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STARS Steering Committee  
Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education  
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RE: OCAD University STARS Report Submission

Dear STARS Steering Committee,

OCAD University is pleased to submit our first AASHE STARS submission to the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education (AASHE), made possible through collaboration across many departments and the passion for sustainability shared by OCAD University's staff, faculty, and students.

This submission affirms OCAD University's commitment to sustainability, which is identified as a priority in the University's current Academic and Strategic Plan. This submission also reflects our collective and ongoing pursuit of fostering an equitable and inclusive campus grounded in sustainability practices. Supported by the Office of Diversity, Equity & Sustainability Initiatives, OCAD University is pleased to reflect on and report on our progress to date, to incorporate the UN 17 Sustainable Development Goals (17 SDGs) into strategic planning, and to continue participating in the inspiring and urgent approaches to sustainability as an art and design university.

STARS has been a valuable framework to guide our self-evaluation and to advance our sustainability journey. Moreover, AASHE enables OCAD U to be connected to the community of higher education institutions and we are glad to participate in this important network as an AASHE Centre for Sustainability Across the Curriculum. We look forward to receiving feedback from the AASHE STARS Steering Committee to help OCAD U learn and progress in the years ahead.

Sincerely,

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President and Vice-Chancellor