

October 17, 2013

The STARS Steering Committee
The Association for the Advancement for Sustainability in Higher Education (AASHE)
213 ½ North Limestone Boulevard
Lexington, Kentucky 40507

Dear Members of the STARS Steering Committee:

For the past decade, Bryant has made a concerted effort to advance in the areas of energy efficiency, social equity, and environmental stewardship. We are pleased to embrace STARS as a tool to acknowledge Bryant's deep commitment to sustainability and the strides taken to by our students, faculty, and staff.

It is with great satisfaction that I endorse the accuracy of Bryant's second Sustainability Tracking and Rating and Assessment Report for official submittal to the AASHE Steering Committee. In collaboration with our consultant, EcoMotion, a nationwide catalyst for pragmatic sustainability, the Bryant community has worked hard to compile the data reflecting the many areas of sustainability efforts across campus.

I believe that our community has made great headway in improving energy and environmental performance on campus. I also feel that we have the potential to make even more improvements in the future. I encourage the growing interest in sustainability awareness and innovation on campus – from students, administrators, faculty, facilities staff and alumni. We will continue to broaden our sustainability efforts with the STARS framework as a guide. We see it as a timely and important step on Bryant's path toward sustainability. We thank you for providing the structure to advance our work.

I am pleased to submit Bryant's STARS report as a testament to the University's longstanding commitment to environmental, social and economic sustainability.

Sincerely,

Ronald K. Machtley

President