

February 10, 2012

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

RE: Texas A&M University STARS Submission

Dear STARS Steering Committee:

On behalf of Texas A&M University, I am pleased to submit our Sustainability Tracking Assessment & Rating System (STARS).

In June of 2010, Texas A&M University endeavored to embrace sustainability on our campus in a new, comprehensive and meaningful way. Leading the way was Sustainability Officer, Kelly Wellman. Under her leadership, Texas A&M University developed the Sustainability Master Plan and Sustainability Marketing Plan. Following the path set forth in these documents the staff of the Office of Sustainability and other key stakeholders on our campus have worked to efficiently, deliberately, and responsibly lead the preservation of environmental, social, and economic resources to protect our earth for future generations of Texas Aggies, the Texas A&M University community, and beyond.

In addition, for the past 18 months they have collected and analyzed the data contained within this, our first, STARS report. Upon review by my office, I am pleased to affirm the accuracy of our submission.

Texas A&M University has a rich history of stewardship. We are committed to advancing our efforts and strive to be a leader in sustainability. We are pleased with the advances made to fulfilling the 12 Strategic Initiatives identified in the Sustainability Master Plan and that our work on STARS has helped us identify areas for further improvements.

We appreciate the work and leadership provided by AASHE and for developing the STARS program.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'R. Bowen Loftin', with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

R. Bowen Loftin, Ph.D.
President
Texas A&M University