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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 STARS 2.1 2018 report.

After multiple years of doing annual STARS updates, UNCG has worked for the past three years (the duration of a STARS certification period) to make significant progress on our campus and then do a STARS update in the new (2.1) version of the rating system.

Much like the work they do every day, 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. It serves as a resource and a guide. It also serves as a mirror, and measuring stick.

The State of North Carolina public universities, like many others, work in a concerted, intelligent, and committed manner to achieve our mission of education, service, and leadership. The North Carolina university system adopted a sustainability policy in 2009 and has compelled all of its campuses to work toward climate neutrality by 2050 at the latest. Moving toward that goal, simply put, has taken work.

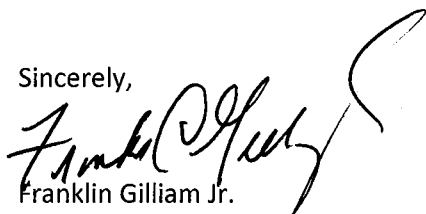
Within the state and nationally, UNCG has many inspiring examples of campuses, communities, and corporations that like us, are working within our resources and against competing demands. In 2015, UNCG received a STARS 2.0 Gold rating. In this, our first STARS 2.1 submittal, we have a prospective rating of high Silver. Our prospective Silver rating in STARS this round reflects our work, but also the ever increasing standards for excellence in everything we do and the distance we have to go.

We are excited for two things in particular as we make this submittal in Fall 2018: endorsement from all the major campus governing groups for incorporating sustainability into our university investment policy; and a recommitment by North Carolina Governor Roy Cooper (Executive Order #80 dated October 29, 2018) to addressing climate change and transitioning the state to a clean energy economy.

We see both as important steps in not just talking about the talk of sustainability but of asking others to walk the walk with us.

Consistent with the conclusion of the fall academic term here on our campus, we humbly but proudly submit documentation of our work and look forward to receiving a formal grade.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Franklin Gilliam Jr.", written in a cursive style. The signature is positioned to the right of the typed name.

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