

## THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AT WILMINGTON

April 18, 2016

Dear STARS Steering Committee:

As North Carolina's Coastal University, the University of North Carolina at Wilmington (UNCW) has an intrinsic connection to the environment and consequently sustainability. It is, therefore, an honor to submit our first Sustainability Tracking and Rating System (STARS) report to help define our continued progress forward.

This submission was prepared and checked for accuracy by our Environmental Health & Safety (EH&S) department, and I affirm that it is an accurate depiction of UNCW's efforts in sustainability. Receiving a Silver rating will be a point of pride for UNCW, as well as a form of encouragement to augment our efforts and strive for even more accomplishments in sustainability.

As an established member of the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education (AASHE), UNCW values the STARS process in assessing our standing with regard to accepted industry practice. We appreciate all of the work that AASHE does to establish this tool and the various advocacy and training tools that you offer.

Sincerely,

Dr. Rick Whitfield

Vice Chancellor of Business Affairs