



February 17, 2023

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 who worked diligently to gather and analyze all of the data. Last year, data collection was delegated to the faculty and staff who are the most familiar with specific data points. This year, we continued with this method of faculty and staff entering data directly into the STARS Reporting Tool. This makes the STARS report a more collaborative effort and helps instill the value of campus sustainability.

With this year's full return to campus, we've seen great improvements to our STARS score. Overall, we've seen general increases in scores, many consistent scores, and few decreases. Our strongest points are Research, Campus Engagement, Water, and Diversity & Affordability, as we received the majority of the possible points in those sections. Our points with the greatest room for improvement are Curriculum, Buildings, Food & Dining, Transportation, Waste, and Investment & Finance. Sustainability is a core of our campus culture, we know scores in these sections and others will improve over time. Everyday our students, faculty, and staff work toward making our campus more sustainable and this collaborative effort will continue in the future.

As we approach the 30th anniversary of CSUMB, I am proud of our university's commitment to social responsibility and its connection to sustainability. As president, I am dedicated to accelerating our work toward a sustainable campus. I and my leadership team have committed to eliminating single-use plastic on our campus by 2025 and meeting our Core Sustainability Goals, as outlined in our Inclusive Sustainability Plan. This is only the beginning. We can become a model for environmental awareness through our actions as a community.

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 'Vanya'.

Vanya Quiñones
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cc: Co-Chairs President's Sustainability Committee
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