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STARS

Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education (AASHE)

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Re: Portland State University's STARS 2018 submission

On behalf of Portland State University, I am pleased to submit the results of our fifth 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 operations and academics. We have made strides in operational sustainability through the pursuit of LEED Building Operation and Maintenance, receiving a Silver certification for our Urban Center Building and working on three additional buildings and this fall opening the Karl Miller Center that is on track for LEED platinum certification. This year PSU also received its fourth Tree Campus, USA recognition and has increased the number of efficiency projects funded by the University's Green Revolving Fund.

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 Count.. 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, through our student fellows program students across disciplines have been able to connect with the sustainability community through activities that develop 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,

Rahmat Shoureshi  
President, Portland State University