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Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education
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To the STARS Committee:

Georgia College & State University takes great pride in engaging our students as leaders of tomorrow's world. Our participation in the Sustainability Tracking, Assessment, and Rating System allows us to monitor our institutional goals for achieving a more sustainable campus and, at the same time, provides our students with concrete evidence that we are helping improve our world at the local level. We use STARS for a wide variety of administrative and educational objectives, including many that directly impact student life and undergraduate research.

Over the past few years, our sustainability initiatives have increased as we have embraced the value that sustainability provides to our campus. In addition to our Compost Program, Recycling Program, and West Campus Garden Program, our sustainability initiatives have grown to include:

- Bobcats Work Green, a peer-based staff/faculty training program directed by the Office of Sustainability.
- Campus Kitchen of Georgia College, a collaborative effort to eliminate pre-consumer food waste from the landfill.
- The creation of a Sustainability Certificate in the Philosophy and Liberal Studies Department.
- Greeks Go Green, a challenge for Fraternity and Sorority life to implement more sustainable practices in their community.
- The addition of a multi-use baler and glass crusher to the Recycling Program.
- Campus Closet, an opportunity for students to “give and take” of needed items.

A new project to include an electric vehicle charging station for the campus community and visitors is underway and will be operational before the end of the year. In addition to the new initiatives, we have also seen a dramatic increase in participatory campus engagement, reflected as a goal in our 2016 Strategic Plan.

I have tasked our Office of Sustainability and the Georgia College Sustainability Council with reporting accurate, current, and relevant information to STARS. I am confident that our report is as up-to-date and precise as possible. We look forward to learning from our efforts and are eager to compare the strength of our hard work to that of our institutional peers. Thank you for your service to our university.

Please feel free to contact me or our reporting team with questions or advice.

Sincerely,

Steve M. Dorman
President