



December 6, 2011

The Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education
213½ North Limestone
Lexington, Kentucky 40507

Re: Elon University STARS Submission

To Whom It May Concern:

I am pleased to affirm that the information in Elon University's initial STARS submission is an accurate representation of the university's sustainability initiatives. Elon is proud to be a participant in this comprehensive self-assessment for institutions of higher education.

Sustainability has been a formal institutional priority since 2007; however, efforts in this area began much earlier with student-, faculty-, and staff-led initiatives promoting recycling, energy conservation, alternative transportation, and community engagement. The university's sustainability master plan was also completed in 2007. Since then several accomplishments have been made toward this effort, including the establishment of the Office of Sustainability, making a commitment to LEED certification, developing a Climate Action Plan to guide efforts toward carbon neutrality, establishing the Elon University Forest as a teaching resource and research site, and starting a new undergraduate minor in environmental and sustainability studies.

Participation in STARS has helped the institution identify strengths and areas for improvement. We are proud of the progress made to date which attributed to a STARS Silver rating and look forward to participating in STARS in the future as we continue to pursue our sustainability goals.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Leo M. Lambert'. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Leo M. Lambert
President