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Dear AASHE STARS Program Staff:

This letter is being submitted in support of Pacific Lutheran University's STARS documentation for an innovation credit. Since the 2006-2007 Academic Year, the Office of the Provost has provided annual funding for two Student Sustainability Fellowships. These fellowships provide students of any discipline an opportunity to participate in furthering the sustainability efforts on the PLU campus. These efforts include active engagement in research about current practices and use of resources on the PLU campus and local area, proposing strategies and solutions to address sustainability practices on campus and help identify funding opportunities to accomplish these projects.

Our Sustainability Fellows propose research from their own interest base to explore, which have included the PLU Bike Coop and Habitat Restoration on campus. These fellowships provide faculty-student research collaboration with the opportunity to work closely with staff and faculty mentors to create new approaches that will benefit PLU and the community. As such, I believe this qualifies as an Innovation Credit in STARS.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Lisa A. Henderson".

Lisa Henderson
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