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STARS Steering Committee
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Members of the STARS Steering Committee,

It is my pleasure to submit the University of North Carolina Greensboro's STARS 2.2 report. UNCG has worked for the past three years since our last submission to make significant progress on implementing sustainability initiatives on our campus.

Our staff and faculty here at UNCG have endeavored to ensure that the information contained in the report is as thorough, timely, and accurate as possible. Participation in STARS provides multiple benefits for UNCG and our broader community.

The State of North Carolina public universities, like many others, work in a concerted, thoughtful, and committed manner to achieve our mission of education, service, and leadership. The North Carolina University System adopted a sustainability policy in 2009, which compels all of its campuses to work toward climate neutrality by 2050. I'm happy to report that as of FY 2021, we have reduced our carbon footprint by 25%.

For our first STARS 2.1 submittal we received a rating of Silver. While our prospective rating in STARS 2.2 is still Silver, we have improved our score thanks to an increased number of sustainability courses, improved building energy efficiency, the development of a Sustainability Literacy Survey conducted amongst our student population, and increased public engagement with our Greensboro community. I am particularly proud of our continuing commitments to diversity, equity, and inclusion.

On behalf of the students and employees of UNC Greensboro, we are poised to face future challenges and opportunities with awareness and focus. We thank AASHE for its commitment and leadership in helping institutions of higher education ensure that our world's future leaders are motivated and equipped to solve sustainability challenges. We look forward to our continued partnership.

Sincerely,

Franklin Gilliam Jr.
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