

student sustainability committee

university of illinois at urbana-champaign



March 11th, 2011

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (UIUC)
Student Sustainability Committee

Re: Request for funding from the UIUC Sustainability / Clean Energy Technology Fees
Project: Sustainability Design Lab and Agrofiber Waste Lab
Applicant: Eric Benson / Steve Kostell

Dear Eric:

On behalf of the Student Sustainability Committee for the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, I would like to thank you for responding to our call for proposals to use funds raised by the Student Clean Energy Technology and Sustainability Fees to implement a project that improves the sustainability of our campus. Each proposal was evaluated based on its sustainability impact (i.e. energy or sustainability impact, campus presence, project longevity, and budget) and broader impact (i.e. education and creativity).

The Committee is pleased to inform you that we are recommending to the Office of Sustainability that your project (to create a sustainable agri-fiber waste and design lab on campus that provides knowledge and services, establishing sustainable print, digital, and systemic design solutions) **receive \$22,500 in grant funding, with the following requirements:** 1) that funds allocated from the Committee be used to cover costs only for the papermaking equipment only, not to purchase digital studio equipment, due to the presence of existing digital studio equipment elsewhere on campus, 2) that all funds provided by the SSC be expended by March 31, 2012 and that a final report of all work completed and accounting of funds spent be provided to us by April 31, 2012, and 3) that a supplementary report be provided by the end of 2013 detailing the progress of this project past the pilot stage (given that this project is described as not being fully established until mid-2013). If you have any questions regarding these requirements, please contact us at sustainability-committee@illinois.edu.

The Committee will contact you when the Office of Sustainability officially approves this project. At that point, we will discuss the Committee's protocol for financial and progress management to complete this project, and make arrangements for transfer of funds. Semesterly update reports and account statements describing how funds are being used will be required in addition to a comprehensive final report on project completion. The committee must approve all substantial modifications to project scope, budget or timeline. Please note that all implemented projects will be expected to follow the relevant campus policies and procedures as well as any applicable State and Federal laws.

Again, thank you for your interest in improving the sustainability of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. We look forward to working with you in the future.

Sincerely,

Suhail F. Barot
UIUC Student Sustainability Committee, Chair

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Project: Sustainable Design Lab and Agrofiber Waste Lab
Funding Source: Sustainable Campus Environment Fee
Funding Amount: \$22,500
Receiving Campus Unit: School of Art & Design
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Project Description:

This proposal aims to create a sustainable design studio that provides knowledge and services by establishing sustainable print, digital, and systemic design solutions for the University of Illinois campus and eventually for the larger community. Within the discourse of a sustainable design studio, this modeling of a paper production studio focuses on use, re-use and manufacture of paper. The aim is to create prototypes of various materials that address issues of office waste paper by integrating locally grown renewable agro-fibers and blended variants (wood-pulp and cotton). The initial explorations of this paper market will focus on artists' papers, model making, and packaging materials as well as related greener options including such products as seed mats that can be placed in areas on campus that would encourage the growth of indigenous plants. The desire is to use this initial phase as a stepping stone toward creating a signature paper that can be used by not only the print designer but also by office printers of the University of Illinois to aid in their daily job functions (syllabi, University letterhead, envelopes, posters, etc.) and to offset the consumption of traditional paper sources. The Student Sustainability Committee is in favor of funding a grant in the amount of \$22,500, to specifically cover the cost of purchasing paper-making equipment.

Student Sustainability Committee:



Suhail Barot, 10-11 Committee Chair




Jenny Koys, 10-11 Committee Treasurer

Date Approved: March 12th, 2011

Date Approved: 4-5-2011

Office of Sustainability:



Steve Sonka, Vice-Chancellor for Public Engagement,
Interim Director, Office of Sustainability

Date Approved: 4/9/11

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