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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 2017 submission

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

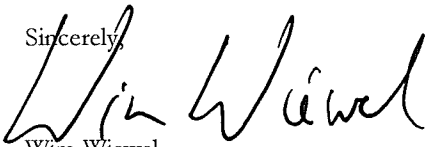
PSU's remains committed to sustainability in every aspect of the institution—from curriculum and operations to research and community partnerships. This new submission of data maintains our STARS Gold rating and illustrates continued progress toward a culture of stewardship, conservation, interdisciplinary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

The past year included numerous sustainability achievements in both operations and academics. We have made strides in operational sustainability through our pursuit of LEED for Existing Buildings certification in four PSU buildings, becoming a certified Bee Campus USA, enacting a Sustainable Procurement and Lifecycle Consideration Policy for campus, continuing to increase the number of efficiency projects funded by the University's Green Revolving Fund, and investing in several major renovation projects that are aiming for LEED Platinum certification.

On the academic front, the University continues to push multiple sustainability-related research agendas, including conducting further research and monitoring of urban air toxic concerns in collaboration with the City of Portland and Multnomah County. Our Living Lab program continues to pair the innovation of our students and faculty with the expertise of our operational staff to make progress on campus sustainability goals and projects. To further our work as a Second Nature Climate Commitment signatory, PSU has partnered with the City of Portland's Bureau of Planning and Sustainability, Portland Downtown Neighborhood Association, City of Gresham, and Mt. Hood Community College on the Climate Resilience in Urban Campuses + Communities (CRUX) program, to increase the area's resilience to the impacts of climate change. And finally, The Portland Climate Action Collaborative continues to match the research needs of the City of Portland with faculty and student expertise to address climate change.

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,



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President, Portland State University