

February 15, 2012

STARS Steering Committee  
Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education  
213 ½ North Limestone  
Lexington, KY 40507

Dear AASHE STARS Steering Committee,

I am pleased to submit Pacific University's first Sustainability Tracking, Assessment, and Rating System (STARS) report to the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education (AASHE). Pacific University is deeply committed to the environmental, social, and economic dimensions of sustainability, as evidenced by the prominence of sustainability in our mission and vision statements. Our efforts to promote sustainability are manifest in curricular and co-curricular offerings such as our interdisciplinary Environmental Studies major and the B Street Permaculture Project, and in the sustainable practices of our operational core, including LEED certification of buildings and efforts to reduce and recycle water and electronic waste.

As a Charter Participant in STARS, we value the opportunity to benchmark our current level of sustainable practice and to use the STARS framework for shaping policy and setting the course for future sustainability initiatives at Pacific University. I appreciate AASHE's work to develop and support STARS.

I want to thank Pacific University's Sustainability Committee and those listed as responsible parties for their time, effort, and consideration in helping to collect and provide information for our report. I look forward to the ongoing support of the Pacific University community as we continue the work of our sustainability mission.

As President of Pacific University, I affirm that this report is an accurate and thorough evaluation of sustainability initiatives undertaken by our institution.

Sincerely,



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President