



University of Illinois Springfield

Student Government Association Resolution SP16-015

Requesting Students to Vote on Establishing a Green Fee

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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.

Secretary

President