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Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education
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Dear Sustainability Colleagues:

This is to affirm my understanding that our FY2012 STARS Report has been compiled by those colleagues responsible for the respective content areas and that the report is now complete.

As with our FY2011 STARS submission, this report builds on our long-standing commitment to sustainability: dating to 1990 with the creation of our first (Green-1) Committee, hosting of nine Greening of the Campus Conferences from 1996-2011, adoption in 1999 of the Talloires Declaration, creation in 2001 of the Council on the Environment (COTE), my signature in 2006 of the ACUPCC, and, of course, our 2008 Charter Membership in the development of STARS.

Our receipt this year of the Excellence in Integration Award from the International Sustainable Campus Network (ISCN), and our prior awards from Second Nature and the Hoosier Environmental Council among others, attest to the continuing efforts we have made to share publicly the sustainability-related work of our academic community. On that point, we have written into our newly-adopted 2012-2017 Strategic Plan the updating of our 102 Unit-level Sustainability Plans and have introduced numerous benchmarks for performance which will only amplify our legacy of commitment to sustainability.

We look forward to continuing this work and appreciate the leadership provided by AASHE in promulgating the STARS Inventory and Reporting Tool.

Sincerely,



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