

February 21, 2018

The Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education
2401 Walnut Street Suite 102
Philadelphia, PA 19103

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 103,000 students attend ASU either online or across our five 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 most recent sustainability strategies and achievements include:

- Expanded our 88-system solar portfolio with a new, off-campus utility-scale solar plant last year that provides 65,000 MWh dc of renewable energy annually, and increases our renewable energy resources by more than 150 percent.
- Reduced our GHG emissions by 31% percent since 2007 which, with ASU's growth, translates to a 46% reduction per student FTE and a 48% reduction per gross square foot of building space. We have made comparable progress in water-use reduction and waste diversion efforts.
- Implemented an all-of-the-above strategy to tackle our sustainability goals, which includes creating a campus sustainability culture through online and in-person education and engagement programs.

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

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- ASU is a founding signatory of the American College and University Presidents' Climate Commitment (ACUPCC) and expanded that commitment to sustainability and resilience by signing the Second Nature Climate Commitment in 2016.
- The Julie Ann Wrigley Global Institute of Sustainability was created as an umbrella organization to connect and advance all sustainability efforts.
- The world's first School of Sustainability celebrated its 11-year anniversary in 2017, continuing to achieve high post-graduation employment rates for multiple undergraduate and graduate programs, and to collaborate with other ASU colleges and international institutions to offer minors, certificates and dual-degree programs.
- In February 2018, ASU renewed its commitment to climate change again by joining 12 leading research universities to form the University Climate Change Coalition (UC3) to accelerate the transition to a low-carbon future.

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

Sincerely,



Dr. Morgan Olsen
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Arizona State University