

Board Meeting
March 7, 2013

ESTABLISH THE CENTER FOR A SUSTAINABLE ENVIRONMENT, OFFICE OF
THE CHANCELLOR, URBANA

Action: Establish the Center for a Sustainable Environment, Office of the
Chancellor

Funding: No New Funding Required

The Chancellor, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, and Vice
President, University of Illinois with the advice of the Urbana-Champaign Senate
recommends approval of a proposal to establish the Center for a Sustainable Environment
(CSE).

The Center for a Sustainable Environment's mission has two interdependent
directives: to provide national and international leadership on sustainability by providing
support for interdisciplinary education, research, and engagement; and to develop and
implement strategies for a sustainable campus environment. The Urbana-Champaign
campus has an explicit goal of sustainability; the CSE will work to integrate, facilitate,
and foster efforts of faculty, students, and staff in this area.

Campus-wide strengths are exhibited through disciplinary expertise,
interdisciplinary collaborations, influential external partners, practical demonstrations,
local-global connections, and a spirit of enthusiasm that recognizes connections between

sustainability, environment, and human well-being. The CSE will take advantage of these strengths by positioning itself in roles of facilitating, coordinating, and organizing campus resources to capture and amplify the campus-wide strengths on sustainability.

The Board action recommended in this item complies in all material respects with applicable State and federal laws, University of Illinois *Statutes, The General Rules Concerning University Organization and Procedure*, and Board of Trustees policies and directives.

The Vice President for Academic Affairs concurs with this recommendation. The University Senates Conference has indicated that no further Senate jurisdiction is involved.

The President of the University recommends approval. This action is subject to further review and approval by the Illinois Board of Higher Education.