

August 21, 2017

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

Re: Florida International University STARS 2017 submission

Dear STARS Steering Committee:

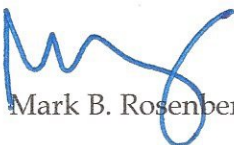
On behalf of Florida International University, I am pleased to submit our report for AASHE STARS version 2.1. Thanks to the efforts of our faculty, staff, students, and administration, we have made great strides in advancing sustainability in our operations, academics, and campus culture since signing the American College and University Presidents Climate Commitment in 2007.

In operations, FIU has held the title of '#1 in energy efficiency' in the Florida State University System for 7 years. The Facilities Management Team developed a multi-year cost reduction and energy conservation plan that is currently being implemented across all FIU campuses. Since the project began, there has been an annual savings of more than \$1 million and, over nine years, almost \$10 million more were saved than the No.2 performer in the State University System.

The FIU Global Learning Initiative prepares FIU's students to be successful global citizens who develop global awareness, a global perspective and use their passion to make the world a better place. Sustainability topics are intertwined with the global issues that they classes are focused on. To date, faculty have created more than 170 global learning courses.

The 2017 FIU STARS Report will act as a roadmap to further advance sustainable efforts in operations, academics, and culturally. FIU embraces the challenges and opportunities ahead to be a leader locally and globally on the issue of climate change, and hopes to set an example for our community.

Sincerely,



Mark B. Rosenberg