

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

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AASHE STARS Assessment Committee 2401 Walnut Street, Suite 102 Philadelphia, PA 19103

Dear committee members:

I am pleased to submit Transylvania University's STARS report for your review. The completion of this report has been supervised by Natasa Begin and the Office of Sustainability and accurately reflects our activities at Transylvania University. The data included has been provided by those with the most intimate knowledge of individual department policies and actions as they relate to sustainability efforts across campus.

Our institution maintains a commitment to the economic, social, and environmental pillars of sustainability. Members of the campus community have sought to further develop student programming, institutional policy, and community outreach efforts that uphold these values. Our efforts include expanding support for student-led bike programming, which includes bike loans and education, fulfilling innovative initiatives through our Green Revolving Loan Fund, which seeks to make substantial energy-efficient improvements to our facilities, and addressing food justice issues in our local neighborhood through support of an organic community garden which provides fresh produce and workshops to our nearest neighbors, to name a few.

As a University, we support efforts that move us and our community toward a more sustainable future that is beneficial for all. Thank you for once again allowing us to submit our internal assessment and providing us with appropriate recommendations that will help guide our efforts moving forward.

Sincerely,

Seamus Carey

President