



August 18, 2011

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

**RE: East Tennessee State University STARS Submission**

Dear STARS Steering Committee,

East Tennessee State University is pleased to submit its first sustainability self-assessment using the Sustainability Tracking, Assessment and Rating System (STARS) developed by the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education (AASHE). As President, I affirm that this report is an accurate and comprehensive assessment of our institution's sustainability efforts.

As ETSU celebrates its centennial year and looks to another century of partnerships, promise, and hope, this report establishes an important benchmark for future sustainability efforts on the campus. Known for our innovative educational programs, our community service focus, and our strong commitment to advance the health, education, and prosperity of the Appalachian region, ETSU is dedicated to responsible planning and actions that promote stewardship of all our resources. This report highlights successful initiatives already underway and helps identify a path forward for future sustainability efforts.

East Tennessee State University appreciates the opportunity to participate in STARS and is committed to becoming a regional leader in sustainability efforts and education.

Sincerely,

Paul E. Stanton, Jr.  
President