To Green Labs Committee:

Dear Colleagues:

The Chancellor of the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign signed the [Climate Leadership Commitments](https://icap.sustainability.illinois.edu/project/climate-leadership-commitments), pledging to achieve carbon neutrality as soon as possible and to increase our resilience to climate change. The Illinois Climate Action Plan (iCAP) 2020 outlines a strategic plan to help advance our goals and increase our culture of sustainability on campus. The University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign has experienced great success with the [Freezer Challenge](https://icap.sustainability.illinois.edu/project/freezer-challenge) and we recognize that there exists additional opportunities to increase sustainability efforts within research labs.

Research labs play an important role in advancing iCAP objectives across a variety of themes, including energy, water, waste, and transportation. The responsibility of this committee is to develop recommendations regarding how the research community can most effectively contribute to the decreasing our campus environmental footprint in support of iCAP 2020 goals. Below is an outline of the committee charges:

1. Please evaluate existing Green Lab programs and provide recommendations for the implementation of a similar program for our campus.
2. Outline sustainable best practices, guidelines, and requirements for research labs to implement in a safe, sustainable, and engaging manner (e.g., what are the important components of sustainable lab practices?).

Thank you for your service and commitment to this impactful campus initiative. We look forward to reviewing the deliverables of this committee.

Sincerely,

Dr. Susan Martinis