

March 1, 2018

Meghan Fay Zahniser, Executive Director
Association for Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education
2401 Walnut Street, Suite 102
Philadelphia, PA 19103

Dear Ms. Zahniser,

Dickinson College has continued to make progress in advancing sustainability at our institution since submitting our AASHE STARS report in 2015 and we are pleased to document our progress with submission of our new STARS 2.1 report. I affirm that the report has been thoroughly checked and is an accurate accounting of our sustainability performance.

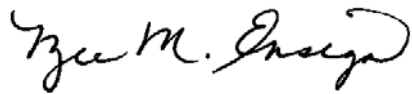
At Dickinson, sustainability is a strategic priority that informs our academic programs, campus operations, community engagement and planning and administration. Advances in recent years include:

- Adding sustainability as a degree requirement for all Dickinson graduates and adding more sustainability-related courses across the curriculum.
- Creating new sustainability-related certificate programs in Food Studies and Social Innovation & Entrepreneurship.
- Enriching opportunities for students to explore sustainability problems and solutions in different places and cultural contexts through Dickinson study abroad programs, immersive Dickinson Mosaic programs, globally integrated courses and service learning courses.
- Expanding opportunities for students to gain hands-on skills for advancing sustainability through living lab programs and internships with the Dickinson Organic Farm, the Alliance for Aquatic Resources Monitoring and the Center for Sustainability Education.
- Stepping up to provide faculty development for the higher education community as an AASHE center for Sustainability Across the Curriculum.
- Sharing in the 2017 AASHE Campus Sustainability Research Award for research on nitrogen footprints.
- Joining and serving as the coordination office of the EcoLeague, a consortium of liberal arts colleges dedicated to sustainability and ecologically focused education.
- Collaborating with Pennsylvania colleges and universities to organize conferences that brought together nearly 300 students and faculty from across the state for dialogues with state officials and decision-makers about energy and climate change.
- Reducing our greenhouse gas emissions by replacing nearly all lighting with LED lamps and fixtures, improving the energy control system in the Rector Science Complex and other projects.
- Signing a power purchasing agreement for a 3 MW solar array that will be installed in spring 2018 and is projected to generate 25 percent of our electric power.
- Breaking ground for a new residence hall that is designed to meet LEED Platinum standards and is scheduled to open in fall 2018.

- Engaging our students with community partners to measure community resilience in Carlisle Borough using the City Resilience Index.
- Launching an online Sustainability Dashboard to increase transparency and accountability by making publicly available visual displays of sustainability performance metrics.
- Achieving a fifth-place ranking for overall performance by baccalaureate institutions in the AASHE 2017 Campus Sustainability Index.

These and other achievements are documented in our STARS report. The process of preparing the report entailed numerous conversations across the college that have added to our understanding of where we have made progress and where there is more work to be done. We are proud to be a member of AASHE and are committed to working with others in higher education to advance sustainability goals.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Margee M. Ensign". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "M".

Margee M. Ensign
President