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STARS Steering Committee
Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education
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Dear Colleagues:

Thank you for your leadership, service and support for improved and expanded efforts to promote sustainability in higher education. Thanks to your good work, institutions like the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh have a welcome opportunity to build up, strengthen and deepen our commitment to sustainability.

For these reasons, we are pleased to affirm the results of our most recent efforts, as submitted to AASHE's Sustainability Tracking, Assessment and Rating System (STARS). As you review our campus effort, we hope you see many clear indications of our commitment to engagement, collaboration and the application of "green" practices and principles. These efforts are deeply embedded within our strategic and operational planning process. As we look to the future, we already see many opportunities to continue to build upon this foundation of demonstrated success.

UW Oshkosh has received benefit from a combination of student visionary energy and a corresponding commitment by our faculty, staff and administration to serve, support and advance the incorporation of sustainability into all aspects of our operation. Building out from the very successful recent experience with a comprehensive strategic and operational planning process, our University's Campus Sustainability Plan has been central to our core identity and purpose.

Thanks to information, ideas, and approaches that have been developed over the past several years, we believe that this year's STARS assessment provides new insight into the scope of our many campus- and community-based efforts. We are pleased to see our involvement with AASHE, the Earth Charter and other related initiatives as being solid indications of our increasing interconnectedness with the broader international efforts that are being made by institutional partners in operational settings that differ from our own.

Please let us know if we can provide any additional information in support of our review. We look forward to working closely with AASHE and others in furtherance of this shared commitment to sustainability in all that we do as institutions of higher education.

Sincerely,

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