



May 11, 2017

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Re: University of Oregon STARS Report Submission

To STARS Program Manager:

The University of Oregon is proud to submit this Sustainability Tracking, Assessment, and Rating System (STARS) report to the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education. The University of Oregon is reporting a Gold designation.

The University of Oregon conducts its STARS report bi-annually, and we are pleased to increase our rating from our previous Silver designation. We made strides in a number of areas as a result of an increase in our commitment to diversity, increased curricular offerings, sustainable development policies guiding campus planning and construction, and an increase in efforts to collect and assess data across a number of other fields.

The STARS report emphasizes academic research and teaching in sustainability, which is a particular focus and point of pride at the University of Oregon. For example, the University of Oregon's architecture program is ranked first in the nation for sustainable design education and our Sustainable Business MBA program is ranked as the No. 1 Green MBA nationally. We have also established ourselves at the forefront of the environmental humanities with a deep tradition of environmental literary criticism, philosophy, and history.

We are also proud of the work we do in our grounds maintenance, waste management, and transportation. The University of Oregon heavily promotes the use of public transportation, walking, and bicycling as modes of commuting for both students and employees.

We have also implemented a number of leading-edge programs, reflected in our innovation credits. We have created a partnership with the University of Oregon Duck Store to create the Sustainability Faculty Fellowship, which encourages

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faculty to create community-engaged learning opportunities around issues of sustainability. Additionally, our SolarizeU program offered faculty, staff, and community members bulk discounts on solar panels for their homes. The University of Oregon also established a nutrition calculator and dining program in our dining halls to help promote more sustainable food choices.

Since the reportable data timeframe, the University of Oregon has ensured that all new buildings meet or exceed LEED Gold standards. We are also in the process of updating our Climate Action Plan, which will help guide the university's sustainable practices in the years to come.

Our score accurately represents the sustainability efforts and values of the University of Oregon to the best of our reporting abilities. We believe it is a fair and comprehensive assessment of our progress to date, and we welcome any feedback or insight that can help us improve. Those comments and questions can be directed to Steve Mital, Director of the Office of Sustainability, at smital@uoregon.edu.

Sincerely,



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