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STARS Steering Committee  
The Association for the Advancement of  
Sustainability in Higher Education  
2401 Walnut Street, Suite 102  
Philadelphia, PA 19103

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Re: Florida International University STARS 2016 submission

STARS Steering Committee-

On behalf of Florida International University, I am pleased to submit our second STARS Report. Sustainability at FIU has made great strides since our inaugural submission in 2013. Before the Paris COP 21, FIU President Mark Rosenberg and FIU Student, Salome Garcia traveled to the White House to sign the American Colleges Act On Climate pledge. As part of the event, FIU is issuing a six-part pledge to promote low-carbon practices and operations throughout the university including:

- Build on the FIU Sea Level Solutions Center research and activities that integrate low carbon adaptation into regional climate resiliency plans.
- Build on its UniversityCity Prosperity Project, as a collaborative effort with Florida department of Transportation, Miami-Dade Expressway Authority, Miami-Dade Transit, City of Sweetwater and other, to reinvent multimodal transportation, reduce emissions, and other low-carbon solutions.
- Propose a green revolving fund for campus infrastructure or activities that reduce emissions.
- Commit to an increase of 15 points in the university STARS rating by May 2016, target a gold rating by 2017 and platinum rating by 2020.
- Begin submitting the university's STARS report annually.
- Explore feasibility of expanding on-campus composting of dining facility food waste by bringing new industrial composter to FIU.

FIU is well suited to meet these challenges with 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.

Sincerely,



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