



July 15, 2011

STARS Steering Committee
Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education
213 ½ North Limestone
Lexington, KY 40507

Greetings:

This letter is to affirm the establishment of two eminent scholar chair positions at Florida Gulf Coast University that are directly related to the University's sustainability mission.

The Sproul Chair is dedicated to the field of tropical systems, ecology and habitat restoration and the Backe Chair is dedicated to the study of renewable energy. Both will enhance the education of FGCU students by their classroom teaching at the undergraduate and graduate levels. These positions will also conduct research in their specific fields, will disseminate this research as widely as possible, and will conduct outreach activities including seminars and symposia for the community on their fields of study.

We are pleased to inform you that following national recruitment searches, the University has offered appointments to each of these eminent scholar positions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Steven Belcher'.

Steven Belcher
Director, Human Resources