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Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education
2401 Walnut Street
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Re: Durham College STARS Report Submission

To the representatives of AASHE:

At Durham College, sustainability guides our decisions and practices in fostering the continued success and well-being of our students, staff, faculty, business and stakeholders – both locally and globally. We believe in a shared responsibility for social, environmental and economic stewardship, and strive towards the enhancement of awareness in education throughout the college and greater community.

Durham College has implemented a variety of new programs and initiatives since receiving a Bronze rating in 2012. The Durham College Sustainability Committee is in the process of developing a Sustainability Plan, which will provide a framework for our accomplishments. The mandate is to promote awareness, understanding and the practice of environmental, social and economic sustainability with all Durham College stakeholders and to enhance campus operations, planning, administration, curriculum, research, innovation and stakeholder engagement in using sustainable principles and best practices.

With support from the Board of Governors, leadership team, faculty, staff, and students, we have been able to complete this report and demonstrate our growth in sustainable initiatives. Given our long-standing tradition of continuously working with community and business partners to improve our curriculum and services, sustainability continues to be a natural extension of that journey.

On behalf of Durham College, I am pleased to authorize our second submission to the ASSHE Sustainability Tracking Assessment and Rating System. Gathering this invaluable data will enable us to track our future sustainable initiatives by allowing meaningful comparisons with baseline data.

The STARS data has allowed us to acknowledge the outstanding contributions of our campus sustainability practices, from our dining services, to academia, housekeeping, grounds, sustainable co-ordination and public engagement. Our STARS report will have positive and profound effects on our campus by helping to improve our greenhouse gas emissions, green procurement policies and continuing to motivate faculty, staff and students on our sustainable journey.

Sincerely,



Don Lovisa
President