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The Association for the Advancement of
Sustainability in Higher Education (AASHE)
2401 Walnut Street Suite 102
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103

RE: The University of Texas at Dallas AASHE STARS Submission

Dear AASHE Staff,

The University of Texas at Dallas is pleased to submit its third Sustainability Tracking Assessment & Rating System (STARS) Report to AASHE, building upon the foundation for sustainability documented in UTD's 2016 and 2019 reports.

Since UTD's first STARS Report in 2016, Sustainability has grown tremendously in terms of scope and priority for UT Dallas, with sustainability now prioritized within UTD's Strategic Plan. We recognize the important role that higher education plays in leading innovation to address issues of sustainability and training the next generation of leaders that will apply their education towards solving these grand challenges. We are grateful for the resource that AASHE provides through the STARS Report in order to define the scope of impact that we aim to have and measure our effectiveness in realizing this impact. UTD has utilized the AASHE STARS reporting process in order to build collaborations across campus that add value to academics, student engagement, community engagement, operations, and administration.

Within this report, we have highlighted the work taking place across campus, led by many stakeholders. In each case, sustainability has provided meaningful context through which information can be presented, expertise can be applied, and values can be discussed. We have observed that UTD's prioritization of sustainability provides direct benefit to the mission of our university, and we believe that benefit will ripple forward to create greater good as the next generation of leaders graduate with the skills and values to address the many issues of sustainability.

UTD appreciates the opportunity to report and assess the programs provided in this STARS Report, and we look forward to continued progress on this strategic priority for UT Dallas.

Sincerely,

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