

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
Student Engagement | Student Affairs
Student Sustainability Committee



SSC Board Meeting

The Student Sustainability Committee is a group of undergraduate and graduate students dedicated to building a more sustainable Illinois campus, with the partnership of a team of staff and faculty members. SSC allocates funds annually toward the development and seed-funding of projects that have an environmental impact on the university community.

- I. Meeting Called to Order on: September 24, 2021
- II. Meeting Called to Order at: 1:00 pm
- III. Purpose of Meeting
- IV. Attendance
 - a. Present: Sammy Yoo, Lizette Mendoza, Albert Rios, Jack Reicherts, Scotlyn Belew, Maria Maring, Caitlin Bloomer, Julia Marsaglia, Cinderella Teng, Holly Hahn, Tori Lawlor, Emmarie Alexander, Sari Alkhatib, Nicole Arnold, Mallory Mahen, Scotlyn Belew, Boming Yang, Emma Loew, Lucy Nifong, Albert Rios, Natalie Hill, Eric Benson, Jessica Brinkworth, Barry Houser, McKenzie Johnson, Kevin McSweeney, Andrew Stumpf, Gina Lee-Olukoya, Morgan White, Amanda Wahba
 - b. Absent: Matt Fleniken, Esther Ngumbi, Kyle Smith, Alexandria Gergova, Lisa Peacock, David Guth, Eric Green, Meredith Moore, Hunter Kelly
- V. Agenda Items
 - a. Land Acknowledgement Statement
 - b. Approving Past Minutes
 - i. <https://uofi.app.box.com/file/857853848218?s=40dc9a131oqk5baq121zxn9gwiw6byl>
 - ii. Approved
 - c. Working Group Updates from past week
 - i. Energy - Scotlyn
 1. Had a good turnout, there seem to interest in upcoming events
 - ii. Food & Waste – Lucy

1. GM interest in potential project application workshop
- iii. Land, Water, & Air – Albert
 1. There was potential project proposal.
- iv. Transportation & Infrastructure – Natalie
 1. Not that many people in attendance, two more people probably not returning (came to propose a project)
- v. SI/Comms - Julia
 1. GM didn't not necessarily feel included
 - a. Mayhap involve GM, once the SI group has better footing and understanding on what is happening
- vi. Hybrid-Possibility for WG Meetings
 1. Up to the discretion of each lead, depending on the interest and needs of the
- vii. How to improve GM turnouts
 1. Invite classes, that may have direct connections to the working groups
 2. Talk to TAs, perhaps encourage them to offer extra credit for attending
- viii. Question: Is comms reaching out to cultural houses, RSOs, professors, etc asking about projects or should WG do it?
 1. Working groups should be responsible for reaching out
- ix. Question: Sammy can you get the class inventory from Eric with instructor names for sustainability-related classes?
 1. Look through the I-CAP portal, fill and accomplish the goals that have not been completed yet. Identify the needs then reach out to classes. Working groups should work on this, to try and bring in projects.
- x. Question: Should SSC compensate guest speakers?
 1. Yes
- d. Art Initiative Updates
 - i. Email from local artists
 1. Hold back on the project, but continue promoting the general idea
 2. Looking for a person to take over the project, SSC can fund the project
- e. Sustainability Summit
 - i. Updates
 1. GM Involvement
 2. Trivia Questions
 - a. General member involvement is going to be done with trivia questions
 3. SM Design
 - a. Wish to involve later on general members to work on design
 4. Researchers
 - a. Research symposium
 - i. Had not obtained undergraduates to present
 - b. Could be presented at UGC (United Greek Council)

- f. Coffee Hours
 - i. Developed by Comms and WGs
 - ii. Interested?
 - 1. Any ideas, that can be presented in your working groups? If want to put on an event then let Jack know
- g. Project Workshop
 - i. Meant to serve as a guide, to show students where they can become involved with sustainability; serve as a guiding hand
 - ii. Each workshop progress towards a more logistical stance
 - 1. Reach out to Rachel Switzky, to help cross-promote and over a location at the Siebel center
 - iii. Thoughts
 - 1. Consideration to move the dates for workshop at is a little close to the application deadline
 - iv. Promotion
 - 1. Reach out anyone than you know!
 - 2. Mass Mail
- h. Items of Interest
 - i. Allerton In-Resident Program: Rooting a Deeper Connection
 - 1. <https://allerton.illinois.edu/allerton-in-residence-program-rooting-a-deeper-connection/>
 - 2. Celebrates the arts and study of nature within Black and Latinx communities → Allerton seeks to connect more deeply with visitors, guests, and stakeholders
 - ii. 2021 Campus Sustainability Celebration and Appreciation Event
 - 1. Event Details:
 - a. October 20, 2021 at NCSA (1205 W Clark St., Urbana) from 1-4 pm
 - b. Network opportunity with sustainability advocates; all welcome
 - i. Follow COVID regulation guidelines

VI. Action Items

- a. Team Member's Scheduled Responsibilities (Need to be met before next meeting.)
 - i. GEEB (Graduates in Ecology & Evolutionary Biology)
 - 1. Need a speaker for a lunchtime presentation on environmental justice
 - 2. Volunteer? Mallory Mahen
 - 3. Suggestive volunteer? Collaborate with Resilience SWATeam in iSEE
- b. ECEB Scope Change
 - i. Teach students, faculty, and campus visitors about energy use and methods of energy reduction; through personal energy-consumption
 - ii. Requesting
 - 1. Extended deadline due to COVID-related delays

- 2. Under-budget and would like use surplus for continued programming updates and posters
 - iii. Motion to Approve: Albert
 - iv. Second: Boming
 - 1. Yes: 13
 - 2. No: 0
 - 3. Abstention: 0
 - c. New Comms Powers
 - i. <https://union.illinois.edu/general/marketing-services>
 - ii. No more Comms/Sl meetings
 - iii. Erik Riha – Union Design
 - 1. Can reach out if need be with complex designs
 - 2. SSC can hire someone to pay for promotional material
 - a. Can be placed in free and/or paid locations
 - d. CIF Dedication Ceremony
 - i. SSC funding \$375,000
 - ii. Ceremony Details:
 - 1. October 01, 2021 @ 3:30pm on the Monumental Steps at CIF
 - iii. Jack will be speaking at the event!
 - iv. Feel free to come!
 - e. Gies RSOs Presentation
 - i. Event details:
 - 1. September 28, 2021 @ 5 pm in BIF
 - ii. Michel Watkins – Senior Assistant Director – reached out about this
 - 1. Sammy will be promoting SSC involvement to GIES RSOs
 - iii. If available please attend the event, good opportunity to promote the SSC to a different group
 - f. Trivia Question
 - i. <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1-INsaN0y-AS03qLAuMB-PSbADLn43sa3VPqmyvt54AY/edit?usp=sharing>
- VII. Items to be Discussed at Forthcoming Meeting
 - a. N/A
- VIII. Date of Forthcoming Board Meeting
 - a. **October 08, 2021 @ 1-2 pm**

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- IX. Meeting Adjourned at: 1:56 pm