

February 19, 2018

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

Re: Temple University STARS 2.1 Submission

To whom it may concern:

Temple University is pleased to submit its second 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.

In 2008, Temple University affirmed its commitment to sustainability by signing the American College and University Presidents' Climate Commitment (ACUPCC). In 2010, Temple developed its Climate Action Plan outlining goals for achieving carbon neutrality over time, which included:

1. Reducing greenhouse gas emissions by 30% in 2030;
2. Integrating sustainability into the curriculum;
3. Expanding research and community outreach in climate change.

In 2016, the university confirmed its climate commitment by signing the White House's Campuses Act on Climate commitment and the Second Nature Climate Leadership statement. The university is currently in the process of updating its Climate Action Plan and completing its first ever resilience plan.

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

- Participation as an EPA Green Power Partner via the university's renewable energy purchases;
- Completion of 6 LEED certified buildings since 2014;
- Launch of a surplus program that repurposes university assets at the end of their life;
- Creation of a student designed and constructed, net-zero, off the grid Tiny House;
- Installation of stormwater management best practices on campus;
- Operation of the Rad Dish Café, a student-governed and sustainable food café dedicated to selling exclusively local, organic, ethical food to the Temple community;

- Offering student opportunities in sustainability education and research through the following programs: Certificate in Sustainability; Sustainability Living and Learning Community; Creative Arts, Research and Scholarship; Graduate Research Award Sustainability Program; and, Paley's Library Prize for Undergraduate Research on Sustainability.

We look forward to receiving the STARS Silver designation. STARS reporting has provided a framework to help identify opportunities to further sustainability efforts throughout the university.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kevin Clark". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "K" and "C".

Kevin Clark

Executive Vice President
and Chief Operating Officer