

March 4, 2021

The Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education
2401 Walnut Street, Suite 102
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RE: University of the Pacific STARS report

To Whom It May Concern,

University of the Pacific is pleased to be part of higher education's effort to advance sustainability in measurable ways by tracking, sharing progress and learning from each other through our participation in STARS.

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As California's first chartered institution of higher learning, the first California university to admit women, and the first private, four-year university in the Central Valley we have made the choice to look forward, create change and deliver education that puts our students first. The University now has a campus in three major metropolitan cities: Stockton, Sacramento and San Francisco.

At each campus we provide a student-centered learning experience integrating liberal arts and professional education and prepare individuals for lasting achievement and responsible leadership in their careers and communities in California and beyond. Responsible leadership encompasses sustainability. It requires individuals and organizations to carefully evaluate short- and long-term social, economic, and environmental impacts of decisions before acting.

We are proud that sustainability has evolved from committee projects to being integrated in what we teach and practice. Some of the recent achievements captured in this report include:

- Taking a number of actions to advancing diversity, equity and inclusion including hiring a Vice President for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion.
- Reducing the use of potable water by converting 100% of the irrigation to non-potable and replacing over 800 toilets with low-flow toilets.
- Addressing food insecurity through connected campus resources: Ted & Chris Robb Garden, Pacific Food Pantry and Kitchen Co-Op. These resources offer students the opportunities to learn to grow food more sustainably; obtain food when in need and have a place to prepare meals.

The University looks forward to continued progress and reporting on initiatives currently underway such as construction of a 5.3MW solar photovoltaic system on the Stockton campus which includes sixteen plugs to charge electric vehicles and further integrating sustainability into academics.

We are committed to advancing sustainability in what we teach, how we operate, and our regular interactions with each other and the broader community. Thank you for providing this open reporting format for sharing and facilitating progress toward sustainability.

Sincerely,

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Christopher Callahan
President