



February 17, 2016

Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education
1536 Wynkoop St., Suite 100
Denver, CO 80202

Dear STARS Steering Committee Members:

On behalf of the University of Wisconsin-Platteville, I am pleased to affirm our results submitted to AASHE's Sustainability Tracking, Assessment & Rating System (STARS). We have made great strides in sustainability in the past four years, with highlights including the hiring of our first Sustainability Coordinator, implementing a fixed route transit system for our students, reducing our energy use by over 12%, and initiating campus programming to cut back on waste and educate students about the importance of sustainability.

Completing this, our first STARS report, is an important step for us. It reflects our long-term dedication to campus sustainability by creating a baseline from which we can evaluate our initiatives and continually work toward improvements. We are proud that our sustainability initiatives thus far have helped us further our four strategic goals:

Control our Own Destiny: Our Sustainability Program created nearly \$1 million in financial return for campus and our community between 2013-2015.

Enrich the Tri-State Region: Our Sustainability Program created 9 FTE jobs on campus and in the community, many of which are cost recovery.

Provide an Outstanding Education: Through academic partnerships, our Sustainability Program brought to life over 7,900 hours of applied learning for UW-Platteville Students in a wide variety of disciplines.

Foster a Community of Achievement and Respect: Through our collective actions, our Sustainability Program prevented CO2 emissions equivalent to the electricity used in 635 homes.

I affirm that the information included in our STARS report is accurate to the best of our abilities. Through the oversight of our campus Environmental Sustainability Committee, we plan to continue the measurements of these indicators, at minimum, every three years to re-certify our STARS rating. We look forward to using the results from STARS to inform the campus community and general public of our efforts, to celebrate our successes, and to help us continue to advance our campus sustainability.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Dennis J. Shields'.

Dennis J. Shields
Chancellor
University of Wisconsin-Platteville