UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS AT SPRINGFIELD
CAMPUS SENATE AY 2007/2008
RESOLUTION 37-16

Sustainability at University of Illinois at Springfield

WHEREAS, in 1987, the United Nations World Commission on Environment and Development introduced the term sustainability when it declared that “Sustainable development is development that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.” ¹; and

WHEREAS, University of Illinois at Springfield embraces principles of sustainable development that promote:

• A vital and sustainable economy based on attention to environmental, social, and financial performance;
• Commitment to social justice that includes the rights of future generations; and
• Respect and care for the greater community of life in all its diversity, including protection and restoration of the earth's ecosystems; and

WHEREAS, the Illinois Sustainable University Compact², Talloires Declaration³ and American College and University Presidents Climate Commitment⁴ can serve as guiding documents to University of Illinois at Springfield in these efforts; and

WHEREAS, the University of Illinois at Springfield aspires to be a national and international “…role model in promoting campus environmental sustainability”⁵ in all dimensions of its operations (teaching, research, business and finance), recognizing that we are part of a global community with limited resources and that our choices can positively affect that community and campus life; and,


³ http://www.ulsf.org/programs_talloires.html

⁴ http://www.presidentsclimatecommitment.org/

⁵ UIS Strategic Plan, p. 42.
WHEREAS, University of Illinois at Springfield has an obligation to help students become environmentally literate citizens who understand the principles of sustainability and to help prepare citizens for participation in a democratic society; and

WHEREAS the University of Illinois at Springfield has joined the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education; and

WHEREAS, the University of Illinois Board of Trustees has adopted the University Energy Policy which recognizes that the University of Illinois is a major consumer of energy and natural resources, and has mandated that its campuses reduce the use of non-renewable resources and increase energy efficiency; and

WHEREAS, the University of Illinois at Springfield recognizes that our campus must take action to reduce the use of fossil fuels and reduce our carbon footprint; and

WHEREAS, the University of Illinois at Springfield has an obligation to the citizens of the state of Illinois to be wise stewards of scarce resources and to play a role in assuring the continued economic and ecological viability of the state; and

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Campus Senate of the University of Illinois at Springfield support actions to make climate neutrality and sustainability a part of the curriculum and incorporate campus facilities and grounds as learning laboratories as opportunities arise; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the University of Illinois at Springfield Senate support the expansion of research or other efforts necessary to achieve climate neutrality and sustainability, including sustainability practices on the UIS campus; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the University of Illinois at Springfield Senate establish a Committee on Sustainability described in Resolution 37-21;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Campus Senate of the University of Illinois at Springfield transmit this resolution to Chancellor Richard Ringeisen, President Joe White and to the Board of Trustees of the University of Illinois.

6g http://www.uis.edu/generaleducation/about/index.html