

February 3, 2016

Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education (AASHE)
2401 Walnut Street, Suite 102
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RE: Sustainability Tracking, Assessment & Rating System (STARS) Submission

To Whom It May Concern:

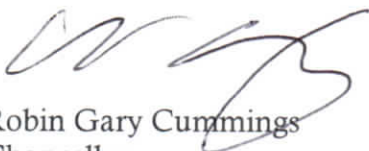
I am pleased to endorse the attached sustainability self-assessment by The University of North Carolina at Pembroke (UNCP). UNCP's provisional STARS 2.0 rating is 38.93 – a bronze designation. To the best of our knowledge, the information presented in this evaluation is accurate and complete.

Nearly two years ago, we signed the American College and University Presidents' Climate Commitment, now known as the Carbon Commitment, pledging UNCP would develop a plan to achieve carbon neutrality by the year 2050. Two months after making this public commitment to sustainability, we became the first university in the state of North Carolina to pledge with the U.S. Department of Energy as a "Partner" in the Workplace Charging Challenge. The Workplace Charging Challenge aims to achieve a tenfold increase in the number of U.S. employers offering workplace charging by the year 2018. Currently, we have four plug-in electric vehicle charging stations on campus available to students, staff, faculty and visitors, all of which were installed with solar photovoltaic panel arrays offsetting carbon emissions associated with the chargers.

UNCP kicked off its strategic sustainability planning process in October 2015 with a campus town hall input meeting and plans to complete this guiding document in 2016, which will include a climate action plan component. The Strategic Sustainability Plan will serve as the campus's primary guiding document for sustainability and, like AASHE STARS, will address all operating and academic areas within campus. The document will also serve as a reference for all sustainability and related goals, commitments, mandates and policies.

We are committed to sustainability and plan to further advance our efforts on campus and in our region. We appreciate AASHE for its leadership with this initiative and this valuable metric.

Sincerely,



Robin Gary Cummings
Chancellor