



Office of the President

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Meghan Fay Zahniser

Executive Director

Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education

2401 Walnut St. Suite 102

Philadelphia, PA 19103

Dear Ms. Zahniser:

I am pleased to present the updated Sustainability Tracking and Rating System report from the State University of New York at New Paltz, and to endorse this endeavor on behalf of the entire campus community. I have reviewed these materials developed by our Sustainability Committee, which is leading this effort. The STARS initiative provides an excellent set of metrics and benchmarks to help us assess current strengths and identify priority opportunities to continue our sustainability work.

These efforts align with other work in curriculum and student-life programming; collaboration with sustainability interests in the local community; partnerships with state agencies and utilities to improve our performance on issues including renewable energy, facilities improvements, recycling, composting food waste, and water quality and conservation; and managing our Foundation's investments.

We appreciate and value the further support and direction that the STARS program provides for our work.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Donald P. Christian".

Donald P. Christian

President

Copy: Michele Halstead, Vice President for Administration and Finance

Lisa Mitten, Sustainability Coordinator