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STARS Steering Committee

Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education

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Dear STARS Steering Committee:

On behalf of De La Salle Lipa, I am pleased to endorse our 2020 Sustainability Tracking, Assessment, and Rating System (STARS) submission. De La Salle Lipa believes ardently in the significance of taking care of our planet and of progress that is not at the expense of the planet. It is a progress of inclusive societies, which are essentially sustainable societies. It is a space where our children live in a world that is safe, inclusive, where growth is inclusive, where the planet is taken cared of, and, where future generations are regarded in the decisions we make today.

As early as 2016, when we hinged our directions to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (UNSDGs), we recognized that our mission is not apart from the rest of the world, from the rest of humanity, and, from the rest of the planet. We recalibrated our Mission-Vision Statement, with the sustainable development goals at its core. These are further articulated in our four strategic directions to (1) Drive social innovation in quality education, (2) Embrace humanity and champion social inclusion and justice initiatives, (3) Create sustainable futures and (4) Engage diverse stakeholders in a shared mission.

To actualize the directions, the De La Salle Lipa Sustainability Framework and its Power and Energy Roadmap was drafted and approved at the Board of Trustees level as manifestation of cogent steps towards a sustainable campus, involving our people, processes, platform and financial resources. The DLSL Sustainability Framework is anchored on the three pillars of sustainable development – social, ecological and economic - with the United Nation's Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) embedded at the core. The data in this report provides strong evidence of our ongoing commitment to sustainability.

In 2017, when we targeted for the institution to draw 40% power requirements from renewable sources by AY 2022-23, we were happy to report that, in 2019, two (2) years later and three years earlier than the goal, 80% of DLSL power supply are from certified renewable sources, specifically from a geothermal source. In 2020, De La Salle Lipa was recognized as EAUC International Green

Gown Awards (IGGA) Finalist for all of its three categories: Benefitting Society, Student Engagement and Sustainability Institution of the Year. Initiatives such as this not only bring us closer to our pursuit of a sustainable campus, but serve as substantial learning experience for both our students and faculty. The realization of the campus as a living laboratory for sustainability where real world solutions for real world problems are tested, iterated and refined is coming to fruition.

The contents of this STARS report is invaluable as an evaluation of past implementation, as well as a baseline from which we will benchmark future sustainability pursuits and address possible gaps. We are grateful to the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education and the STARS Steering Committee for providing this robust framework from which we can measure, validate, and communicate our stewardship efforts throughout the deployment of the plan.

I would like to express my deepest gratitude for the students, staff, faculty members and external stakeholders, who provided the information needed to complete this institution-wide assessment. Thank you also to all the partners in the mission who create a sustainable future for generations to enjoy.

Fraternally yours,



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