



February 3, 2022

Dear Sustainability Tracking Assessment and Rating System (STARS) Administrators,

It is with great pride that I submit the Cal State Monterey Bay STARS Report. This report is a reflection of the sustainability accomplishments and ambitions of our campus community. It is also an example of the great teamwork by the staff, students, and faculty that worked diligently to gather and analyze all of the data. This year, we pioneered a new method for data collection. Data was entered into the STARS Reporting Tool directly from faculty and staff who were identified as primary contacts by Cabinet members. This allowed the process of collecting the STARS information to be a campus-wide initiative, signalling a shift in ensuring the ownership of performance in these areas, and lies with those that have the most ability to implement sustainability-focused improvements.

COVID continues to impact some of the operational numbers (such as water and energy), however many areas of the report have been uninterrupted and even improved, including areas of programmatic support for students.

More areas than ever before have improved. Some of this is a result of the new reporting structure, such as research. Others reflect actual improvements, such as planning and coordination. In the future we should look at the areas where our score remains 0, such as landscape management and continuing education.

Completion of this report annually is a valuable exercise for our campus. As our new data gathering process shows, the responsibility of sustainability on our campus rests in the hands of every student, faculty and staff and requires bold leadership from our campus administrators. As coordinators and communicators, this process also allows students to gain valuable professional development skills. Student success is our ultimate goal as a University and we are proud to offer students unique opportunities for co-curricular learning.

Thank you for your continued support of campus sustainability efforts. We are proud to be members of AASHE and participate in the STARS process.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Eduardo Ochoa".

Eduardo Ochoa,
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