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**SUSTAINABILITY COUNCIL 2024-2025- REVISED**

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Dear Colleagues,

In 2014, the campus approved a procedure (attached) for developing and evaluating new sustainability policies and initiatives for the institution. The Sustainability Council represents the highest level of evaluation of such policies and initiatives. I am writing to ask you to serve on the Council, which bears the ultimate responsibility for ensuring the campus meets its Illinois Climate Action Plan (iCAP) targets.

The Council has two specific roles. First, it is tasked with evaluating recommendations from the iCAP topical teams that significantly impact the campus budget or policy. Before the Council reviews the recommendations, they are vetted by the iCAP Working Group, and all necessary information-gathering or feasibility studies is completed. The iCAP Working Group will then coordinate the implementation of the Council's decisions.

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Second, the Council is responsible for evaluating revisions to the iCAP, which will occur every five years since issuance of the first iCAP in 2010. The [iCAP 2020](#) includes 56 SMART (specific, measurable, achievable, relevant, and time-based) objectives organized into eight key themes: Energy, Transportation, Land & Water, Zero Waste, Education, Engagement, Resilience, and Implementation. The iCAP 2025 is under development, and the Sustainability Council will play a key role in reviewing and vetting the new objectives.

As you know, the campus has embraced sustainability actions following the Visioning Future Excellence process and the establishment of iSEE. In February 2016, our institution committed to the Second Nature Resilience Commitment, pledging to assess how our operations are vulnerable to changes in climate. In addition to this, the Urbana-Champaign campus is a charter signatory of Second Nature's full Climate Commitment, which includes the 2008 American College & University Presidents' Climate Commitment (now known as the Second Nature Carbon Commitment).

By dedicating time, attention, and resources to implementing these commitments, we reaffirm our pledge to achieve carbon neutrality as soon as possible and to lay the groundwork for continued excellence of the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign. I am confident that our campus can serve as a model of sustainability for universities nationwide.

Thank you in advance for your efforts to make this vision a reality. To confirm your willingness to serve on the Council, please email Elizabeth Murphy, Managing Director, iSEE, at [eamurphy@illinois.edu](mailto:eamurphy@illinois.edu).

Sincerely,



Robert J. Jones  
Chancellor

Attachment