# *Thank you for your commitment to green initiatives at the University of Illinois. One of the ongoing requirements listed in the terms of the funding agreement for your project is the submission of semesterly reports with key information about your project. In addition to this form, please provide additional financial documentation and/or progress photos if available.*

# *Please be as accurate as possible in describing the project (including possible setbacks or challenges in meeting the initial goals of the project). Not fully meeting your project's goals will not disqualify you from making future funding requests as long as your reports are as complete and accurate as possible. If you have any questions, please contact Micah Kenfield, Program Advisor for the Student Sustainability Committee, at* [*kenfield@illinois.edu*](mailto:kenfield@illinois.edu)*.*

**Project Name:** A Campus Circular Economy – From Farm to Table &Desk

**Date of Report Submission:** 12/7/2016

**Project Purpose:**

This project will not only contribute to sustainability on the Illinois campus, but also create a new standard. By continuing to use responsible and organic agricultural practices that promote soil and human health combined with re-using waste for paper production, SSF and FP together will create a sustainable circular economy on campus where students and faculty are not only consumers but producers. Students on campus will be able to purchase the produce and paper they can also be paid to help grow, harvest, and manufacture through our circular economy model. In every step of the way, the food and paper are more sustainable than their larger commercial counterparts and since they are on campus, have a much smaller carbon footprint. Also embedded in every action is conversation and awareness about sustainability. The print/digital material we plan to produce through our student labor and coordinator positions for SSF and FP, will explain and visually demonstrate the sustainability of the endeavor and food/product choices the students and faculty are making with their dollars.

**Detailed Accounting of Expenditures to Date:**

Drybox blotters $1400

Website hosting $144

Hourly labor FP $1118

Hourly labor SSF $1338

RA $10,000

Total: $14,000 spent. $23,695 reamaining

**Project Progress to Date:**

We have completed the summer planning and fall semester of making and marketing shares which included the Artisan and Writing shares. We capped the fall pilot shares at 25 total and sold 75% of those to faculty, staff, and students. We have met in Dec. to discuss lessons learned and have planned a few new shares for the spring term, which will launch in February 2017. Our new shares will be artist prints and postcards promoting Illinois artists. We will open this up beyond campus to further promote the university.

**Student Involvement and Outreach to Date:**

Students are involved in planning what we will create, collecting the agricultura fiber, making the paper themselves, marketing and outreach, and recruiting new employees.

**Marketing and Promotion Efforts to Date:**

We have created a website [www.fiberbyfreshpress.com](http://www.fiberbyfreshpress.com), an Instagram account @fiberbyfreshpress, and printed flyers promoting the CSA on campus. We were interviewed by WCIA CBS news and PaperSlurry blog. CBS will air the interview later in December.

**Additional Comments:**

Any additional comments/relevant information for the semesterly report