

30 June 2011

## OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

STARS Steering Committee
The Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education (AASHE)
213 ½ North Limestone
Lexington, Kentucky 40507

Subject: California State University Channel Islands' STARS Submission

Dear Committee Members:

California State University Channel Islands (CI) is pleased to be a charter member in the Sustainability Tracking, Assessment and Rating System (STARS) and present this submission describing our sustainability policies, initiatives and practices. This report was prepared through collaborative efforts of the entire campus community, with active participation from students, and I affirm the data presented to be true and accurate to the best of our abilities. We welcome the opportunity to share our accomplishments and collaborate with other institutions to advance the cause of sustainability in our region, nationally and internationally.

As the newest campus in the California State University system, CI is committed to being a leader in advancing education, research, and campus engagement opportunities in sustainability. This is in direct support of the University's mission for facilitating learning across disciplines through integrative approaches. The STARS process complemented CI's efforts to provide an academic setting that encourages learners to use the University as a live/learn laboratory to explore issues pertaining to sustainability, as well as reduce our environmental impact.

We are pleased to have the opportunity to participate in this effort and look forward to reviewing the outcomes from this comprehensive assessment system to improve upon our current initiatives and practices. Thank you for providing this framework and creating opportunities for continued dialogue and analysis.

Sincerely yours,

Richard R. Rush President

One University Drive • Camarillo, CA 93012-8599 • Tel: (805) 437-8410 • Fax: (805) 437-8414 • www.csuci.edu