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Sustainability

"Meeting human needs now and in the future

in a fair, just, and equitable way

while protecting and maintaining healthy ecosystems in perpetuity."

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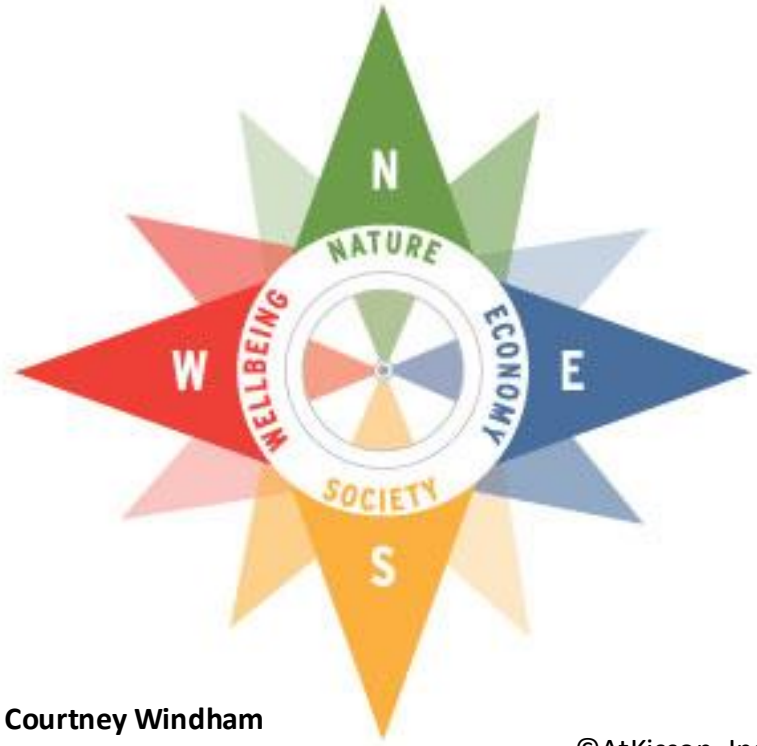
Sustainability Compass

Nature

Wellbeing



Economy

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Society

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Auburn University Sustainability Policy

"….Auburn University considers sustainability a core value and strives for excellence in sustainability through continuous assessment and improvement."

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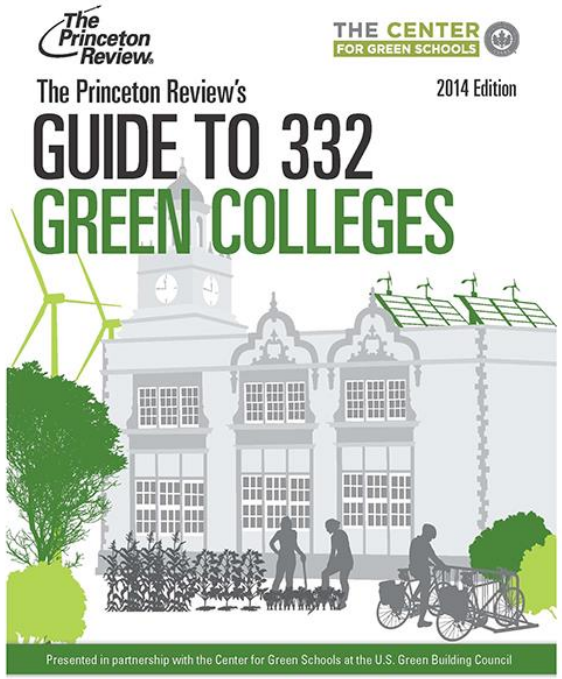


