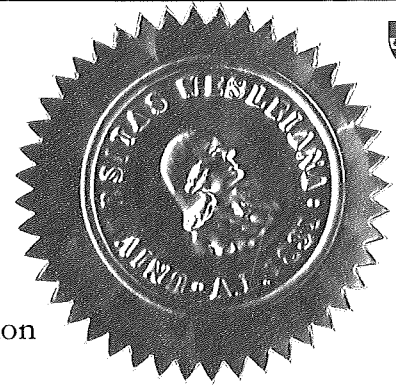


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Dear AASHE STARS Steering Committee,

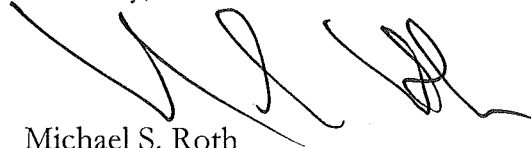
Recognizing the importance of sustainability and commitments we set forth in the American College and University Presidents' Climate Commitment (ACUPCC) and wanting to understand further our true sustainability impact, Wesleyan joined AASHE's Sustainability Tracking, Assessment & Rating System (STARS) Program last fall.

Since 2007, our carbon emissions have dropped nearly 15 percent through the work of the Sustainability Advisory Group (SAGES), Physical Plant, and many other campus departments. Our efforts, large and small, have ranged from replacement of incandescent light bulbs with LEDs, use of virtual servers, and installation of solar arrays to the construction of our natural gas co-generation plant and LEED building renovations. Much of our campus fleet of vehicles now uses electric, hybrid, or other energy-efficient sources of fuel. Students have led the "Do It in the Dark" energy competition, residential composting, local food production, and sustainable landscaping projects. In July 2012, Wesleyan University hired its first sustainability coordinator, Jen Kleindienst, to further these efforts and facilitate connections between students, faculty, staff, and administrators.

Through our STARS evaluation, we have been able to quantify our progress toward sustainability more effectively and chart our next steps. Many of the recommendations garnered from STARS credits have already informed the creation of new policies and programming and will be incorporated into our next Sustainability Action Plan, which we are working on this year and expect to complete in spring 2014.

I have reviewed our STARS report, led by Wesleyan University's Sustainability Coordinator, Jennifer Kleindienst, and verify that the report accurately reflects Wesleyan's efforts to create a sustainable campus.

Sincerely,



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