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Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education Sustainability Tracking, Assessment, and Rating System 2401 Walnut Street, Suite 102 Philadelphia, PA 19103

To the STARS Committee:

As Georgia's Public Liberal Arts College, we at Georgia College & State University take 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 scale. 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 increased as we have embraced the value that sustainability provides to our campus. During the past year, our sustainability initiative has grown to include Bobcats Work Green, a peer-based staff/faculty training program directed by the Sustainability Office, and the creation of a Sustainability Certificate in the Philosophy and Liberal Studies department. 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 for 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

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President