

June 3, 2011

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

Dear STARS Steering Committee:

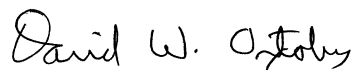
It is my pleasure and privilege to affirm that the information submitted by Pomona College in its report for the AASHE Sustainability, Tracking, Assessment and Rating System (STARS) is complete and accurate, and is a fair representation of current sustainability efforts and programs on our campus.

Pomona College has continued to renew its commitment to sustainability and to support that commitment with our resources, our staffing, and our programs. Over the past two years the College has achieved a number of milestones, including the development of Sustainable Operations and Maintenance Standards, updated Green Building Standards, a Climate Action Plan, and a broad and ambitious Sustainability Action Plan, which was presented to and accepted by the Board of Trustees last month and establishes goals and measures of success for the next decade. We have also continued to build opportunities for curricular and co-curricular focus on environmental and sustainability concerns.

Our affiliation with AASHE and our status as a charter participant in the STARS program provide models of best practice, tools for evaluation, and data that challenge and inspire us. I am looking forward to our continued participation, and believe that this resource will help us to make progress toward the goals laid out in the Board of Trustees' Statement on Environmental Policy, recently reaffirmed and updated. The statement notes that Pomona College is "committed to the further development of an ethos of resource sustainability among faculty, staff, and students and to the incorporation of environmentally sound practices in its operations," and commits to pursuing this "ethos" of sustainability through campus planning, maintenance, and construction, financial and budgetary planning, educational and research support, and ongoing assessment and review.

Thank you for this opportunity and for the resource you provide to Pomona College and other colleges and universities.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "David W. Oxtoby".

David W. Oxtoby