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Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education
STARS Steering Committee
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Philadelphia, PA 19103

Members of the STARS Steering Committee:

On behalf of the University of Nebraska at Omaha (UNO), I am pleased to provide this Sustainability Tracking, Assessment & Rating System (STARS) report. I affirm that it is accurate to the best of my knowledge.


Founded in 1908, UNO is a premier metropolitan university that combines the resources of a doctoral research institution with a thriving community in the heart of Omaha, Nebraska. Our mission is to be student-centered, academically excellent, and actively engaged in our community. Our commitment to the city allows our students unique hands-on opportunities, internships, service learning, applied research, and other collaborative activities outside the normal classroom environment.

In 2012, Academic and Student Affairs identified sustainability as one of five priority areas for the University as we work to achieve 20,000 students by 2020. The University's commitment to sustainability has been demonstrated with the establishment of the Center for Urban Sustainability (2012) and the release of UNO's first Sustainability Master Plan (2014). In addition, among other things, the University has recently:

- Hired the University's first Sustainability Coordinator (2015)
- Achieved over 100,000 riders through our MavRide program, free access to the city bus program for all active students, faculty, and staff (2016)

STARS has been a valuable tool for the University for benchmarking our past and current efforts and will be invaluable as we track our sustainability goals and metrics identified in our Sustainability Master Plan. We are proud to be a member of the ASSHE community and part of the STARS initiative.

Sincerely,



John E. Christensen
Chancellor