



The University of Georgia®

Office of the President

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

Dear AASHE STARS Steering Committee:

The University of Georgia is committed to the pursuit of campus sustainability. A land-grant and sea-grant university with statewide commitments and responsibilities, UGA also pursues a vision to be a leading international university. As such, UGA plays an integral role in the conservation and enhancement of the state's and nation's intellectual, cultural, and environmental heritage. We seek to lead by example, promoting the long-term wellbeing through research, education, service, and campus operations. The University also works to provide our students with a foundation of knowledge and experience to address both immediate issues and the grand challenges that will face our society in the decades to come.

The University is making great strides to enhance its culture of sustainability. From the student-led effort that helped to create our Office of Sustainability, to faculty who infuse sustainability into academic curricula through experiential learning and meaningful research, to the practitioners who are implementing best practices to improve quality of life on campus, UGA is making decisions to advance sustainability.

The Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education (AASHE) Sustainability Tracking, Assessment and Rating System (STARS) provides a comprehensive framework for 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