



February 22, 2018

Dear AASHE STARS Committee:

I am pleased to present you with the University of South Florida's Sustainability Tracking, Assessment, and Rating System (STARS) report, which accurately conveys our sustainability achievements. The accomplishments reflected in the report are a result of our steadfast commitment to a culture that is both "green" and inclusive with the express goal of creating a sustainable campus and community environment for our students, faculty, staff, alumni, and partners.

I am proud of our efforts that helped earn USF a Gold Rating in our last three STARS reports (2011, 2014, 2017). We have worked hard over the last year to expand our sustainability efforts, locally, regionally, and globally. Further, our students have consistently voted to maintain a student tuition fee of \$1 per credit hour to support the Student Green Energy Fund. This initiative has resulted in a local power company contributing to a \$1.2 million solar investment at our Marshall Student Center to establish one of the largest solar installations in the region.

While these accomplishments are significant, we recognize that being a 'sustainable campus' is an ongoing process that requires continuous monitoring, revising, and implementation of new sustainability best practices. I commend the Office of Sustainability for their role in coordinating our STARS report. It is through the collaborative hard work and dedication of many that we are able to achieve our goals and continue to be a global leader in sustainability.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Judy Genshaft". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Judy Genshaft
USF System President