U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
GreenRibbonSchools

TREE CAMPUS USA

U.S. GREEN BUILDING COUNCIL MEMBER

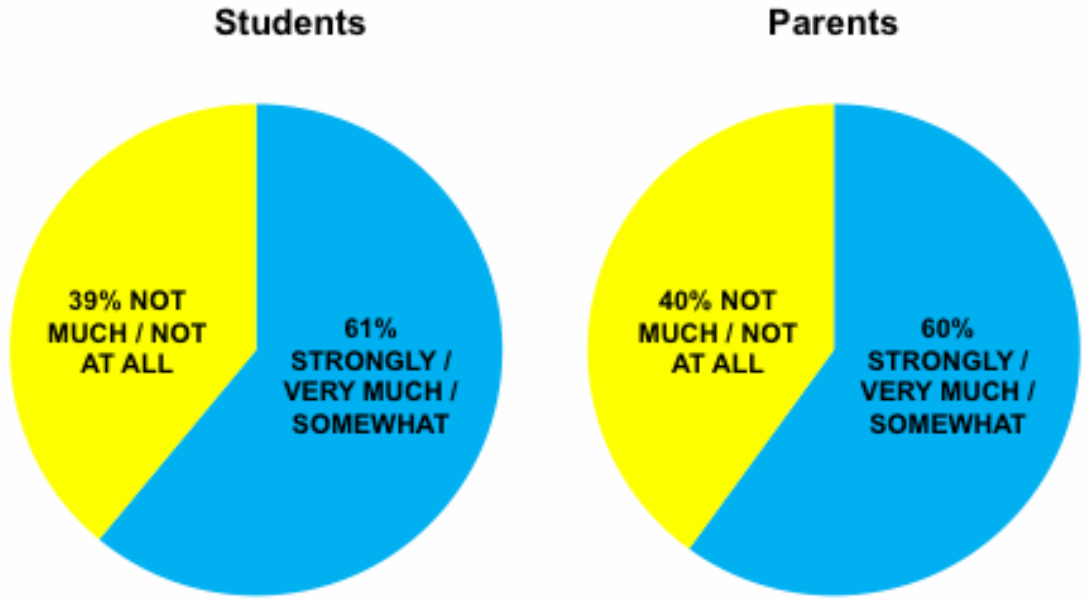
GREEN SPORTS ALLIANCE

AMERICAN COLLEGE & UNIVERSITY PRESIDENTS CLIMATE COMMITMENT

BICYCLE FRIENDLY UNIVERSITY
2014-2018
SILVER
THE LEAGUE OF AMERICAN BICYCLISTS

The Princeton Review

If you (your child) had a way to compare colleges based on their commitment to environmental issues (from academic offerings to practices concerning energy use, recycling, etc.), how much would this contribute to your (your child's) decision to apply to or attend a school?



The majority of respondents overall (students and parents combined), care about colleges' commitments to "green" issues: 61% said having such information would contribute to their decision to apply to or attend the school.

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The Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education

