



## University of Illinois Springfield

### Student Government Association Resolution SP16-015

*Requesting Students to Vote on Establishing a Green Fee*

Resolution Sponsor: Internal Vice President Duane Malany

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*WHEREAS*, The University of Illinois Springfield (UIS) Student Government Association (SGA) is vested with the authority to be the voice for the student body; and,

*WHEREAS*, Sustainability is an important part at UIUC and UIC,

*WHEREAS*, A Green Fee would bring UIS in line with our sister campuses,

*WHEREAS*, Sustainability is an important step every person should take to combat climate change,

*WHEREAS*, Sustainability would create the following opportunities but not be limited to;

- Creating new Student Worker positions
- Provide funds for Student Organizations to participate in service projects
- Purchase bicycle repair stations near campus housing
- Purchase solar panels to offset energy costs
- Develop an on-campus compost system
- Subsidize compostable material in on-campus eateries
- Subsidize University branded reusable cups
- Construction of on-campus nature trails and educational signs
- Construction of a small nature center featuring environmental education programming for the UIS and Springfield community
- Seed money for creation of trails and bike paths connecting UIS to downtown Springfield and other desirable off-campus sites

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Student Government Association will place a referendum on the Spring 2016 ballot asking students to vote in favor or against establishing a refundable Green Fee to exist from 1 to 8 dollars a semester with a recommendation of starting at 5 dollars the first semester.

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Secretary

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President