



SOUTH DAKOTA STATE UNIVERSITY

Office of the President

May 12, 2023

Dear STARS Committee Members:

I am pleased to provide the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education (AASHE) with the South Dakota State University (SDSU) Sustainability Tracking, Assessment & Rating System (STARS) institutional report.

We submit this document, our third STARS report, with great enthusiasm. The SDSU administration, faculty, staff, and students have worked diligently to collect the necessary data for this report. Due to the collective efforts of individuals throughout our university, I can affirm that the data in the report accurately represents SDSU's sustainability efforts.

The STARS report provides us with an excellent instrument to document our institutional efforts. More importantly, we have adopted the STARS reporting process to establish a baseline assessment as a tool to guide continuous improvement with our sustainability work. As President, I am so delighted by the interest and engagement from our faculty, staff, and students in sustainability, including the impact of sustainability on both our local community and the world as a whole.

On behalf of many at SDSU, I truly want to thank AASHE and STARS members for developing standards for benchmarking sustainability in higher education. Your efforts, along with the work of members of our university team who assisted in preparing this report make a positive impact at SDSU.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Barry H. Dunn', written over a thin horizontal line.

Barry H. Dunn
President