

May 18, 2012

Dear AASHE STARS Steering Committee:

Please find enclosed the 2012 AASHE STARS submission from Appalachian State University. I affirm that the content and information are complete and are an accurate representation of our sustainability initiatives, goals and progress. Attaining a GOLD level rating is certainly a point of pride for our campus.

Thank you for your dedication to creating a standardized, third-party assessment of sustainability in higher education. STARS has created a common platform and language that has allowed our sustainability professionals to work across campus with confidence and credibility.

This effort was led by Mr. Ged Moody, director of Appalachian's Office of Sustainability, and his colleagues. The majority of the analysis and effort was performed by Sustainability Specialist Crystal Simmons, and I applaud her on a job well done. The process involved sustainability leaders from across campus, including many representatives from our 50-plus member Sustainability Council and its 10 working subcommittees.

Appalachian has been a proud partner of the AASHE STARS process since the beginning, being both a Pilot and a Charter participant. We look forward to continued use of the STARS platform to guide, track, and monitor our progress on the journey toward sustainability.

Sincerely,



Kenneth E. Peacock
Chancellor

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