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STARS - Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education (AASHE)  
2401 Walnut Street Suite 102  
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Re: Portland State University's STARS 2020 submission

On behalf of Portland State University, I am pleased to submit the results of our sixth STARS assessment. I affirm this report to be an honest and accurate account of sustainability programs and practices on campus.

PSU's remains committed to sustainability in every aspect of the institution—from curriculum and operations to research and community partnerships. This new submission of data maintains our STARS Gold rating and illustrates continued progress toward a culture of stewardship, conservation, interdisciplinary thinking, and innovative problem solving.

We have made great strides in operational sustainability through the pursuit of LEED Building Operation and Maintenance, certifying four (4) buildings (achieving two silver and two gold certifications) and working towards future certifications in additional buildings. We opened Fariborz Maseeh Hall, a newly renovated LEED Gold building that incorporates numerous sustainable design elements such as sustainably sourced materials, ample daylight harvesting, and significant reductions in energy and water use. We broke ground on a new collaborative building partnering with the City of Portland, Portland Community College, and Oregon Health and Sciences University that will open in the Fall of 2020, and are pursuing LEED Gold certification. PSU continues to prioritize and finance energy efficiency projects through our Green Revolving Fund, having invested \$2.4 million to date, with an annual energy savings of approximately \$235,000. Finally, we have invested in Portland General Electric's Green Future Impact solar project, a 162-megawatt solar facility, which will supply nearly a quarter of PSU's electricity from local renewable energy, while also supporting the local clean energy economy.

On the academic and research front, the University just launched a new Climate Science and Adaptation minor, a collaboration between the department of Geography and Environmental Science and Management, providing students an understanding of the science behind climate change, the wide-ranging impacts, and management strategies for addressing those impacts. This year, our Living Lab program, worked with over 100 undergraduate and graduate students from a diverse range of disciplines, including Urban Studies, Economics, and Civil Engineering. PSU was also nationally recognized for sustainability research focused on heat island effects in low-income communities as well as the impacts of microplastic on marine life. And finally, through our student fellows program, students across disciplines were able to connect with the sustainability community and gain valuable professional skills, experience, and networks.

PSU takes seriously its motto, Let Knowledge Serve the City, and sustainability is a key part of our contribution. I appreciate the opportunity to share these highlights with your organization and I look forward to reporting on our continued innovation in the years to come.

Sincerely,



Stephen Percy  
Interim President, Portland State University