

November 28, 2016

Attention: AASHE STARS Review Committee

Dear members of the STARS review committee:

I affirm that the responses submitted to the AASHE STARS (Sustainability Tracking, Assessment and Rating System) for Ithaca College are accurate as of this date. We were diligent in contacting members of the Ithaca College community and used Ithaca College-published and internal operational assessments to ensure the correct data has been reported using the recently updated STARS version 2.1 inventory tool.

We have chosen to benchmark our 2015-16 performance using version 2.1 released late May, 2016. We appreciate the further refinement and improvements to the rubric since our previous submission using version 1.2. We believe it provides a higher benchmark as we strive to be recognized as an institutional leader in the social, environmental, and economic systems that are required for sustainability,

We are also pleased to report the Office of Energy Management and Sustainability will soon be fully staffed for the first time in nearly one year. The updated version 2.1 report was effective in identifying areas that require additional focus from our professional staff and engaged campus sustainability leaders.

Thank you again for continuing to sponsor this objective, comprehensive measurement tool that assists in our ongoing efforts to become an even more sustainable institution.

Sincerely,

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