

Board Meeting  
May 17, 2007

APPROVE SUSTAINABLE CAMPUS ENVIRONMENT FEE, URBANA

**Action:** Approve Sustainable Campus Environment Fee

**Funding:** No Funding Required

The Chancellor at Urbana recommends for approval a refundable \$5.00 per semester Sustainable Campus Environment fee, effective Fiscal Year 2008, based upon the results of the student referendum held on March 6 and 7, 2007. Student voters approved with 6,997 “yes” votes to 1,854 “no” votes to the following referendum question: “Do you support the creation of a refundable \$5.00 student fee to help establish a sustainable campus environment by financing initiatives such as green buildings, engagement of the university community, recycling, energy efficiency, and environmentally responsible purchasing?”

This fee was proposed by the Students for Environmental Concerns to assist the University of Illinois in aligning its operations and academics with the principles of sustainability. It was fully discussed with the Illinois Student Senate and the Campus Energy Conservation Committee and both groups were supportive of its passage. A student-led committee, supported by faculty and staff, will make the allocation decisions.

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 President of the University concurs.