

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

December 1, 2011

Association for the Advancement of
Sustainability in Higher Education
213 ½ N. Limestone
Lexington KY 40507

Dear Sir or Madam:

Re: Thompson Rivers STARS ® Report Submission

I am very pleased to send you Thompson Rivers University's (TRU) first STARS submission which shows that we have achieved a silver rating. TRU is committed to environmental sustainability in both its academic and operating programs. The recently developed draft Academic Plan identifies sustainability as one of the four themes to guide the future development of academic programming. Environmental sustainability is also one of the seven goals in the TRU Strategic Plan. These initiatives are supported by an Environmental Advisory Committee with broad representation from faculty, staff, and students. Three years ago a full time Director, Environment and Sustainability was appointed as the focal point for the implementation of sustainability initiatives both on campus and in cooperation with the broader community.

TRU is a leader in the field of environmental sustainability in British Columbia chairing the BC Campus Sustainability Working Group and representing the higher education sector on the provincial Carbon Neutral Committee. TRU is also one of only two Canadian universities to qualify as members of the Founders Circle of the Billion Dollar Green Challenge which was launched at the 2011 AASHE conference.

The collection of the data for the report has given us a very broadly based opportunity to assess our current situation with respect to sustainability at TRU. It also provides us with key areas where we can improve going forward.

The information collected for the submission was gathered systematically from the appropriate sources and reviewed and verified by the Director, Environment and Sustainability. Therefore the following submission is factual, to the best of my knowledge.

Sincerely,



Alan Shaver
President and Vice-Chancellor