755 Members

170 Assoc Members

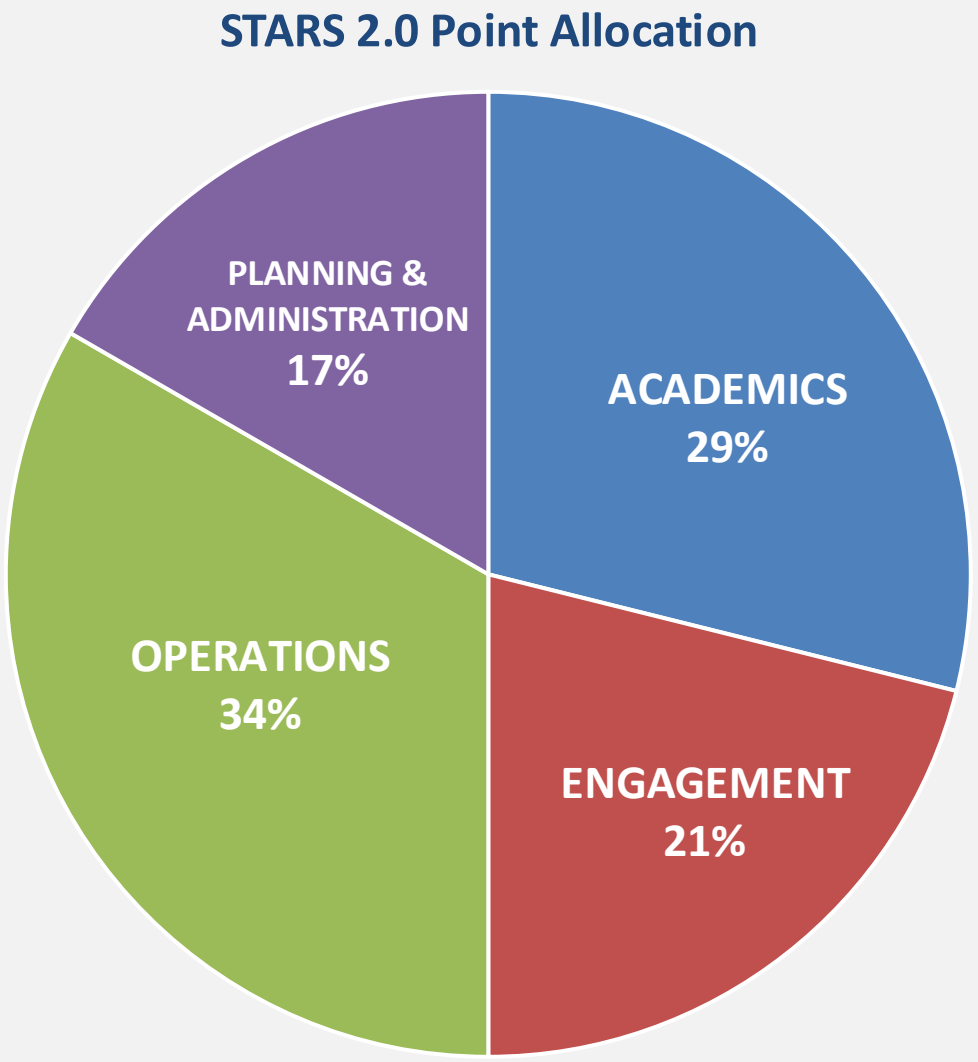
est. 2005

Sustainability Tracking Assessment & Rating System

- 779 Institutions
- 27 Countries
- 6 Continents

est. 2010

STARS 2.0 CATEGORIES



