

January 24, 2014

The Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education 1536 Wynkoop Street, Suite 100 Denver, Colorado 80202

Re: Elon University STARS Submission

To Whom It May Concern:

I am pleased to affirm the information in Elon University's second STARS submission is an accurate representation of the University's sustainability initiatives. Elon is proud to maintain its participation in this comprehensive self-assessment for institutions of higher education.

Since Elon's initial STARS submission in December 2011, the University has continued to prioritize sustainability in operations and education. Seventeen additional structures on campus have earned LEED certification, bringing the total to nineteen. Energy consumption per square foot has decreased on campus, even though square footage has increased by more than 300,000. A Sustainability Faculty Fellow position has been created to advance the infusion of sustainability into the academic experience. In addition, the Office of Sustainability has grown to include a full-time Education and Outreach Coordinator to develop and implement programs to increase the practice of sustainable behaviors and enhance awareness of sustainability initiatives and accomplishments.

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 continuing participation in STARS in the future.

Sincerely,

Leo M. Lambert President

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