

Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education (AASHE)
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Re: Temple University STARS 2.2 Submission

To whom it may concern:

Temple University is pleased to submit its fourth Sustainability Tracking, Assessment and Rating System (STARS) report. The report, completed by Temple's Office of Sustainability, was a university-wide collaborative effort and has been verified for accuracy by Temple's Data Verification Unit. Additionally, The Office of Sustainability reviewed the university's greenhouse gas emissions with SIMAP, as noted in our submission.

Temple University affirmed its commitment to sustainability by signing the American College and University Presidents' Climate Commitment in 2008, the White House's Campuses Act on Climate commitment and the Second Nature Climate Leadership statement in 2016. In 2019, Temple reaffirmed its commitment by developing its second-generation Climate Action Plan outlining goals for achieving carbon neutrality by 2050.

Since submitting the STARS report in 2020, Temple has made significant progress in creating a more sustainable campus, including:

- Developing a new methodology for measuring the volume and impact of sustainability research produced at Temple University. The process provided greater insight into societal research that aligns with UN Sustainable Development Goals.
- Initiating an ambitious review of program-level learning outcomes to evaluate the inclusion of sustainability competencies into degree program descriptions and learning objectives.
- Disseminating a survey to assess sustainability culture at Temple University. Questions related to students, faculty, and staff perceptions, beliefs, dispositions, and behaviors related to sustainability will help to inform future strategic priorities.

STARS reporting has provided a framework to help identify opportunities to further sustainability efforts throughout the university.

Sincerely,



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And Chief Operating Officer