



August 15, 2011

STARS Steering Committee
Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education
213 ½ North Limestone
Lexington KY 40507

RE: Southern Oregon University STARS Submission

Dear STARS Steering Committee:

Southern Oregon University is pleased to submit the results of our campus-wide assessment of sustainability programs, practices and activities. This report sets an important benchmark for us. Derived from months of data gathering, the information is accurate to the best of our abilities.

The report highlights our current sustainability initiatives and lays the groundwork for future work. Though the leadership of the SOU Sustainability Council, which I established in 2007, we aspire to remain at the forefront of sustainability practices on our two campuses and to better coordinate and chronicle our significant environmental enhancement initiatives and regional partnerships. I am proud of the many activities that involve SOU students, faculty, and administration as well as community members in sustainability issues.

SOU greatly values sustainable practices, environmental stewardship, and research that advance our understanding of and positive impact on local, regional, and global environmental issues. We appreciate the opportunity to participate in STARS. I look forward to our continuing affiliation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Mary Cullinan'.

Mary Cullinan
President