

Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education (AASHE)  
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Philadelphia, PA 19103

Re: Temple University STARS 2.1 Submission

To whom it may concern:

Temple University is pleased to submit its third 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. In addition to Temple's Data Verification Unit, 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. Goals include:

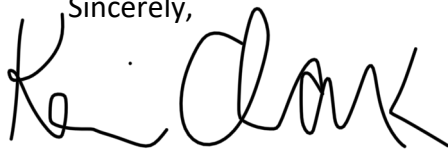
1. Reducing energy use in existing buildings by 18% by 2033
2. Integrating sustainability into curricula
3. Expanding research and community outreach in climate change

Since submitting the STARS report in 2018, Temple has made significant progress in creating a more sustainable campus, including:

- Spearheading a consortium of colleges in south eastern Pennsylvania to evaluate proposals for a renewable energy Power Purchase Agreement
- The evaluation and restructuring of Temple's Undergraduate Certificate in Sustainability
- The creation of a student educator program to build student awareness on campus
- The designation of Temple University's 187-acre Ambler Campus as a research field station

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,



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And Chief Operating Officer