

February 21, 2023

The Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education
P.O. Box 824583
Philadelphia, PA 19182-4583

RE: Arizona State University STARS submission

To Whom It May Concern:

As Chief Financial Officer of Arizona State University, I am pleased to affirm the accuracy of our sustainability self-assessment using the Sustainability Tracking, Assessment & Rating System™ (STARS).

ASU is a comprehensive public research university and one of the largest institutions in the nation. More than 140,000 students attend ASU either online or across our four campuses in metropolitan Phoenix and at additional facilities across Arizona and the nation.

ASU is a New American University, measured not by whom we exclude, but rather by whom we include and how they succeed; advancing research and discovery of public value; and assuming fundamental responsibility for the economic, social, cultural and overall health of the communities it serves.

ASU is proud of its comprehensive approach to sustainability. Our recent sustainability strategies and achievements include:

- Sustainable development and renewal of ASU facilities and properties, including construction of the Walton Center for Planetary Health, a high-performance LEED Gold research facility, the Novus Innovation Corridor, one of the nation's most progressive and sustainable mixed-use developments, and the Media and Immersive eXperience Center, a collaborative partnership with the City of Mesa that is fully embedded in the community, in addition to supporting state-of-the-art education.
- Implementation of a portfolio approach to achieving climate neutrality, including substantial on-site renewable energy, energy efficiency and large-scale renewable energy partnerships, despite increasing enrollment and building space. Compared to FY 2007, ASU has reduced net emissions (Scopes 1, 2 and 3*2) by 90%, both on a per 1,000 gross square feet of building space basis and per student basis.

- Creation of an interdisciplinary coalition with key stakeholders, including the University of Arizona, Northern Arizona University, and regional utilities to lead the transition to a carbon-neutral economy in Arizona.

ASU has a long-standing commitment to the advancement of sustainability education, research and operations, university-wide.

- Merged the Global Institute of Sustainability and the Institute for the Future of Innovation in Society to create the Global Institute of Sustainability and Innovation. This hub brings together over 500 sustainability scientists and scholars to unify tools, expertise and facilities to discover ways to sustain our planet and life-supporting systems.
- Developed one of the largest solar portfolios of any U.S. higher education institution.
- Was a founding signatory of the American College and University Presidents' Climate Commitment and expanded that commitment to sustainability by signing the Second Nature Climate Commitment in 2016.
- Ranked #1 in the U.S. and #2 in the world in the 2022 University Impact Rankings from Times Higher Education for work supporting the U.N.'s Sustainable Development Goals.

Thank you for your continuing development of STARS and the opportunity to showcase our progress.

Sincerely,



Morgan R. Olsen

Executive Vice President, Treasurer and Chief Financial Officer