

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
Student Engagement | Student Affairs
Student Sustainability Committee



SSC Board Meeting

The Student Sustainability Committee is a group of undergraduate and graduate students dedicated to building a more sustainable Illinois campus, with the partnership of a team of staff and faculty members. SSC allocates funds annually toward the development and seed-funding of projects that have an environmental impact on the university community.

- I. Meeting Called to Order on: **October 08, 2021**
- II. Meeting Called to Order at: 1:59 pm
- III. Purpose of Meeting: *Have SSC members discuss and mayhap vote on issues regarding upcoming events, projects, initiatives.*
- IV. Attendance
 - a. Present: Natalie, Julia, Jack, Emmarie, Sammy, Albert, Liz, Boming, Caitlin, Lucy, Mallory, Nicole, Kevin, Maria, Gina, Meredith, Emma, Andrew, Kyle, Ester, Jessica, Sari, Tori
 - b. Absent: Cici, Matt, Scotlyn, Eric, Barry, McKenzie, Alexandra, Lisa, Morgan, Amanda, David, Eric, Hunter
- V. Agenda Items
 - a. Green Day
 - i. Moved to Tuesday October 12, 2021
 - ii. Volunteers needed
 1. Spreadsheet will be sent out – preferably everyone should sign up for a shift
 - iii. Zack would like to have to final countdown today but there is slight flexibility for Monday
 - b. Recap from last week's working groups, social initiative, communications
 - i. How did it go?
 1. Education & Justice
 - a. Spent time going over the ICAP, to help work toward one of those goals
 - b. Reach out to the cultural house, Asian American reached back that they would share
 2. Food & Waste

- a. Emailed w/ student trying to create new student garden
 - b. Will hear back from representatives next week
 - c. Might want to reach out to director of Spice Café in Bevier Hall
 - 3. Land, Water, Air
 - a. Emma ran the event, for Albert who was sick
 - i. Ran over the ICAP goals, to help come up with a new project ideas
 - 4. Transportation & Infrastructure
 - a. Went over bike plan and ICAP
 - b. Someone came with a project idea: Utilizing drones on campus
 - ii. Further support
 - iii. New ideas for initiatives/projects
- c. Art Initiative Update
 - i. Meredith and Morgan connected SSC to student groups, that already need to work on assignments for class
 - 1. Group 1 – Mural in CIF
 - 2. Group 2 – Paint small utility boxes
- d. Illinois connections – U of I Lobby Days
 - i. Presented by Gina
 - ii. Student to be able to meet with legislatures in Springfield about the experience at UIUC.
 - iii. Students will spend half-day in Springfield and then come back mid-afternoon
 - 1. Student government are typically sent over, but they are trying to branch out
 - a. They were interested in SSC because it very unique to the campus
 - b. Would anyone be interested? Gina will be making a packet with more information
 - c. *Interested, mostly everyone virtual and in-person*
- e. Project Workshop
 - i. Updates
 - 1. First sessions had a good member turnout
 - 2. Second session only had three people
 - 3. Third session also only had three members but allowed for a one-on-one discussion with them
 - ii. Improvements
- f. Farmers Market Social
 - i. October 16, 2021 from 10am-12pm
 - ii. Jack will be present at the social
 - 1. General members are invited, there will be shops hopefully you can get to meet new people before the market closes for the season (there is a bus route that heads over there)
 - 2. Message on Teams
- g. Young Citizens Climate Lobby

- i. "I am Bea Acosta, a fellow at the Citizens Climate Lobby who is a part of the Central Illinois chapter. I would like to partner with the Sustainability Department in order to request a table, spot, or outdoor reserved area to inform the campus of an opportunity to help with a market based climate-incentive. Below I have a flyer that we plan on handing out..."
- ii. CCL is a group that tries to build support for a revenue-neutral carbon fee and dividend
 - 1. What do you think?
 - a. Would the table be under SSC, they are bi-partisan because they would be willing to recruit people for internships
 - b. Would it be too late to invite to the Green Quad, it would a be a great way to help them instead of aligning SSC with them directly.
- h. Upcoming Events: *Soft required to attend to **at least one** event!*
 - i. **October 11, 2021** – Pilot Processing Plant Tour @ 1pm (SSC Funding Recipient)
 - ii. **October 12, 2021** – Tuesday Talk at Bevier Café with McKenzie Johnson @ 11:30-1pm (free food)
 - iii. **October 13, 2021** – G&P Webinar
 - iv. **October 15, 2021** – F&S Solar Open House on Topia @1-2pm
 - v. **October 18, 2021** – Stop Line 3 CU Teach-In and Letter Writing @ 6-8pm CIF Rm 1035
 - vi. **October 19, 2021** – Tuesday Talk at Bevier Café with Aidan Brougham Cook @ 11:30-1pm (Free Food)
 - vii. **October 20, 2021** – SECS Career Panel Zoom @6:30-8pm

VI. Action Items

- a. Team Member's Scheduled Responsibilities (Need to be met before next meeting.)
 - i. Website Profiles
 - 1. Picture profiles to be added to the SSC website, to help increase transparency, connectivity, and highlight SSC members
 - 2. Interest?
 - a. Google form will be sent with information that needed to be filled in order for these pictures to be added to the website!
 - 3. Include your SSC research, to help show what has been done by you individually
- b. Approve Minutes from September 24, 2021
 - i. <https://uofi.box.com/s/or7nio8qlvvgpkyphrz2jm6lvvjf9gtv>
 - 1. Approved.
- c. Previous on-going projects
 - i. Projects were partially funded last year. Should these projects want to request more funding to complete their projects, should they submit a new application or a scope change?

1. The following disclaimer was attached to the funding agreements last year:

“Due to COVID related uncertainties with student fee collection and funding budgets, SSC is only able to offer this funding amount for the 2020-2021 academic year. We are not currently able to guarantee any further funding. However, you are more than welcome to submit additional funding applications for this project in future semesters when we will hopefully have our normal amount of funding to allocate”
- ii. Accounting-wise, it would be easier to continue with a scope change
- iii. Alexandra Harmon-Threatt with “Identifying the Campus Benefits of a Large-Scale Prairie Experiment” reach out
- iv. Decision Ideas
 1. Have apply as new projects, then fund them as a scope change.
 2. Create a new application, especially for them only
 3. The funding agreements are crucial, therefore in order to establish a paper trail it might be better create a new application – Difference matters
 - a. If project is completely different than previously agreed then new application might be required, but overall the nature of the agreement needs to be upheld
 - b. Make a more extended scope change
- d. Sustainability Education Outreach
 - i. SSC wants to increase sustainability education outreach to underrepresented groups
 - ii. This idea would definitely align with ICAP goal of helping encourage love of the environment with children and teenagers
 1. Sammy has been in contact with Barbara, which would help bring a group of people that tend to not usually be funded by the SSC
 - iii. Methods of Outreach
 1. Booker T. Washington STEM Academy
 - a. Jamie Roundtree (Booker T. Washington Principal)
 - i. He would like to bring more mentoring programs, address issues of racism, specifically STEM as it is a main focus on their school
 2. 3 Methods
 - a. Direct SSC Initiative/Program
 - b. SSC General meeting Project
 - c. Partner with College of Education
 - i. Barbara Hug?
 - iv. Have Sammy bring this up at the next engagement meeting
- e. University Expressive Activities Policy
 - i. Policy can be found here: <https://cam.illinois.edu/policies/fo-82draft/>

