



November 14, 2011

To
Michael J. Hogan, President,
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
364 Henry Administration Bldg, Urbana, IL
MC-346

cc. Lisa Troyer, Chief of Staff
cc. Phyllis Wise, Chancellor, Urbana Campus
cc Pradeep Khanna, Director, Office of Sustainability

Re: President's Office Contribution to Revolving Loan Fund

Dear President Hogan,

This letter is in reference to your commitment on May 3rd, 2011 (at a meeting between yourself, Chancellor Easter and student representatives) to provide the President's Office funds previously allocated to the Wind Turbine project to a project selected by the Campus leadership and students in its place. The Office of the Chancellor, Facilities & Services and the Student Sustainability Committee have concluded an agreement (attached) to allocate funding toward a campus revolving loan fund in place of the turbine project that was pursued since 2003. We request \$750,000 in President's office funds to support this fund.

This fund will carry out efficiency projects at the Urbana campus that will support the campus's climate action plan, and reduce energy costs for the campus. At this time, funds of \$1,500,000 have been contributed toward it: \$1,000,000 from the Office of the Chancellor and \$500,000 from the Student Sustainability Committee. Additionally, the Office of the Chancellor has committed to matching future student contributions to the fund, and we hope that your office will also consider future financial contributions.

The committee tasked with managing the revolving loan fund has identified \$2,250,000 in projects - \$1,500,000 in T-12 to T-8 fluorescent lighting retrofits, \$250,000 in LED exit sign lighting replacements and \$500,000 in occupancy sensor retrofits to utilize these funds this year. All the above projects will be eligible for state energy efficiency rebate funding and have paybacks less than five years. The funds from your office will be utilized to support this set of worthy projects. Please note that this set of projects adds up to less than half the anticipated cost of the wind turbine.

We look forward to hearing from you about receipt of funds from your office to make these projects a reality and to make our University more sustainable.

Sincerely,

Suhail Barot,
Committee Chair,
On behalf of the Student Sustainability Committee