

student sustainability committee

university of illinois at urbana-champaign



May 25th, 2010

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

Re: Funding Support for Prairie Project Instructional Workshop
Contact: Barbara Minsker

Dear Barbara:

The Student Sustainability Committee is pleased to inform you that we are recommending to the Office of Sustainability that the Office of Sustainability **be awarded \$5,000** to support the Prairie Project instructional workshop. The Committee expects these funds to be used to provide modest honoraria to participants in the workshop who undertake to make modifications to a course that they will teach next year, to introduce students to facets of sustainability.

The Committee also expects that participants will be made aware of the Committee's support, and that the Office of Sustainability will contribute or raise all other funds needed for hosting the workshop or administering the program after the workshop. The Committee also expects to be provided with an electronic copy of all materials, assessment data and reports generated as a result of the workshop, and that involved staff will be available to meet with Committee members for any needed follow-up or Committee assessment activities. If you have any questions regarding this award, please contact us at sustainability-committee@uiuc.edu.

The Committee will contact you when the Office of Sustainability officially approves this project. 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: Prairie Project Instructional Workshop

Funding Source: Sustainable Campus Environment Fee

Funding Amount: \$5,000

Receiving Campus Unit: Office of Sustainability

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Project Description:

The Prairie Project is a faculty development workshop with the objective of preparing faculty (and aspiring faculty) to teach on issues of sustainability and to introduce such material into existing campus coursework. The project will reach an interdisciplinary group of 18 faculty members who teach courses reaching thousands of students, and helping achieve campus objectives around sustainability education. This workshop will also serve as a pilot project for larger workshop activities in future years. Committee funds will be used to provide a modest honorarium for participants, who undertake to make modifications to a course that they will teach next year. This workshop is being hosted by the campus Office of Sustainability, and funding support in equal amounts is also being provided by the Office of Sustainability and the Environmental Change Institute. Thus the Committee recommends funding this program in the amount of \$5,000.

Student Sustainability Committee:

Suhail Barot, 09-10 Committee Chair

Date Approved: May 25, 2010

Erin Harper, 09-10 Committee Vice-Chair

Date Approved: 06/01/10

Office of Sustainability:

Richard Warner, Director, Office of Sustainability

Date Approved: JUN 01 2010

Steve Sonka, Vice-Chancellor for Public Engagement

Date Approved: 06/04/10