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

I am pleased to submit LIU Post's STARS report, a compilation of our campus sustainability efforts. Over the past few years, LIU Post students, faculty, staff, and administrators collaboratively developed our sustainability programs. A main objective of our new strategic plan, *LIU 2020*, is to "promote a vibrant, ethical, inclusive, and environmentally conscious engagement with community." The mission of LIU Post's campus sustainability committee is to learn about and understand our "impact on the environment and to live more sustainable local-to-global lives."

Our academic offerings include a three-year old M.S. in Environmental Sustainability, a new B.A. in Interdisciplinary Studies in Environmental Sustainability, and two undergraduate minors. For Fall 2015, the theme of our First-Year Experience program and our Freshman Foundations course is sustainability. Our common read is *Garbology*, and all first-year students will participate in intellectual discussions and projects on sustainability.

In addition, we recycle a wide variety of materials, maintain one of Long Island's largest rain gardens, and thoughtfully manage our energy systems using innovative technologies such as solar photovoltaic panels and a geothermal system.

This STARS rating process has helped us to evaluate and improve our sustainability efforts to date. Our report is accurate and complete and, as President, I endorse its contents.

Sincerely,

Dr. Kimberly R. Cline
President