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# The University of Georgia

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Office of the President

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STARS Steering Committee  
Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education  
1536 Wynkoop Street, Suite 100  
Denver, Colorado 80202

Dear AASHE STARS Steering Committee:

The University of Georgia is committed to the pursuit of social, environmental and economic sustainability. As a land-grant and sea-grant university with statewide commitments and responsibilities as well as a vision to be a leading university internationally, UGA plays an integral role in the conservation and enhancement of the state's and nation's intellectual, cultural, and environmental heritage. We endeavor to lead by example, promoting long-term well-being through research, education, service and campus operations, and to provide our students with a foundation of knowledge and experience to address both immediate issues and “grand challenge” problems.

We are making great strides toward creating a culture of sustainability at UGA. From the student-led grass roots effort that helped create our Office of Sustainability to faculty initiatives infusing sustainability into academic curricula through service-learning and meaningful research, and the practitioners who are implementing best practices to improve quality of life on campus, the University of Georgia is making responsible decisions.

The Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education (AASHE) Sustainability Tracking, Assessment and Rating System (STARS) provides a comprehensive framework to assist in documenting and sharing our progress across a broad spectrum of sustainability initiatives. Participation in STARS catalyzes benchmarking of sustainability initiatives at UGA and provides a pathway for mutual learning among our peers.

It is my pleasure to partner with AASHE in advancing sustainability in higher education and to affirm that the University of Georgia's STARS submission accurately reflects our campus sustainability initiatives.

Sincerely,

Jere W. Morehead  
President