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Ms. Meghan Fay Zahniser
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Dear Ms. Zahniser:

On behalf of the Pace University community and its Sustainability Committee (GreenPace), I am pleased to submit our first STARS report. The STARS program has given Pace an opportunity to assess our areas of strength and identify which categories require closer attention. The resulting report will serve as a guide for advancing Pace's sustainability efforts in a thoughtful fashion. We are grateful to AASHE for creating this tool for higher education institutions.

The GreenPace Committee members are to be commended for their time and effort in researching and analyzing the information required for the report's data compilation. The committee worked closely with the relevant department leaders and instituted several quality control measures in its methodology. Based on the Committee's work, I affirm the accuracy of data and narrative within Pace's STARS submission.

I am proud of the breadth of Pace's continuing commitment to sustainability and the environment. Pace University's STARS report reflects our significant efforts and highlights our successes, such as:

- A Provost-commissioned, university-wide Sustainability Committee with members from all of our campuses and representing students, faculty, staff, administration, and alumni.
- A new Pleasantville Campus Master Site Plan which expands and promotes Pace's campus sustainability initiatives and integrates them with the University's academic and co-curricular programs on the environment.
- Sustainability initiatives relating to: curriculum, green cleaning products policy, limited printing, xeriscaping, diversity and affordability, sustainable compensation, and

greenhouse gas emissions reduction by 10% in 30 years through the PlaNYC Mayoral Challenge.

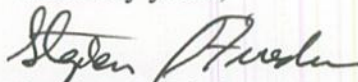
- Student-driven initiatives that include a Graduation Pledge of Social and Environmental Responsibility, organic gardens, and environmentally themed floors in residence halls.
- Dyson College Arts And Sciences long-standing interdisciplinary environmental program, including the Environmental Center's 40-year mission to promote environmental education.
- Pace Law School's renowned Environmental Law program, consistently ranked in the top three by *U.S. News & World Report* and with specialized areas of focus in land use, climate and energy, and watershed protection.
- The launch of Pace's first University Center for Excellence which focuses on the environment (Pace Academy for Applied Environmental Studies).

The GreenPace Committee will be analyzing our STARS submission in the Fall 2011 semester to create a plan for further improvement in our sustainability policies, practices, and partnerships. Those areas already identified as meriting further consideration:

- Socially Responsible Investment;
- Employee Engagement in Sustainability;
- Transportation;
- Waste Reduction; and
- Renewable Energy.

For 105 years, Pace University has educated thinking professionals by providing high quality education for the professions on a firm base of liberal learning amid the advantages of the New York metropolitan area. A private university, Pace has campuses in New York City and Westchester County, New York, enrolling nearly 13,000 students in bachelor's, master's, and doctoral programs in its Lubin School of Business, Dyson College of Arts and Sciences, College of Health Professions, School of Education, School of Law, and Seidenberg School of Computer Science and Information Systems. A clearinghouse of Pace's full range of environmental and sustainability initiatives can be accessed at the Pace Environmental Gateway: www.pace.edu/environment.

Sincerely yours,



Stephen J. Friedman