



February 19, 2020

The Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education
2401 Walnut Street, Suite 102
Philadelphia, PA 19103

RE: Cal State Monterey Bay STARS Report Submission

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 continued the student connection by hiring a current student to support the collection of data. This allowed the process of collecting the STARS information to not only serve as a valuable tool for tracking key indicators of sustainability but also allowed a student 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.

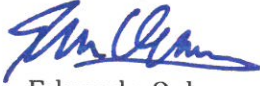
When comparing this report to the previous reports, there are several areas that have shown consistent improvement, including: academic curriculum, public engagement and operational purchasing (mainly through greener janitorial products). This is a reflection of deep staff effort and also student interest and engagement. We look forward to expanding these efforts and making further progress.

Sustainability is an ongoing effort and our campus still has opportunities for improved performance, particularly in the areas of engagement, waste reduction and sustainable commute options. 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.

Finally, this year we are renewing our Campus Sustainability Plan. We look forward to using this opportunity to further campus sustainability in a thoughtful, impactful way. One way is through establishing "Core Goals" to guide action and focus our efforts. The Core Goals support waste reduction, habitat restoration and greenhouse gas emissions reductions.

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', written in a cursive style.

Eduardo Ochoa,
President

cc: Kevin Saunders, VP Administration and Finance
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