Letter of Affirmation STARS Innovation Credits February 27, 2015

## To Whom It May Concern:

The annual Appalachian Energy Summit (AES), created in 2012, and takes community outreach and inter-campus collaboration to the next level because it has well defined goals for participant academic institutions, green businesses, campus populations, and the regional economy. The AES accomplishes these goals through increasing communication and collaboration between students, private industry, and academia in North Carolina. Participants of AES are called upon to both develop new energy solutions and act upon policies and knowledge gained.

The AES is innovative for Appalachian State University because it streamlines the dissemination of ideas between all stakeholders involved in creating energy solutions in the region. The AES continues to grow in members and ability ever year.

Sincerely, Appalachian State University Director of Sustainability Ged Moody