

December 8, 2016

STARS Steering Committee  
Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education  
2401 Walnut Street Suite 102  
Philadelphia, PA 19103

Dear STARS Steering Committee:

On behalf of Texas A&M University, I am pleased to submit our Sustainability Tracking, Assessment & Rating System (STARS) 2.1 report. This report, our third STARS submission, is the result of a year of coordination between the Office of Sustainability and key campus stakeholders. We are pleased to submit a provisional designation of Gold, a reflection of truly collaborative efforts and forward progress at Texas A&M. I affirm, to the best of our knowledge, the information contained within this report is current and accurate.

With the release of the campus Sustainability Master Plan in June of 2010, Texas A&M University set out to embrace sustainability in a holistic, intentional, and meaningful way. Under the leadership Sustainability Director Kelly Wellman, the Office of Sustainability support staff, and numerous campus stakeholders, Texas A&M has enhanced our stewardship efforts.

In October of 2016, Texas A&M inaugurated the Sustainability Advisory Council (SAC) to the President. The SAC is charged with formulating sustainability strategies to foster and promote sustainability throughout the university community. As such, the SAC will monitor Texas A&M's performance using STARS, facilitate campus implementation of the Sustainability Master Plan, and report to me annually with institutional sustainability recommendations. Through this impactful and exciting initiative, Texas A&M continues to deepen its sustainability commitments.

Texas A&M strives to be a leader in sustainability and to increasingly embed our commitment to respect, protect, and preserve the financial, environmental, and people resources that support our community not only for today, but for future generations of Aggies. Completing STARS 2.1 has helped our campus advance sustainability efforts. We appreciate the leadership provided by AASHE in continuing to improve the STARS program.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Michael K. Young'.

Michael K. Young  
President