



Wednesday, December 21, 2022

Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education
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Dear STARS Steering Committee,

It is with great pleasure that Coastal Carolina University (CCU) submits its 2022 Sustainability Tracking, Assessment & Rating System (STARS) report. The report itself is a result of deep and meaningful collaboration between campus stakeholders committed to the work of sustainability on our campus and beyond.

I affirm, to the best of my knowledge, that all of the information included in the report adequately reflects our university's sustainability efforts earning a Gold rating for STARS version 2.2. Sustainability continues to be an important facet of CCU's work as demonstrated by our work in academics, engagement, operations, planning & administration, and innovation & leadership.

Over the last two years, CCU has recommitted itself to a sustainable future by creating a new major in sustainability and coastal resilience, and charging the inaugural President's Council on Sustainability and Coastal Resilience (PCSCR) with leading and galvanizing the University in these efforts. The Council's work has already resulted in a major grant from a contractual partner, the delineation of several future capital projects and immediate operational changes, a decision to underwrite faculty and student research focused on sustainability, and the preparation of this report for two consecutive years. Over the past year, the Council has also overseen the completion of the University's first comprehensive greenhouse gas emissions inventory. This effort marks an exciting achievement, and provides a framework to measure and assess the institution's GHG emissions moving forward. With our growth over the past decade and projected future growth, devising a Climate Action Plan to lower and offset emissions will be critical work of the Council moving forward.

We are proud of our accomplishments to date, as this report is a vital reflection of CCU's continued commitment to sustainability. We appreciate the opportunity to participate in the STARS program, and we look forward to continuing our participation in the years to come.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Stephen K. Harrison'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Stephen K. Harrison

Vice President for Auxiliary Enterprises and Chief Sustainability Officer