



Florida Institute of Technology

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Facilities Operations

Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education
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Dear AASHE STARS Steering Committee,

The Florida Institute of Technology (FIT) is pleased to present its first university-wide, sustainability performance assessment utilizing the Sustainability Tracking Assessment and Rating System. This self-assessment represents the most accurate representation of the university's sustainability efforts as of this date. We can affirm that the information has been meticulously gathered and vetted from offices across the university and that our reporting team is confident that this submission represents FIT's best efforts towards campus sustainability presently.

As one of NASA's earliest partners, we are working to reimagine and redesign more sustainable and interactive living, learning, and working spaces. Through years of efforts, the university has taken action to reduce our footprints and foster a more sustainable campus and community culture. Utilizing the STARS v.2.1 metrics, the university has been able to look at its total operations and help chart a course for future sustainability related improvements aimed at enhancing student life on campus. Several of these credits forced valuable evaluations that we had not previously considered. By understanding our focus areas through this process we have coordinated with many offices around campus and value the opportunity to utilize our AASHE membership and the STARS program to define our next steps as a university.

The university's drive toward sustainability improvements stems from the opportunities that the sustainability major and minor students have with campus departments, our Facilities Office, and our community partners. Together, students, faculty and staff are working toward improving campus operations and many programs, policies, and practices are continuing to develop through these partnerships. This has helped identify the importance of sustainability within the strategic plan and encourage future initiatives across campus.

Thank you for allowing FIT to submit this sustainability self-assessment and for allowing us to showcase our sustainability efforts.

Sincerely,

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