**Funding Award and Acceptance Letter**

May 6, 2014

Project Leader: Dr. Xinlei Wang

Project Team: Kevin Donovan, Brandon Giannoni, Leah Wurster

Project: SECS Re\_Home Landscaping Project

Re: Sustainable Campus Environment Fee – Award Recommendation

Dear Dr. Wang:

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 SECS Re\_Home Landscaping project **receives $4,008.00 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 May 31, 2016.
2. A final report of all work completed should be provided by June 30, 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 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 Dr. Xinlei Wang

Chair, Student Sustainability Committee Department of Agricultural and Biological Engineering

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

Institute for Sustainability, Energy, and Environment

**Project Information**

**Project:** SECS Re\_Home Landscaping

**Funding Source:** Sustainable Campus Environment Fee

**Funding Amount:** $4,008.00

**Award Code:** 1-303692-741000-741104

**Receiving Campus Unit:** Department of Agricultural and Biological Engineering

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**Project Description:**

The Re\_Home, developed by students and faculty here at the University of Illinois to compete in the 2011 Solar Decathlon, will now be permanently located on campus and for this reason, a landscaping and beautification plan is currently under development. In maintaining "sustainability ideology", the landscaping plans for this project are geared toward sustainability with the use of native, low maintenance plants as well as vegetables, edible herbs, and fruit trees. The Re\_Home is an exemplary embodiment of sustainability and acts as a showcase in sustainability education with target audiences not only including students of the University of Illinois and of education centers within the Urbana-Champaign region, but students and tourists at a national and even global scale as well.