



August 11, 2011

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

RE: University of Utah STARS Submission

Dear STARS Steering Committee:

The University of Utah is pleased to submit its first sustainability self-assessment using the Sustainability Tracking, Assessment & Rating System™ (STARS), and as President, I affirm the accuracy of our submission.

The University of Utah is dedicated to responsible planning and actions that promote thoughtful stewardship centered on sustainability education, administration and operations. We are constantly endeavoring to achieve a balance between environmental care, economic development and social responsibility by introducing and expanding initiatives such as Sustainability Curriculum Directors, the Green Team Certification program, Organic Campus Gardens, the Sustainable Campus Initiative Fund, and many others. The results of this report highlight our successful initiatives and will also identify opportunities for improvement.

The metrics inherent in STARS establish a framework for measuring success and provide a comprehensive view of sustainability that will help to stimulate action. They have established an important benchmark for the University of Utah into the future.

The University of Utah appreciates the opportunity to participate in STARS and is committed to continue the University's role in working to create a more responsible, sustainable world in which to live and learn.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "A. Lorris Betz".

A. Lorris Betz

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