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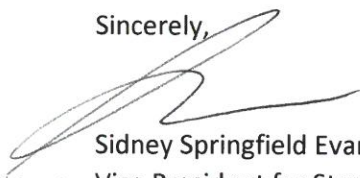
Dear STARS Steering Committee,

I write to affirm that Washington and Lee University's submission for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education (AASHE) Sustainability Tracking and Rating System (STARS) is, to the best of my knowledge, an accurate representation of our current practices, policies, and standards. The Office of Sustainability has handled project management and data collection, with input from various departments on campus. Additionally, a representative from the Office of Energy Education has gone through the final submission to check for accuracy and consistency.

W&L will use this data as a new baseline, as much has changed since our submission in 2011. We have formed both the Office of Energy Education and the Office of Sustainability, and have created four positions to work in these offices. This summer, we intend to work with summer research students to go through each component and come up with recommendations for how to improve sustainability on our campus. Additionally, this work will inform our upcoming Strategic Planning work, as well as upcoming amendments to our Climate Action Plan. STARS information may also be used in proposals for what will be our next Quality Enhancement Plan. Information from this current version of our STARS report has already been used in proposals to incorporate sustainability better into our academic programs.

We appreciate the work that AASHE has done to put together such a robust data collection and rating tool. We also appreciate the level of assistance provided in working with this tool. We look forward to learning much from engaging with STARS and are excited to see where we can take W&L's sustainability programs in the future.

Sincerely,



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Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students

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