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

## **RE: Wilfrid Laurier University STARS Report Submission**

Dear STARS Steering Committee,

Wilfrid Laurier University (Laurier) is committed to creating a culture of sustainability across its campuses and has made significant strides in its sustainability standing. As a growing university, we recognize that our activities have an impact on the environment and acknowledge our responsibility for stewardship.

Along with a dedication to teaching and research, universities have both the capacity and the responsibility to lead by example in the pursuit of sustainability in their operations. At Laurier, we continue to make a concerted effort to improve our practices and increase our efficiency. Over the past five years, we have introduced numerous programs and achieved or surpassed many of the goals we set in our first Sustainability Action Plan. Guided by Laurier's new five-year Sustainability Action Plan, we seek to continue to integrate sustainable practices in all areas of the university to inspire, educate and prepare others to engage in similar practices.

The re-submission of the STARS assessment recognizes Laurier's hard work in advancing our sustainability efforts and continuing our leadership in the sector. The information we gather from STARS provides the platform for Laurier to communicate its strengths and opportunities for growth. We are pleased to have excelled in areas such as Academics, Research, Waste Management, and Coordination & Planning.

Laurier has received a Gold rating upon completion of this STARS re-assessment. The following submission has been completed through cross-departmental collaboration with accurate information to the best of our knowledge.

Sincerely,

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Deborah MacLatchy, PhD President and Vice-Chancellor