



EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY

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Ms. Meghan Fay Zahniser
Executive Director, AASHE
2401 Walnut Street, Suite 102
Philadelphia, PA 19103

Dear Ms. Zahniser:

Eastern Michigan University (EMU) is pleased to submit our first STARS report.

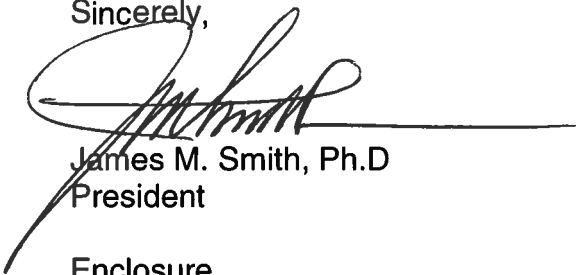
I had the honor of creating the inaugural University Sustainability Commission in 2018. The Commission's mission is to "develop a sustainability plan guided by the [STARS] framework [and] to strategically plan and implement measures through policy recommendations ...". Submitting our STARS report was an important first step in this process and is also part of the University's comprehensive Strategic Plan, which was updated earlier this year.

Historically, EMU has done well in sustainability. We were ranked among the best universities in the country in the social mobility category and are recognized by Carnegie Classification for Community Engagement. We recently updated our co-generation electricity and heating system, installed energy-saving glass in our buildings, energy efficient lighting throughout campus, and renovated three LEED certified buildings on campus, including our LEED Gold certified Mark Jefferson science complex. Sustainability is woven broadly into our curriculum. Students benefit from sustainability courses, majors, minors, and many immersive sustainability learning experiences.

We know, however, that more must be done. Going forward, the Commission will work closely with various offices across the University to further assess our sustainability efforts and make recommendations on how to become more sustainable. We aim to use the STARS rating system as the framework for fostering sustainability and to measure, document, and publicly communicate EMU's progress toward advancing each of the criteria.

In sum, we look forward to continuing to advance sustainability and are therefore pleased to share this report with you.

Sincerely,



James M. Smith, Ph.D
President

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