

January 31, 2012

Michael Lizotte  
Director of Sustainability  
University of Wisconsin Oshkosh

Dear Dr. Lizotte:

The UW Oshkosh effort to establish itself as a Fair Trade University is a strong candidate for Innovation Credit in the AASHE STARS submission. UW Oshkosh was the first college in the US to declare itself a Fair Trade University.

The model was borrowed from a movement in the United Kingdom, but built upon efforts that were already started on the UW Oshkosh campus by interested faculty, staff and students.

Today, the university has a very active Fair Trade Committee, numerous products for sale through dining, vending machine, and store outlets, and curriculum and events that teach fair trade issues. We also play a leadership role in the Fair Trade University national steering committee, which formed in response to our declaration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David Barnhill". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

David Barnhill  
Chair, UW Oshkosh Fair Trade Committee