September 2, 2010

Dear STARS Steering Committee,

We are please to verify that the information contained in the STARS submission made by Pacific Lutheran University is accurate, up to date, and fully encompasses our sustainability initiatives. We recognize this as the beginning of a measurable system for environmental, social and economic sustainability for PLU and more broadly, for all of higher education.

PLU participated in the STARS pilot and then junior student, Becca Krzmarzick, a PLU Sustainability Fellow, collected and evaluated much of the initial data. Her excellent work tremendously assisted the Sustainability Office on campus as students and staff completed STARS 1.0 this year. Under the leadership of Chrissy Cooley, their persistence and dedication led to the most accurate and thorough sustainability tracking tool at PLU to date.

We would like to thank AASHE for seeing the need for a survey such as STARS, and working so diligently to make it come to a reality. This university is proud to have participated as a pilot participant, as well as a charter participant, and now to be the first to attain the STARS Silver status. PLU will continue to measure our progress through STARS, with the intentions of continuous improvement in the years ahead.

We look forward to working with AASHE in the future to collaborating with other STARS participants to make college and university campuses more sustainable and to develop future leaders as our students graduate. We offer to be of service in any way we can to assist other universities in gaining their STARS ratings.

Sincerely

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