



Office of the President

January 18, 2012

Re: Loyola Marymount University STARS Submission Process

To Whom It May Concern:

Loyola Marymount University (LMU) maintains a strong commitment to sustainability. Our commitment started in 1990 when LMU developed the first university-wide recycling program in the country. Since that time, the University has continued its innovative environmental programs through the "Green LMU" initiative, which is dedicated to finding new ways of "greening" our campus. More recent achievements include the construction of a large green roof and the installation of a large solar photovoltaic system on three of our buildings. Additionally, LMU uses reclaimed water to irrigate 75% of our campus grounds. Our latest achievement was the construction of the William H. Hannon Library, which achieved a LEED Gold certification.

To foster campus-wide communication regarding sustainability, LMU created the Environmental Stewardship & Sustainability Committee (E2SC) with the charge of identifying how LMU could ideally care for our planet through our actions, while balancing real world complexities such as fiscal constraints and competing values. Additionally, in 2007, former LMU President Robert B. Lawton, S.J. signed the American College University Presidents Climate Commitment (ACUPCC) to address climate change and neutralize greenhouse gas emissions. As a charter member of STARS, LMU is proud to continue our tradition of leadership in the campus sustainability movement.

It is with great pleasure that LMU submits our first official Sustainability Tracking Assessment and Rating System (STARS) evaluation to the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education (AASHE). I affirm that it is accurate to the best of our knowledge and that LMU is on the path to becoming a more sustainable institution.

If you have any questions or need further information, please contact Joseph Rasmussen, Sustainability Manager, at 310-338-5838, or at Joseph.Rasmussen@lmu.edu.

Sincerely,

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President