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To whom it may concern,

As the Community Engagement Coordinator within the Student Success Centre at Western University, please accept this letter of affirmation that the "Our Green Campus" series program meets the criteria of the innovation component of the Sustainability Tracking, Assessment and Rating System® (STARS) report. The primary goal of the "Our Green Campus" series is to provide an educational experience to Western students with regards to sustainability initiatives at Western and beyond to the external community. To the best of my knowledge, the "Our Green Campus" series meets the STARS Innovation requirements as the program is new (first offered in the last 3 years), and has not been awarded a STARS credit through previous innovation submissions or through existing STARS credits.

The format of this series is unique in that the program combines lectures with workshops and/or tours, to allow all participants to make connections and experience, first hand, the application of sustainable solutions at Western University. This opportunity to explore sustainability features of the campus and beyond was first offered in the Fall of 2013, with a continuation in the Winter of 2014, and is officially recognized on our Co-Curricular Record program ([myexperience.uwo.ca](http://myexperience.uwo.ca)). Some of the topics that have been explored in the past include:

- Sustainable Local Trailblazers (Sustainable Joes)
- Energy Usage at Western University
- Sustainable Landscaping at Western University
- LEED and Sustainability Certifications
- Biodiversity
- Western University's Water and Energy Consumption

The goals of the "Our Green Campus" series align with the University's vision of an environmentally sustainable learning environment where ecological and global health are promoted, and community engagement is encouraged. The "Our Green Campus" series is both innovative and a valuable component of Western University's efforts in becoming a sustainable organization.

Sincerely,



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