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Re: Westminster College STARS submission

On behalf of Westminster College in Salt Lake City, I am delighted to submit the College's second STARS self-assessment. This comprehensive analysis of campus operations, curriculum, and engagement represents the work of dozens of students, faculty, and staff. To the best of my knowledge, the information contained in it is an accurate accounting of our current sustainability efforts. The effort will also provide a helpful roadmap to future improvements.

Through our 2004 strategic planning process, Westminster identified three areas of widespread student and faculty interest and expertise: environment, diversity, and civic engagement. Since that time, we have been working toward sustainability from all three directions, and I am pleased to see our work in each of these arenas contribute to our overall STARS rating.

I am proud that the STARS effort at Westminster was completed largely by our talented and passionate students. Under the direction of our Environmental Center Director, six undergraduate Campus Sustainability Fellows led the data collection and analysis. While gathering information from faculty and staff across campus, these students gained an in-depth understanding of sustainability and helped reinforce it as a campus-wide priority. Their work represents the problem-based, engaged learning we prize at Westminster.

Thank you to AASHE for providing a structure by which we can both map our current sustainability undertakings and prioritize future efforts.

Sincerely,

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