

Board Meeting
March 26, 2008

APPROVE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE THE STUDENT SUSTAINABILITY
COMMITTEE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS AT URBANA-CHAMPAIGN

The Board of Trustees at the University of Illinois sincerely appreciates and recognizes the unselfish, dedicated commitment, leadership, and volunteerism of the Student Sustainability Committee.

The Student Sustainability Committee oversees the distribution of two student fees, the \$2-per-semester non-refundable student fee for Clean Energy Technologies as approved by student referendum in 2003, and the \$5-per-semester refundable student fee for a Sustainable Campus Environment as approved by student referendum in spring 2007. The ten student committee members (a) explore options for the use of the student fees for sustainability and alternative energy generation, (b) evaluate the feasibility of projects being discussed with the professional assistance of engineers in the Division of Facilities and Services and the faculty, and (c) obtain cost estimates from the Division of Facilities and Services. The Committee allocates the fees to fund projects that will maximize the impact of each student dollar, will be visible to or impact a great number of students, and will help establish the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign as a leader in sustainable energy practice.

Projects funded to date include an energy audit of the Illini Union; a wind turbine on the South Farms; installation and operation of an E-85 ethanol tank for the campus car pool; development of a biodiesel reactor for the campus car pool; solar photovoltaic array and green roofs for the new College of Business Instructional Facility; and energy efficient lighting for the Waste Management Research Center.

The Board of Trustees hereby recognizes and commends the University of Illinois Student Sustainability Committee for its outstanding example of student volunteerism and awareness, which contributes to the fabric of student life on the Urbana campus, the community, and to the larger society.

The Board of Trustees directs that this resolution be incorporated into the minutes of today's meeting to become a part of the official public record, and that a suitable copy be given to the University of Illinois Student Sustainability Committee as a permanent reminder of the esteem in which it is held.