



February 19, 2016

AASHE STARS Review Team
Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education
1536 Wynkoop St., Suite 100
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Dear STARS Review Team:

On behalf of Seattle University, I affirm that the Sustainability Tracking, Assessment and Ratings System (STARS) report that we are submitting has been accurately compiled. The report was completed with the participation of faculty and staff from across campus and was verified by Dr. Phillip Thompson who directs our Center for Environmental Justice and Sustainability. This report demonstrates how Seattle University strives to prioritize all facets of sustainability through our educational, research and campus operational activities.

Seattle University's commitment to sustainability is reflected by how our students, faculty and staff work together with our neighbors to care for nature and for the well-being of our community. Through investments in new campus infrastructure and energy conservation, we have reduced our greenhouse gas emissions by over 30 percent since 2009. In addition, our faculty has developed over 300 sustainability-related courses, and our students are engaged in a multitude of co-curricular activities within our community.

Seattle University is committed to going further with our sustainability efforts, and we will use this initial STARS report as a means for identifying areas of improvement for the coming years.

Sincerely,

Stephen V. Sundborg, S.J.
President

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