

February 20, 2018

AASHE STARS Steering Committee  
2401 Walnut Street Suite 102  
Philadelphia, PA 19103

Dear STARS Steering Committee,

On behalf of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, I am pleased to submit our third Sustainability Tracking Assessment and Rating System (STARS) v2.1 report. I affirm, to the best of my knowledge, that the information included in this report is honest and accurate.

This evaluation reflects our continued progress in developing effective sustainability strategies through innovative problem solving, conservation, and stewardship. Our commitment to sustainability remains an integral aspect of our mission towards a more educated, resource-efficient, and socially inclusive community. The efforts resulting from the coordination of the Office of Sustainability and key campus stakeholders are reaching new and impactful heights within our university and the community.

Utilizing our last two STARS submissions, we were able to identify and capitalize on the various sectors of sustainability that required supplementation. A few areas to highlight include:

- Academics
  - 41% of our academic departments now offer sustainability courses
  - The percentage of research-producing departments engaged in sustainability research increased to 51% with the number of faculty and staff researchers increasing to 31%
- Engagement
  - Incorporated Earthstock: a month-long celebration of the planet aimed at educating all UNL students as well as the Lincoln community about problems involving climate change
- Operations
  - Total building energy consumption reduced by 44% per unit of floor area
  - Adjusted net Scope 1 and Scope 2 Greenhouse Gas emissions reduced by 42% per weighted campus user
- Planning & Administration
  - Success of prior initiatives to require the use of zero waste events for all student run organizations as well as eliminate Styrofoam from being purchased by the university

I would like to thank AASHE for the opportunity to identify and improve upon our performance in sustainability. The leadership you have provided to a plethora of institutions is crucial to the creation of a more sustainable future.

Sincerely,



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Chancellor