



University of New Haven

STARS – Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education (AASHE)

2401 Walnut Street Suite 102

Philadelphia, PA 19103

June 15th, 2019

Re: University of New Haven's STARS 2019 submission

On behalf of the University of New Haven, we are pleased to submit the results of our first STARS assessment. We affirm this report to be honest and an accurate account of sustainability initiatives on our campus.

The University of New Haven is committed to sustainability through its academic coursework, facilities operations, and campus and community engagement efforts. The submission of this data illustrates the work that has been done as well as our continued progress towards building a culture of sustainability. Since 2014 the campus has grown both in student body size, as well as gross square feet of building space, which has led to an increased focus on pursuing sustainable options. The University has two LEED residence halls which opened in 2009, and 2014, and is currently constructing a new collaborative classroom building which has been designed to meet LEED gold standards. The University also monitors building operational efficiency and has installed a variety of technologies that are designed to improve energy efficiency, as well as take advantage of statewide energy incentives that have helped with the selection of technologies that have the highest energy efficiency standards.

Focusing on academics, the University of New Haven has continued to grow its minor in sustainability, with many courses available that incorporate sustainability from departments such as engineering, design, graphic art, and business administration to name a few. In addition to courses offered, each student has a myriad of opportunities to connect their classroom learning with the campus and local community through programs such as town clean-ups, research or campus sustainability initiatives, environmentally themed organizations, and campus programming. This is an area that we anticipate to see the rapid growth of participation in the near future based on increasing interest over the past few years.

This STARS submission was coordinated by the Office of Facilities with the engagement of many other academic and administrative stakeholders. It was also reviewed by a third party known as Sightlines for data accuracy.

It is our hope that the results from this first report will serve as a guiding document that will lead to many changes ahead in the vast areas that campus sustainability encompasses. Thank you for your consideration of our STARS submission. For any questions related to the submission please contact Laura Miller at 203-479-4531.

Sincerely,

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Mario Thomas Gaboury, J.D., Ph.D.
Interim Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs

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Louis Annino, P.E.
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