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Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education
STARS Steering Committee
213 ½ North Limestone
Lexington, KY 40507

Dear STARS Steering Committee:

On behalf of the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh, I am pleased to affirm the results submitted to AASHE's Sustainability Tracking, Assessment, and Rating System.

Our commitment to engagement, collaboration and "green" environmental principles guides our strategic and operational planning, while our dedication to liberal education reform, student success services, faculty development, sustainability and integrated marketing and communications makes our academic community distinct. We have used these strengths to develop a truly campus-wide approach to sustainability.

On April 22, 2008, I approved a comprehensive Campus Sustainability Plan. Our efforts have been an outgrowth of UW Oshkosh's Governing Ideas, an endorsement of Earth Charter, and recognition of the university's responsibility to work toward a sustainable future. Our plans called for assessment of our sustainability efforts in teaching, operations, research and outreach. We have regularly audited many of our efforts starting with a student-led Environmental Audit in 2003. Our sustainability leaders were pleased that AASHE developed a common tool focused on the needs of higher education. Our staff took part in pilot studies to develop STARS. We signed on as a STARS Charter Participant. We are proud present this first submission of a STARS report to AASHE.

We look forward to using the results from STARS to inform the public of our efforts, to celebrate the contributions of our staff and students, and to understand the areas where we can continue to make progress.

Sincerely,

Richard H. Wells
Chancellor

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