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Dear colleagues,

Thank you for your continuous support of the university's Climate Leadership Commitments. We are excited to have launched the Illinois Climate Action Plan (iCAP) 2020. I am happy to let you know that Chancellor Jones approved the updated procedures for the iCAP. One of the major changes in the iCAP procedures is to have a sub-committee formed from the Sustainability Council, and I am happy to invite you to serve on that sub-committee. I will also serve as a member of the sub-committee. I request that Mike DeLorenzo chair this sub-committee. Additionally, all of you are included as members of the full Sustainability Council and will be invited to those meetings.

This sub-committee will meet once each spring and fall semester before the Sustainability Council meetings, starting in spring 2021. This will increase Council meetings from two per academic year to four. Currently the Council meetings in April and November address some major recommendations with large funding requests (e.g., Solar Farm 2 and Solar Farm 3), considerable impacts to the campus, and/or major administrative involvement (e.g., the ethic training on campus sustainability). However, the iCAP Working Group (iWG) has also received and endorsed some recommendations from iCAP Teams that request medium to medium-large funding support and need coordination across multiple campus units (e.g., implementation of best management practices for the non-research land owned by the University and incorporation of green infrastructure in campus parking lots). The implementation of these recommendations needs active campus-level decisions, similar to the major projects addressed at the Council meetings. However, these projects could not be addressed at the either of the two Council meetings due to lack of time. To realize the iCAP objectives of 2020-2025, we expect to have more major and medium-large recommendations which will need decision/approval from the Council. Like the regular Council meetings, the Council's sub-committee meetings will be organized by iSEE along with F&S.

This Sustainability Council sub-committee, as described in the new iCAP procedures, will handle these medium or medium-large recommendations that need the involvement of the campus administration



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and make decisions and/or provide approval on behalf of the Council. The sub-committee will also have some preliminary discussion on some major recommendations, of which the decision will be made at a Council meeting. All large recommendations will continue to be decided at the full Council meetings.

Per the formal iCAP Procedures: "Large-scale iCAP Team recommendations that are forwarded to the Sustainability Council will first be discussed and clarified by a task force, which is a sub-committee of the Council. The task force will also discuss and make decisions on some mid-scale recommendations that need the coordination of multiple campus units and/or are subject to funding issues that cannot be resolved by corresponding unit(s). This task force will be led by the Senior Associate Chancellor for Administration and Operations. It will always include the iSEE Director, F&S Executive Director, Executive Associate Provost for Capital Planning, the Associate Vice Chancellor for Auxiliary, Health & Wellbeing, and the iWG co-chairs (standing members). Additional Sustainability Council members, iWG members, or other subject matter experts may be invited to participate as needed, depending on the recommendations to be discussed. The iSEE Sustainability Programs Manager will provide administrative support for the task force. It is anticipated that this task force will provide a forum to discuss more difficult sustainability challenges for campus."

We appreciate your commitment, leadership, and enthusiasm to this timely and significant campus service especially during this pandemic period. Please let me know of your willingness to serve on this committee. We will then be in touch to schedule a meeting this Fall.

Regards

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