



**Memorandum of Understanding for Sustainability Projects between the Student Sustainability Committee
and the Illini Union at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign**

Background:

The Student Sustainability Committee (SSC) is tasked with the allocation of the proceeds of two student environmental fees – the Clean Energy Technology Fee (\$2/ Semester) and the Sustainable Campus Environment Fee (\$14/Semester), to improve the sustainability of our campus. The Illini Union serves as a community center for students, alumni, faculty, staff and guests at the University, and a resource for all student organizations at the University. The SSC and the Illini Union have previously collaborated on energy efficiency programs such as installation of occupancy sensors, retro-commissioning of the Illini Union bookstore building and the hiring of a program advisor to support the SSC's work.

Program:

The SSC and the Illini Union will collaborate on sustainability projects to take place at the Illini Union. The completion of such projects will improve the sustainability of the campus, establish the Illini Union as a leader among campus facilities in sustainability, reduce its operating costs, and create a model for other facilities and departments at the University of Illinois. To support these projects, both the SSC and the Illini Union will set aside funding via a revolving loan pool.

Terms:

1. The Illini Union will set up an internal revolving pool (Pool) to fund sustainability projects at all Illini Union facilities.
2. The Pool will be administered by a sustainability committee internal to the Illini Union (Committee). Student representatives, including one from the SSC appointed by the SSC Chair and one from the Illini Union Board, appointed by the President of the Board will be included as members to this Committee.
3. The Committee will select projects to be funded in each academic year and submit them to the Director of the Illini Union and the SSC. Approval from both parties will be required before project implementation.
4. Savings from these projects (credited at fully loaded utility rates), and any DCEO rebates will be returned to the Pool, to be used on future sustainability projects by the Illini Union.
5. The SSC will set aside up to \$100,000 annually in support of these projects. Funds provided by the SSC will be matched on a 1:1 basis by the Illini Union. These funds will be deposited into the Pool, and projects will be funded from the Pool.

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6. Projects funded each year must be completed by the Illini Union within 12 months of the disbursement of funds. Phasing arrangements may be made for multi-year projects.
7. The Illini Union will provide the SSC with an annual report for projects completed each year.
8. The Illini Union will also appropriately publicize these projects, and the SSC's support of these projects.
9. All funds provided by this transfer will be used in a manner consistent with University of Illinois policies and procedures, as well as any applicable state and federal laws.
10. This agreement will take effect starting FY 2011-12 and will last for a period of five years, unless terminated by either party.
11. The Pool will remain in existence regardless of program termination and savings from previous projects will continue to be reinvested in new sustainability projects. The funding pool itself may be terminated with the mutual agreement of the Illini Union and the SSC.
12. The creation of this Pool is specifically intended to support high-payback projects (that the SSC does not normally fund or funds through loans). However, this agreement does not preclude the Illini Union from applying for other SSC grant funds for appropriate and innovative projects.

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