

DENISON
UNIVERSITY

July 25, 2012

Mr. Paul Rowland, Executive Director
Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education
213½ North Limestone
Lexington, Kentucky 40507

Dear Mr. Rowland,

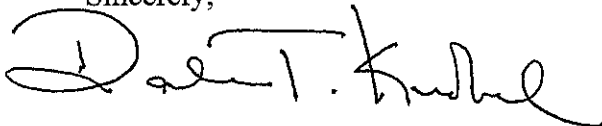
In 2009 Denison University formed its first Campus Sustainability Committee and took an important step toward making sustainability central to both campus operations and the educational mission of the college. Over the course of three years, we have seen sustainability become integrated into diverse aspects of campus life.

Denison University will continue to explore environmentally-friendly and socially responsible possibilities for campus operations and community life and develop strategies for funding and executing them. Campus sustainability efforts not only help to maintain the health of community members and of surrounding ecosystems but also contribute to the interdisciplinary goals of a liberal arts education, providing opportunities for scholarship and reflection.

The completion of this official Sustainability Tracking Assessment and Rating System (STARS) report in conjunction with our Campus Sustainability & Climate Action Plan provides Denison with a solid foundation to effectively move forward in addressing the complex issues associated with advancing a college campus towards a more sustainable future.

The Denison community is pleased to submit this STARS report as a Charter institution. I believe that it is an accurate barometer of Denison's current sustainability initiatives. Our STARS Silver rating is a reflection of the dedication our students, faculty, staff, alumni, and trustees to sustainability at Denison. It also serves as a valuable reminder of the work that lies ahead of us as we implement our Campus Sustainability & Climate Action Plan.

Sincerely,



Dale T. Knobel
President