



Project: Student Farm

Funding Source: Sustainable Campus Environment Fee

Funding Amount: \$25,000

Receiving Campus Unit: Crop Sciences Department

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Project Description:

This proposal looks to continue to develop a student run farm at the Horticultural Pomology Farm on the southeast corner of Lincoln and Windsor. As a partnership between the campus horticulture program and students, the farm will significantly contribute to campus food needs by supplying produce to University food service operations. This will allow the campus to move toward a more sustainable agricultural model and reduce greenhouse gas emissions associated with food transportation. Student volunteers and Crop Sciences employees will harvest, process and deliver fresh crops to University Dining Services, which will pay the prevailing market rate for the produce. This model should allow the project to bring in adequate funding in the near future, and the requested funds will be used to propel the farm to achieve self-sustaining operations in 2011. Further, a sign will inform the community of the farm's presence and open houses will be held to introduce students and staff to this sustainable agriculture operation. This continued and expanded project will provide tangible evidence of campus commitment to responsible sustainable behavior. Thus, the Student Sustainability Committee is in favor of funding the fully requested amount of \$25,000.

Student Sustainability Committee:

Suhail Barot, 09-10 Committee Chair

Date Approved: May 20, 2010

Erin Harper, 09-10 Committee Vice-Chair

Date Approved: _____

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