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## **The Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education**

To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, a charter participant and long-standing member of the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education (AASHE), I am pleased to submit our Sustainability Tracking, Assessment and Rating System (STARS) 2.0 report. To the best of our institutional knowledge, the information contained is current and accurate. The report reflects the integration of sustainability into Carolina's policies, practices, curriculum, research and behaviors.

STARS is a valuable tool to help Carolina measure its progress in achieving environmental quality, economic prosperity, and societal well-being in the campus community and beyond. By comparing our first AASHE STARS report, three years ago, to the one we submit today, we see improvement. Energy use is down 33% per square foot since 2003 and potable water use is down 60% per square foot since 2000. More than 400 researchers, or 15% of the faculty, are engaged in sustainability research. More than 11% of classes incorporate sustainability themes or address sustainability challenges. The STARS report also helps identify opportunities for improvement. We will examine these opportunities carefully as part of our strategic planning process.

The Sustainability Office at UNC Chapel Hill led a campus-wide collaboration to complete this STARS assessment. Information was solicited from and supplied by diverse departments ranging from the registrar to institutional research, to academic and administrative units across the University. The Sustainability Advisory Committee, which includes representatives from planning, operations, academics, research, and student life, provided helpful guidance and feedback. To ensure the accuracy of this submission, each responsible party reviewed their relevant section of the STARS report.

This submission accurately portrays Carolina's comprehensive and multidisciplinary approach to sustainability. We are proud to be a charter STARS participant and to attain a STARS Gold rating. Sustainability is a core value at Carolina and we are committed to advancing sustainability in all our endeavors.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Carol L. Folt". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'C' and 'F'.

Carol L. Folt  
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