

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

February 13, 2012

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to affirm the good work of Professor Kruser and the accuracy of this report. Judson University has been located at the confluence of Tyler Creek and the Fox River in Kane County, Illinois, since 1963. For nearly a half century we had taken seriously the opportunity to be good stewards of the natural resources entrusted to us.

Before sustainably was popular, Judson University built our Lindner Commons and Dining Hall underground to take advantage of savings in utilities. I am pleased that thirty years later the roof does not leak, though it has 3 feet of soil and grass on top of it, and the building is a model for what we have done since 1982 in campus construction.

One of the four pillars of Judson University is a commitment to good stewardship of all our resources which includes human resources, built resources, financial resources and natural resources. Our participation in the STARS program validates our dedication to this important pillar.

You will notice in this report several highlights related to the stewardship of our natural resources. The faculty has approved a new major in sustainability management. This unique program will connect academic resources from three of our four schools, specifically the sciences, architecture and business.

In 2007 we opened the Harm Weber Academic Center, which was certified in 2008 as the first gold-rated LEED academic building in Illinois. After four years of service the structure uses only about 47% of the natural resources a structure of similar size would consume. It works. Housing our library and School of Art, Design and Architecture, the Weber Center is a popular teaching lab for area builders who want to do LEED construction.

The campus has increased recycling efforts and even eliminated cafeteria trays in the Dining Hall leading to less food waste (and a trimmer student body). It is true that Judson students get to eat all they want and they get to make as many trips through the food line as they want but are limited to what they can carry in two hands. This sustainability idea is creating a healthier campus.

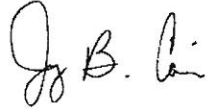
Our commitment to sustainability is reflected in an increased web presence. We also conducted a comprehensive curriculum survey to ascertain sustainability content in courses throughout the Judson catalogue. I testified last spring to the federal committee on environmental concerns about lead content in water and the problems such water creates for babies.

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Besides our involvement with STARS, Judson is participating in sustainability initiatives with Illinois Campus Sustainability Compact and the Council for Christian Colleges and University's Creation Care Discipleship Project. During the summer of 2012 the University will invest over \$250,000 for bank stabilization on Tyler Creek which courses through our campus.

We look forward to working with STARS and hope you will call if you have questions about this report. I am grateful for your interest in Judson University.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jerry B. Cain". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J" and a distinct "C" at the end.

Jerry B. Cain
President

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