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Association for the Advancement of
Sustainability in Higher Education
213 ½ N. Limestone
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RE: Western Washington University STARS Report Submission

Dear Sir or Madam:

Western Washington University has a long tradition of practices which integrate environment, social and economic considerations into our academics, operations and administration. Our current STARS submission reflects Western's desire for national leadership in sustainability.

Our submission illustrates the broad spectrum of initiatives that comprise our effort covering every aspect of campus life. Efforts such as the focus on sustainability in University classes and degrees, and the efforts of our students in the purchase of renewable energy and funding on-campus pilot projects illustrate our commitment to become the zero-waste, carbon-neutral campus of the future. Western recognizes that sustainability is a moving target, one informed by our current understanding of the impact of our decisions on the world and fueled by the desire to act as an example for the rest of society; an endeavor that Western is engaged in on all levels.

Western's staff have been a part of AASHE's assessment framework since its inception in 2007. We are pleased to have contributed to the creation of this assessment framework, and now respectfully present our first STARS submission. Our submission recognizes where we excel, and highlights opportunities for Western to demonstrate leadership in the coming years.

Western obtained a "Gold" rating upon completion of STARS research and review, and our submission is accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bruce Shepard". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Bruce Shepard
President

Enclosure