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The Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education
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To Whom It May Concern,

It is my great pleasure to present the University of New Brunswick Fredericton’s second submission to AASHE’s Sustainability Tracking Assessment & Rating System (STARS). This will be UNB Fredericton’s second STARS submission, having achieved a Silver Rating in 2017.

UNB strives to inspire and educate people to become problem solvers and leaders in the world, undertake research that addresses societal challenges, and engage with our partners to build a more just, sustainable, and inclusive world. The institution has also made a commitment through both a Climate Change Action Plan and a Strategic Plan to become carbon neutral by 2050.

In the three years since our last submission, there have been major strides taken by a number of student groups, staff units and faculties in the area of sustainability. Along with maintaining or enhancing ongoing programming, new initiatives including a Student Sustainability Fund and the Great Bike Giveaway have been implemented. The UNB Sustainability unit has facilitated these efforts, however, it is the active engagement and participation from a variety of groups and individuals from all parts of the University that has helped make UNB a leader in sustainability.

In addition to illustrating the areas where we have improved, the STARS submission also highlights areas where we can continue to improve. This information will continue to serve as a valuable tool in future planning on campus and to identify best practices implemented across the post-secondary education sector.
As the Vice-President of (Administration & Finance), I affirm the information in this submission has been thoroughly checked for accuracy. I thank the many faculty and staff who were involved in collecting and providing information, without which this STARS submission would not have been possible. I look forward to continuing on this journey along with the other colleges and universities who have made the commitment to sustainability, especially our peers in the Maritimes and the rest of Canada.

Sincerely,

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Vice-President (Administration and Finance)