

September 23, 2013

Sustainability, Tracking & Assessment Rating System
Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education (AASHE)
213 ½ North Limestone
Lexington, KY 40507

Re: Florida International University STARS submission

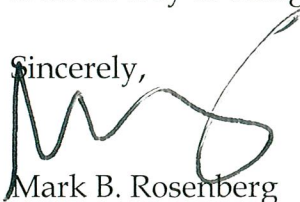
On behalf of FIU, I am pleased to submit our Sustainability, Tracking & Assessment Rating System (STARS) report to the AASHE community.

FIU began its commitment to a more sustainable campus in 2007 with the signing of the American College and University Presidents Climate Commitment, adopting a climate action plan in 2009, and creating an Office of University Sustainability in 2010. Now, as we move forward with the Sustainability Tracking Assessment Ranking Survey (STARS) we hope to guide FIU toward the next level in campus sustainability.

As a Carnegie Foundation Community Engagement/Public Research University, FIU has an important role in educating future leaders of the world to understand the importance of using resources efficiently, educating our community about sustainable practices, and developing innovative research ideas that will meet today's needs without compromising those of future generations. FIU is well suited to meet this challenge given the expertise and commitment of our students, faculty, and staff. FIU embraces the opportunity to be a leader locally and globally on the issue of climate change and hopes to set an example for our community.

With our proud history of research, education and stewardship of the environment, FIU is on its way to being *Worlds Ahead* in sustainability.

Sincerely,



Mark B. Rosenberg