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Wendy Scott
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Dear Ms. Scott:

I am pleased to affirm the accuracy of the University of Iowa's Sustainability Tracking, Assessment and Rating System (STARS) report. The information included within the report is accurate to the best of my knowledge.

As stated in our strategic plan, "The University has committed to make sustainability a central priority of all aspects of the enterprise, from the academic mission to daily operations. Our goal is to lead change and to be a meaningful resource to all Iowans in the promotion of sustainability." The University of Iowa has taken significant steps in its long-term planning to improve campus sustainability. In 2010, our school adopted seven 2020 Sustainability Targets that address energy conservation, renewable energy, waste diversion, carbon efficient transportation, student success in sustainability, research (especially in the area of sustainable water resources) and partnerships to promote sustainability for all Iowans. To formalize our commitment, we also signed a sustainability partnership with the US EPA Region 7 Office.

This report reflects an array of significant efforts across many University of Iowa departments. Through its academic programs, campus operations, and public engagement, the University of Iowa has shown its commitment to improving sustainability on campus and becoming a leader in sustainability for higher education.

On behalf of The University of Iowa, I thank AASHE for providing the opportunity to participate in STARS. Coupled with our 2020 Sustainability Targets, STARS will be a valuable tool for the University of Iowa to track efforts and identify additional opportunities for future progress.

Sincerely,

Sally Mason
President