

iWG Assessment

iCAP Team Recommendation Ref #: Edu007 Big10 Green Career Fair

Date of iWG Assessment Started: 9/9/22

Assessment Transmitted: 9/30/22

iWG Recommendation:

We recommend that the Career Center work to develop a Big10 Green Career Fair, with input from iSEE, iCAP Teams, and the Big Ten and Friends Sustainability Group.

Existing programs at other universities can provide examples, such as

<https://careerhelp.umn.edu/environmental-internship-career-fair>,
<https://careercenter.umich.edu/events/89341-21667393>, <https://senr.osu.edu/events/environmental-sustainability-career-fair-person>, and <https://oneillcareerhub.indiana.edu/events/2022/09/20/oneill-environment-and-sustainability-career-focus-fair-in-person/>.

iWG Routing Direction (Department name, iCAP Team, or Council): Career Center

Individual comments from each iWG member:

iWG Member Name	iWG Member's Comments
Jennifer Fraterrigo (iSEE)	I support this recommendation. Many of our peer-institutions have green career fairs and students interested in sustainability-oriented careers would benefit. The UI Career Center should lead this effort, with iSEE serving as a resource.
Morgan White (F&S)	I agree.
Jamie Singson (Representing Auxiliaries)	The Big Ten Academic Alliance (BTAA) headquarters are located here in Champaign https://btaa.org/ , btaa-about-us.pdf . I looked and could not find sustainability as an articulation in their core mission. They would be a good resource for communications across the Big10 Network. Also, maybe we could help stimulate sustainability to be a focus area where linked are academic goals with employment objectives for the Big10. Just an idea.
Brian Bundren (Provost Office)	I support this recommendation.
Jim Brennan (Academic Senate)	I support this recommendation.
Sandy Yoo (System Office)	UOCP supports this initiative.
Qu Kim (Representing College Facilities)	I support the initiative.

Derek Fultz (Representing College Facilities)	I agree with this recommendation and also feel that needed resources can likely be shared across all participating universities.
Lucy Nifong (Student Sustainability Committee)	I support this recommendation. Careful vetting of companies/organizations should be prioritized to prevent green washing.
Danika Ford (Student Sustainability Leadership Council)	I support this recommendation as sustainability is a fast-growing career field and it is crucial that students are informed on the jobs and careers available within it.
Alexandra Gergova, Illinois Student Government Environmental Sustainability Committee	I support this recommendation!

Original iCAP Team Recommendation:

The Education iCAP Team recommends that the Career Center establish a Big Ten Green Career Fair. This will be modeled after the All-Ivy Environmental and Sustainable Development Career Fair.

iWG Assessment of budget and policy impacts (*check one*):

moderate budget and/or policy impact OR major budget and/or policy implications

iWG Routing Need (*check one*):

more detailed study OR transmit recommendation OR forward to Sustainability Council