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

Please find attached the University of North Georgia's 2019 AASHE STARS submission, our initial survey. UNG was formed through a consolidation of a four-year, residential university and a primarily two-year state college in 2013. Today, we serve nearly 20,000 students across five campuses and online.

In 2014, through our strategic planning process, we identified the development of a university-wide sustainability plan as a key initiative. It is important to our university community that our sustainability efforts 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; 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. We are excited about being part of the AASHE initiative and look forward to sharing our continued progress with you.

Sincerely,

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