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To: Whom it May Concern

Re: The Chancellor's Sustainability Internship Program Innovation Credit for UCSB's Submittal to the STARS Rating System

The Academic Senate Sustainability Work Group, which I staff and whose members represent a wide diversity of departments at UC Santa Barbara, set as an early goal in their own work for the development of a well-recognized capstone internship program which would build on the foundation of pre-existing campus internship programs. This program launched in Fall 2011.

The faculty of the Academic Senate Work Group recognized the importance of increasing the visibility of student leaders within our campus movement and creatively developed the Chancellor's Sustainability Internship Program as a way to raise the level of attention given to sustainability internship efforts and to challenge students to reach for more ambitious goals.

Chancellor's Sustainability Interns are expected to apply theories and skills learned in their courses directly to their projects and to partner with faculty and researchers throughout the project development of their project. They become the link between their academic advisors who guide them in the theory and design of the project and the campus stakeholders who guide them in the practical restrictions and day to day realities of the project. I have advised approximately 20-25 students per year for the last seven years in a wide variety of internship programs. This program is in a league of its own moving beyond "community service" to demonstrate "service learning".

Sincerely,

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