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Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education
2401 Walnut Street, Suite 102
Philadelphia, PA 19103

Dear AASHE STARS Committee:

Please find attached the University of North Georgia's 2023 AASHE STARS submission, as a follow-up to our initial survey in 2019.

Our 2014 strategic planning process identified the development of a university-wide sustainability plan as a key initiative, and it remains a priority in our recently completed 2022-2027 Strategic Plan. Our university community values sustainability efforts that include fiscal, environmental, and cultural dimensions. As president of the university, I am proud of the work that is being conducted across UNG's five campuses to accomplish this goal and the opportunity to assess our work through the STARS survey.

Since our consolidation, we have strived to ensure that our facilities and academic master plans emphasize quality learning environments, program expansion, information technology infrastructure, and sustainability. As documented in this submission, our efforts include:

- an academic commitment to sustainability through the development of sustainable programming and learning outcomes;
- active partnerships with the communities where our campuses are located to promote recycling and decrease waste;
- a commitment to energy management with the aim of reducing energy consumption coupled with energy generation through solar arrays; and
- engaging our campus communities and region in sustainability initiatives and exploring new avenues for involvement.

Please review the details of our activities in the submitted STARS survey and let us know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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President