



V. Lane Rawlins, President

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The Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education
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RE: University of North Texas STARS Submission

Dear AASHE Stars Reviewers & Fellow Institutions:

In 2008, the University of North Texas became the first major public university in Texas to sign the American College and University Presidents' Climate Commitment (ACUPCC). In February 2009, UNT created the Office of Sustainability. These two foundational achievements solidified UNT's long-standing history of environmental stewardship and ushered in a renewed commitment to sustainable growth. UNT strives to generate cohesion, provide information and support, and encourage behavior change and innovation to address environmental, economic, and social challenges facing the UNT community. Because of our efforts, UNT is increasingly being recognized as a leader in sustainability and a powerful agent of change. Therefore, I am pleased to affirm the accuracy of the university's first STARS report and the achievement of a Silver rating.

UNT has a three-pronged approach to its sustainability vision—ensuring environmental, economic, and social sustainability. This approach is demonstrated through our STARS submission. We will continue to work toward increasing sustainability and interdisciplinary cutting edge research, expanding sustainability-related curriculum, supporting community engagement, improving conservation efforts, establishing sustainable investment options, and strengthening efforts toward becoming a carbon-neutral institution.

The University of North Texas appreciates the work done by AASHE to advance sustainability in higher education with the creation of the STARS reporting tool, which facilitates UNT's commitment to benchmark and measure its progress on its path to sustainability. I would like to thank all members of the UNT family, as they played an important role in determining the environmental impact of the university. UNT is proud of its Silver rating, but also acknowledges that these efforts are only the beginning in the university's path toward a sustainable future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read "V. Lane Rawlins", is placed above the printed name and title.

V. Lane Rawlins
President