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AASHE STARS

Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education
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Dear STARS Administrators,

It is my pleasure to present Central Washington University's second STARS report. Since we first reported and earned a Bronze STARS rating in 2019, we've made strong gains in making CWU a more sustainable institution. Some highlights of our progress include:

- Creating dedicated sustainability positions, including a Sustainability Coordinator, three Provost Fellows, a Senator for Sustainability in the student government, and an Americorps sustainability volunteer.
- Expanding sustainability in academics. A Sustainability Certificate was launched, workshops focused on expanding sustainability in the curriculum were offered to faculty, and there is a marked increase in the number of sustainability courses offered.
- Creating an equitable community characterized by belonging. Four faculty fellows have promoted collaborative diversity, equity and inclusion (DEI) work across campus; the Faculty Senate Anti-racism and Diversity Team developed a DEI graduation requirement; and an anti-racism Faculty and Staff Development Program was created that will be launched Fall 2022.
- Opening a new LEED Gold Health Sciences building that includes rooftop solar panels, extensive energy efficiency measures, sustainable materials, rooftop solar panels, and electric vehicle charging stations. We also committed to all future buildings meeting LEED Gold or higher.
- Utilizing our grounds to support sustainability. Food production has increased at Wildcat Neighborhood Farm, providing fresh local produce to CWU dining, a food bank, and two food pantries. The farm continues to provide educational and research opportunities for the campus community. In a partnership with Mid-Columbia Fisheries Enhancement Group, we are continuing restoration efforts on Wilson Creek.

I affirm that CWU's 2022 STARS submission is an accurate reflection of CWU's sustainability practices, policies and commitments, and express our dedication to continuing to become a more sustainable institution. During 2021-2022, we utilized a collaborative and inclusive process to create a new Vision and Mission statement that captures our dedication to sustainability:

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Vision: Central Washington University will be a model learning community of equity and belonging.

Mission: In order to build a community of equity and belonging, Central Washington University nurtures culturally sustaining practices that expand access and success to all students. We are committed to fostering high impact practices, sustainability, and authentic community partnerships that are grounded in meaningful relationships.

This new vision and mission statement will guide our work in the coming years, and we strive to earn a Gold STARS rating when we next report in 2025.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "A. James Wohlpart". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent initial "A".

A. James Wohlpart
President