

December 3, 2020

AASHE
Attn: STARS Review Team
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To the AASHE STARS Review Team:

It is my pleasure to share Indiana University South Bend's STARS report with you. I truly believe in sustainability as a driver for environmental conservation, cost savings, social equity and human resilience, as well as its role for our university in recruitment, retention and graduation of the next generation of informed and engaged global citizens. As a result, the IU South Bend STARS report has my full support. This report will serve as an invaluable guide as we work to enhance our sustainability efforts in the years to come.

We are particularly pleased to share, and have the chance to be recognized for, our academic work in sustainability studies. As the first campus to develop and launch a major, minor and graduate certificate in Sustainability Studies at IU, we have led the way in sustainability academics for all of Indiana University.

A host of reviewers on the South Bend campus and at Indiana University centrally have carefully reviewed IU South Bend's STARS report elements to ensure its accuracy. These individuals include the directors of Sustain IU, the IU South Bend Center for a Sustainable Future, and IU South Bend Sustainability Studies program, in addition to campus leaders in community engagement, dining services, human resources, facilities and institutional equity. Additional reviews were conducted by leadership in our College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and Academic Affairs. As a campus we reviewed categories to ensure that the reporting fields, attachments, inventories and websites included are consistent with credit criteria and timeframes, and that the reported figures are consistent across credits. Any identified inconsistencies have been addressed. I trust that the review template that is included with the report provides adequate evidence of our review process.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Chancellor Susan Elrod, PhD