



May 12, 2015

Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education
1536 Wynkoop St., Suite 100
Denver, CO 80202

Dear STARS Steering Committee Members:

On behalf of the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point, I am pleased to affirm the results submitted to AASHE's Sustainability Tracking, Assessment & Rating System (STARS). Our Gold ranking demonstrates our commitment to integrating sustainability into our academics, facilities management, housing, food services and transportation. Sustainability has been a critical component of our campus culture for decades, and we are proud to be a role model and leader for other institutions. Our strategic plan, entitled, *A Partnership for Thriving Communities*, demonstrates our commitment to work with our neighbors throughout Central and Northern Wisconsin to ensure that our communities stay vibrant, healthy, prosperous and sustainable. The university's mission statement notes clearly our dedication to sustainability:

Through the discovery and dissemination of knowledge, the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point stimulates intellectual growth, provides a liberal education, and prepares students for a diverse and sustainable world.

The AASHE Sustainability Tracking Assessment & Rating System (STARS) document will help guide our future efforts to organize and prioritize campus initiatives that support our strategic plan. STARS is a valuable planning and reporting tool allowing us to benchmark and measure our progress.

We appreciate the opportunity to participate in the STARS program. We also wish to thank AASHE for their advocacy and support on behalf of the urgent issues of climate change and sustainability.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bernie L. Patterson".

Bernie L. Patterson
Chancellor