

# iWG Assessment

iCAP Team Recommendation Ref #: Engagement005 DIA and Green Sports Alliance

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**iWG Recommendation:** DIA should join the Green Sports Alliance, and support the iCAP efforts. This includes operational sustainability efforts and educational marketing messaging.

DIA should form a sustainability green team with a named chair-person and student, faculty, and staff membership. This could also take the form of a sustainability coordinator who would serve as a liaison between the broader campus sustainability efforts / iCAP teams and Athletics internal structures and teams.

**iWG Routing Direction (*Department name, iCAP Team, or Council*):** DIA

Individual comments from each iWG member:

iWG Member Name	iWG Member's Comments
Jennifer Fraterrigo (iSEE)	I strongly support the recommendation for the DIA to become *active* members of the Green Sports Alliance and establish an internal structure for managing sustainability initiatives and liaising with other campus sustainability groups (e.g., a sustainability green team).
Morgan White (F&S)	F&S staff are ready to assist with DIA's sustainability efforts, and we are proud of the work that is already underway (with Coca-cola and LEED certifications).
Jamie Singson (Representing Auxiliaries)	In support of recommendations. I see in the Green Sport Alliance membership that the PAC-12 is listed. Perhaps could lobby the Big10 via DIA to get them to pursue membership too.
Brian Bundren (Provost Office)	I support this recommendation.
Jim Brennan (Academic Senate)	I support this recommendation.
Sandy Yoo (System Office)	I support this recommendation.
Qu Kim (Representing College Facilities)	I support this initiative.
Derek Fultz (Representing College Facilities)	I support this initiative.
Lucy Nifong (Student Sustainability Committee)	I fully support this initiative.

Danika Ford (Student Sustainability Leadership Council)	I strongly support this recommendation as the waste from sporting events has been a sustainability issue students have spoken out about freely. Joining the Green Sports Alliance is also a great way to show other schools that UIUC is serious about sustainability, which could inspire other Big 10 schools to join as well.
Alexandra Gergova, Illinois Student Government Environmental Sustainability Committee	ESC supports this recommendation.

**Original iCAP Team Recommendation:**

The 2020 Illinois Climate Action Plan calls for the university to increase the visibility of campus sustainability efforts by joining the Green Sports Alliance through the Division of Intercollegiate Athletics by summer 2021. While the DIA has not formally joined the Green Sports Alliance, Facilities & Services became a member of the GSA in June 2021, and GSA presented at the October 2021 Illinois Green Infrastructure & Erosion Control Conference. Other Big Ten Institutions involved in the GSA are Indiana University, Michigan State University, Pennsylvania State University, The Ohio State University, The University of Iowa, The University of Michigan, and The University of Minnesota (Swanson 2022).

University of Illinois Athletics is a role model for college sports. Formally enrolling in the Green Sports Alliance will bridge the gap between organizations/colleges on campus, as well as leading sustainable efforts along with other Big 10 Schools.

**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