

March 2, 2011

The Association for the Advancement of
Sustainability in Higher Education
213 ½ North Limestone
Lexington, KY 40507

Dear Members of the AASHE STARS Steering Committee:

Subject: University of Northern Iowa STARS Submission

On behalf of the University of Northern Iowa, I am pleased to submit the first STARS report, and to affirm, to the best of our knowledge, the accuracy of the information submitted.

This report is the culmination of decades of work incorporating sustainability into the fabric of the University of Northern Iowa's academic programs, campus operations, and community engagement programs. As a charter STARS participant, we are pleased to use the Sustainability Tracking, Assessment, and Rating System (STARS) to validate our efforts and earn a STARS Gold rating in March 2011 for our continued efforts in sustainability on campus.

STARS has been a valuable planning and reporting tool, allowing the University of Northern Iowa to benchmark our current efforts and track progress toward meeting future goals. We appreciate the work done by AASHE to create this important tool and continue to support sustainability. Sustainability is a core value in the University's new strategic plan, and we pledge our continued commitment toward achieving a more sustainable future.

Sincerely,



Gloria J. Gibson
Interim President