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

Dear STARS Steering Committee:

It is my great pleasure to present Wake Forest University's first submission to AASHE's Sustainability Tracking Assessment & Rating System (STARS). We are honored to participate as a charter campus in this important effort to measure the indicators of sustainability on our campus.

At Wake Forest University, we are guided by our motto, *Pro Humanitate*, in all that we do. As one of our faculty members accurately noted, "It would be inconsistent to be 'Pro Humanitate' and not be concerned about the environment our children will inherit."

This submission reflects the strategic efforts of multiple stakeholders across our campus – from Facilities & Campus Services to our Institute for Public Engagement, our Office of Diversity and Inclusion, our Center for Energy, Environment and Sustainability, and too many individuals and offices in between to list. The effort has been facilitated by our Office of Sustainability and it reflects the mission of this office to support stakeholders across campus in assuming leadership for sustainability.

Our Director of Sustainability, Dedee DeLongpré Johnston, has been involved in the evolution of this system since its inception. We are pleased to contribute to the visionary leadership that is setting the standard for sustainability across higher education.

This affirmation of the accuracy of our charter submission is supported by the verification efforts of our university's leadership. Months of data collection and review have resulted in our provisional STARS Silver rating. We look forward to the continuous improvement that this assessment system promotes.

Sincerely,

Nathan O. Hatch

cc: Dedee DeLongpré Johnston