to our call for proposals to use funds raised by the Student Clean Energy Technology and Sustainability Fees to implement a project that improves the sustainability of our campus. Each proposal was evaluated based on its sustainability impact (i.e. energy or sustainability impact, campus presence, project longevity, and budget) and broader impact (i.e. education and creativity).

The Committee is pleased to inform you that we are recommending to the Office of Sustainability that your project (to grow plants for use on campus sustainable landscaping projects, plant a prairie garden at the Natural Resources Building and develop education/outreach materials) receive \$20,000 in grant funding, with the following requirements: 1.) That you include significant student involvement in this project, 2.) that the project be enacted as discussed in the proposal, 3) That all funds provided by the SSC be expended by May 31st, 2012 and that a final report of all work completed and accounting of funds spent be provided to us by June 30th, 2012. If you have any questions regarding these requirements, please contact us at sustainability-committee@illinois.edu.

The Committee will contact you when the Office of Sustainability officially approves this project. At that point, we will discuss the Committee's protocol for financial and progress management to complete this project, and make arrangements for transfer of funds. As previously discussed, semesterly updates and account statements describing how funds are being used will be required in addition to a comprehensive final report on project completion. Please note that all implemented projects will be expected to follow the relevant campus policies and procedures as well as any applicable State and Federal laws.

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.

Sincerely,

Suhail F. Barot

UIUC Student Sustainability Committee, Chair