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Dear STARS Committee:

As President of Eastern Connecticut State University (Eastern), I am pleased to submit our second Sustainability Tracking, Assessment and Rating System (STARS) Report on our campus's sustainability efforts.

Since our last STARS submission in November 2012, we have continued to improve how we implement and measure sustainability initiatives in academics, engagement, operations, and planning and administration. In addition to efforts in these key areas, Eastern has explored new and innovative ideas and technologies that support energy efficiency and sustainability actions on campus. In addition, we launched and support a partnership to promote networking and collaboration on sustainability practices among all public and private higher education institutions in Connecticut: the Connecticut Alliance for Campus Sustainability.

Eastern's Green Campus Committee oversees our campus sustainability initiatives and is comprised of a dedicated interdisciplinary team, including the Institute for Sustainable Energy, Facilities Management & Planning, Center for Sustainable Energy Studies, Housing and Residential Life, Human Resources, Fiscal Affairs (Purchasing), Food Services, faculty from different departments, and students. During the past year, Green Campus Committee accomplishments include: submission of our 2014 greenhouse gas report to ACUPCC, installation of two electric vehicle charging stations in campus parking garages, the launch of 'SolarizeU' – a program to educate employees about state incentives and for purchasing solar panels for their homes, improvements to recycling collection and education, regular waste audits, move-out waste reduction program, and the hosting of five events during the first statewide Campus Sustainability Week.

This STARS submission was coordinated by the Institute for Sustainability, with input from all departments. The Institute's Director, Lynn Stoddard, has reviewed the entire submission for accuracy. In addition, Interim Director of Facilities Management & Planning, Renee Theroux-Keech, has reviewed the Institutional Characteristics and Operations credit categories for accuracy.

STARS will continue to guide us as we move forward with our sustainability efforts and identify new areas of opportunity. Thank you for your consideration of our STARS submission. Please contact Lynn Stoddard at 860-465-2813 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Elsa M. Núñez
President

