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STARS
Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education 213½ North Limestone
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To Whom It May Concern:

I am very pleased to provide this letter of attestation for The King's University College's initial submission for your Association's Sustainability Tracking, Assessment and Rating System (STARS). I confirm that this submission accurately reflects sustainability activities and initiatives on the King's campus.

To a significant extent, our institutional participation in the STARS program is the result of initiatives undertaken by our students. Specifically, students in a senior Environmental Studies course undertook their study of sustainability practices on campus and presented their findings and recommendations to our senior leadership team. This submission is a direct outcome of one of their key recommendations.

In March, 2010 I signed a "Sustainability Statement of Action" on behalf of the University College. This statement was drafted after considerable dialogue among students, faculty and administration (including on the "King's greenpad" blog site; http://kingsgreenpad.ca) and reflects the institution's *Strategic Direction 2010-2015* document adopted by our academic community and the Board of Governors in early 2010. Although we still have much to learn in terms of our institutional practices, the values of creation care and sustainability are deeply imbedded on our sense of institutional identity and direction.

Our submission clearly indicates that King's has done a better job of incorporating sustainability in its education and research program than in its campus operations. We have considerable room to grow in the latter area. I believe our participation in STARS will provide us with a very valuable baseline for planning and implementation, and for future assessments.

I look forward to receiving your assessment of our submission, and to increased growth in our institutional commitment to sustainability.

Sincerely,

Harry Fernhout

President