

February 25, 2020

Dear AASHE STARS Steering Committee,

It is my pleasure to present Pratt Institute's AASHE Sustainability Tracking Assessment and Rating System (STARS) Report, for the academic year 2018-2019.

I am writing to confirm the accuracy of the information provided in the Pratt Institute STARS submission. The data in this report is a summary of our commitment to sustainability, which continues to grow through the development of our Master Plan, expansion of our research centers and accelerators, and our continued outreach to community partnerships in Brooklyn and beyond. As the President of Pratt Institute, I am especially proud of our accomplishments, and I am dedicated to continuing to grow our commitment to sustainability in a comprehensive and cohesive manner as a top priority throughout the institution.

Through the tireless work of our institution's Sustainability Committee, Department Sustainability Coordinators, and other key stakeholders across campus, we have improved and streamlined our documentation and reporting from last year's submission at the STARS Reporter level, and have begun to identify areas of success and areas for improvement. We are particularly proud of our advancements in Diversity and Inclusion, including the recent establishment and continued success of our Office of Diversity and Inclusion, a dedicated pillar in our Strategic Plan, and milestone events such as our annual Black Lives Matter sit-in. Our long-term commitment to environmental sustainability through engagement is exemplified in our yearly Green Week events completing its 15<sup>th</sup> iteration this Spring. Our Campus Master Plan process is inclusive of an energy use study, and we are looking to incorporate even more sustainable infrastructure to our green, urban campus. Academically, through the collective work of our Departmental Sustainability Coordinators, more and more departments are including sustainability Learning Objectives, courses, and content into their curricula.

It is not always simple advocating and practicing sustainability in an AICAD school (Association of Independent Colleges of Art & Design), but it is now more imperative than ever that the creative fields help envision and realize a future that preserves our environment, fosters collaboration, and helps ensure our survival and success as a community, and as a species. With AASHE's continued support and guidance, Pratt Institute hopes to continue its positive trajectory towards becoming a creative bastion for environmental, social, and economic sustainability thought, practice, and action.

Sincerely,



Frances Bronet  
President