



March 10, 2017

Dear AASHE Staff,

The University of South Florida St. Petersburg (USFSP) is proud of our commitment to sustainability and our contribution to the national AASHE STARS report. Over the past several months our Sustainability Planner, Brian Pullen, has worked tirelessly along with some of our brightest graduate and undergraduate students to collect data to complete this report.

Concurrently, USFSP has committed to its Climate Action Plan (CAP), which outlines our goals to reduce and eliminate greenhouse gas emissions by successfully implementing solutions in the sectors of energy use, transportation and waste management.

To accomplish these goals, our Office of Sustainability worked with dedicated students, who are part of both our Student Green Energy Fund and our Clean Energy and Resource Conservation Commission, to pass several sustainable projects including planting a permaculturally designed organic garden; increasing the number of recycling bins around campus; and installing a 100 kW solar array over our parking garage, making the power usage of the garage completely carbon neutral. We also have plans to install a new 40 kW solar carport array to help supply the energy needs of our new biology labs.

Finally, we are in the process of establishing a real-time energy management and monitoring system to help us better understand our campus energy usage and to identify areas in which we can become more energy efficient.

USFSP is well on its way to achieving carbon neutrality through sustainable initiatives led by our spirited student body, our dedicated staff and our expert faculty. We look forward to a continued partnership with AASHE as we work to establish USFSP as an institutional leader in sustainability.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Sophia Wisniewska".

Sophia Wisniewska, PhD
Regional Chancellor
University of South Florida St. Petersburg