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Members of the STARS Review Committee,

On behalf of Westminster College in Salt Lake City, I am pleased to submit our fourth STARS self-assessment. This comprehensive look at sustainability across our operations, curriculum, and engagement efforts has once again helped us identify opportunities for future improvement and reaffirmed our areas of strength. I am particularly delighted to see that we continue to do so well in the student engagement category. Students are the driving force behind sustainability at Westminster, and our Environmental Center has created outstanding opportunities for student leadership in this area.

As has previously been the case, the data collection for STARS was conducted primarily by our talented students. At Westminster, we encourage students to accept responsibility for their learning, to discover and pursue their passions, and to promote more equitable and sustainable communities. STARS has provided rich opportunities for this. A recent survey of Westminster graduates who participated in STARS completion indicated that it significantly increased their understanding of sustainability and helped them develop skills critical to success after graduation. Our Environmental Center Director, who has spearheaded all four of our STARS submissions, will share more of the survey's findings and details on how we have used STARS as an effective tool for student learning at the AASHE conference this fall.

To the best of my knowledge, the information contained here is an accurate accounting of our current sustainability landscape. Since our first STARS report in 2011, Westminster has put in place several data collection mechanisms to help us more accurately measure sustainability indicators on campus. I would like to thank all of the students, faculty, and staff who worked to ensure that what we report is correct and fulfills each credit criteria. This is no small task, and I applaud their diligence in preparing this comprehensive look at Westminster's sustainability. Thank you to AASHE as well for creating and maintaining this important tool.

Sincerely,

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