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To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is to affirm that the dual reporting structure of the Bellevue College Office of Sustainability is truly an innovative arrangement, for both the College and within the greater realm of higher education institutions.

This unique reporting structure existed prior to the establishment of the Sustainability Office, when there was just the position of Sustainability and Resource Conservation Manager, a position that was established in 2010.

Requiring all sustainability efforts to be reported to both Student Services and Campus Operations has enabled campus sustainability to be pursued from a more holistic, whole systems approach. Sustainability can be pursued both on the education and awareness side as well as physically through infrastructure changes. When the possibility for overlap between these two exists – i.e. an infrastructure change potentially serving as an opportunity for student awareness-building, or increased student awareness or interest in a issue potentially leading to a campus operations or infrastructure change – the dual reporting structure makes it easier to facilitate projects with these dual objectives.

Sincerely,



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