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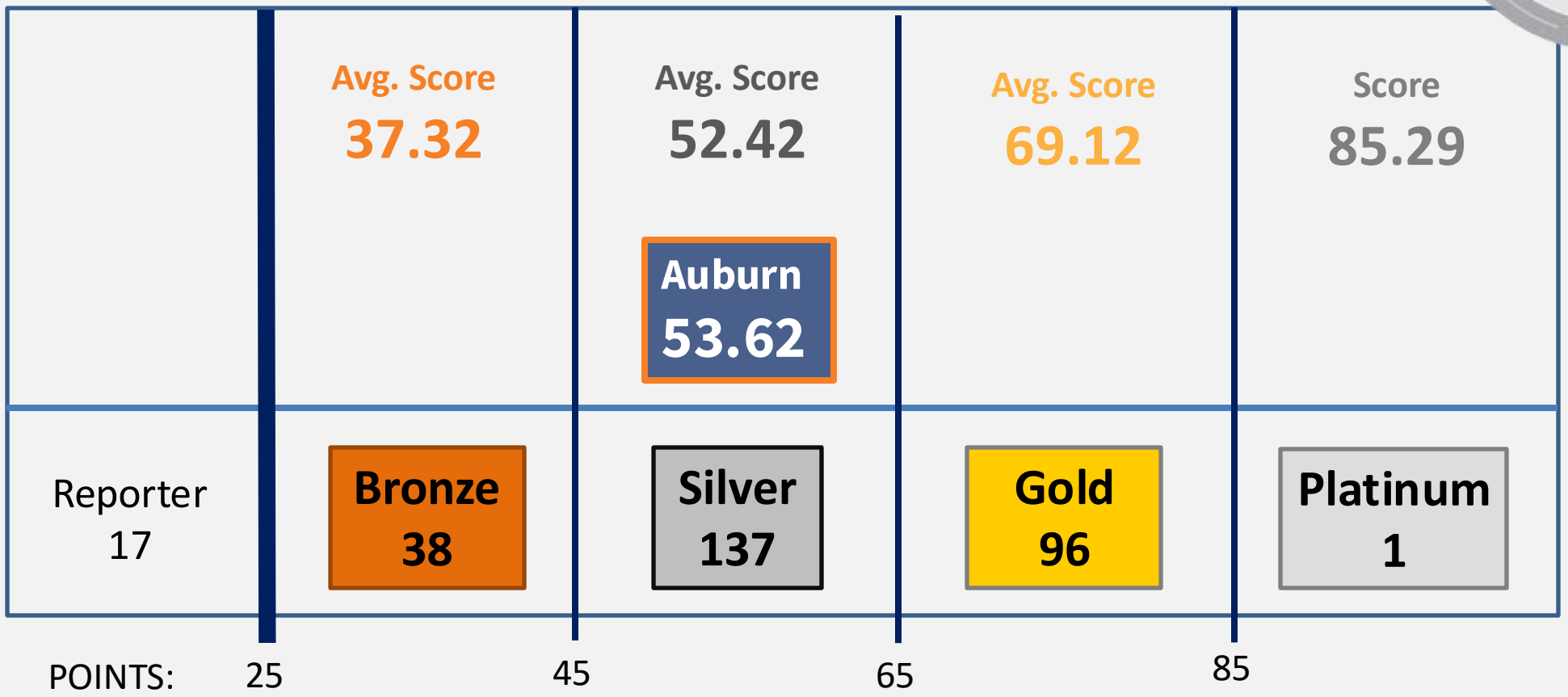
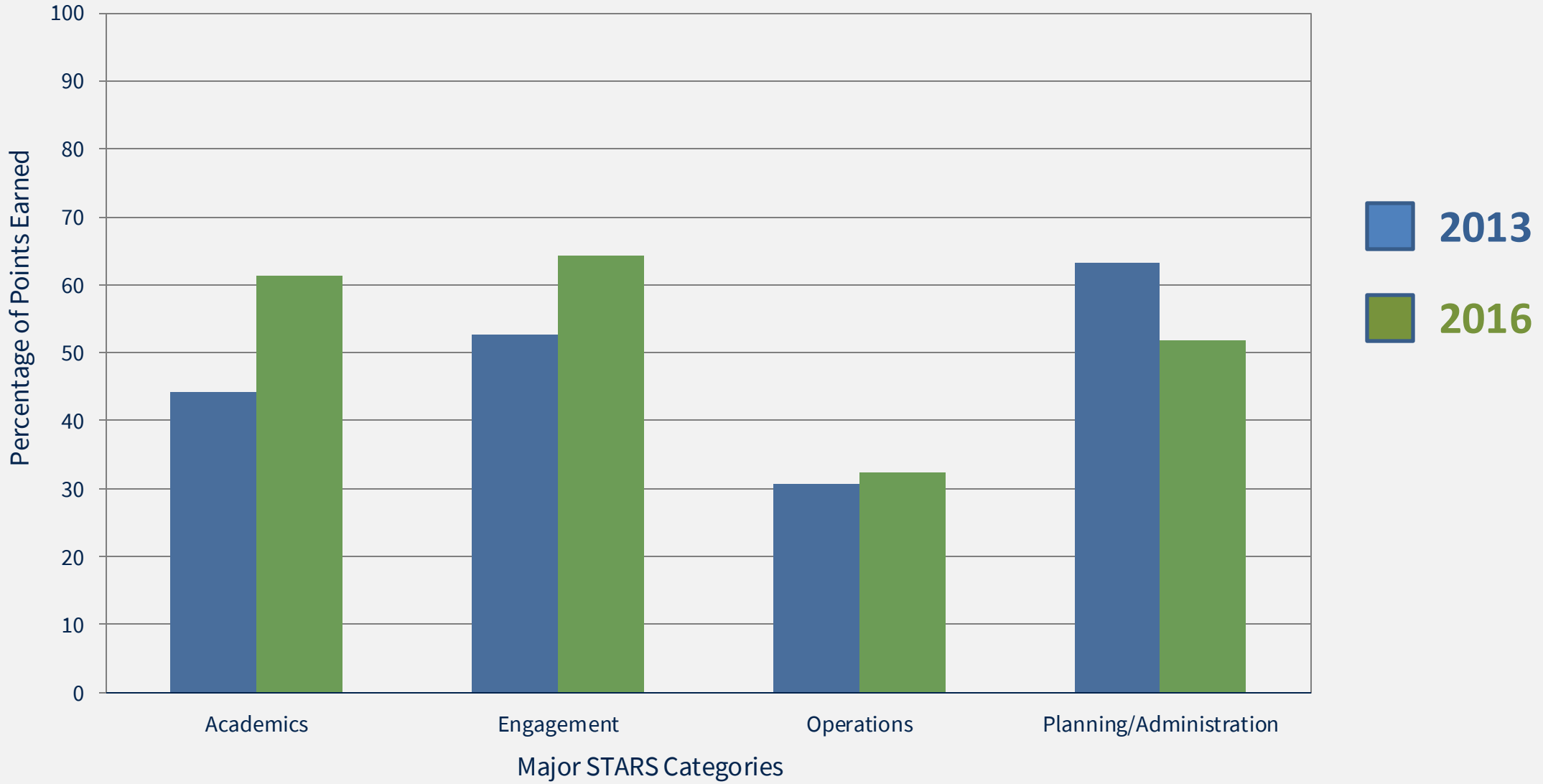


AUBURN THEN: 2013 & NOW 2016



BENCHMARKING

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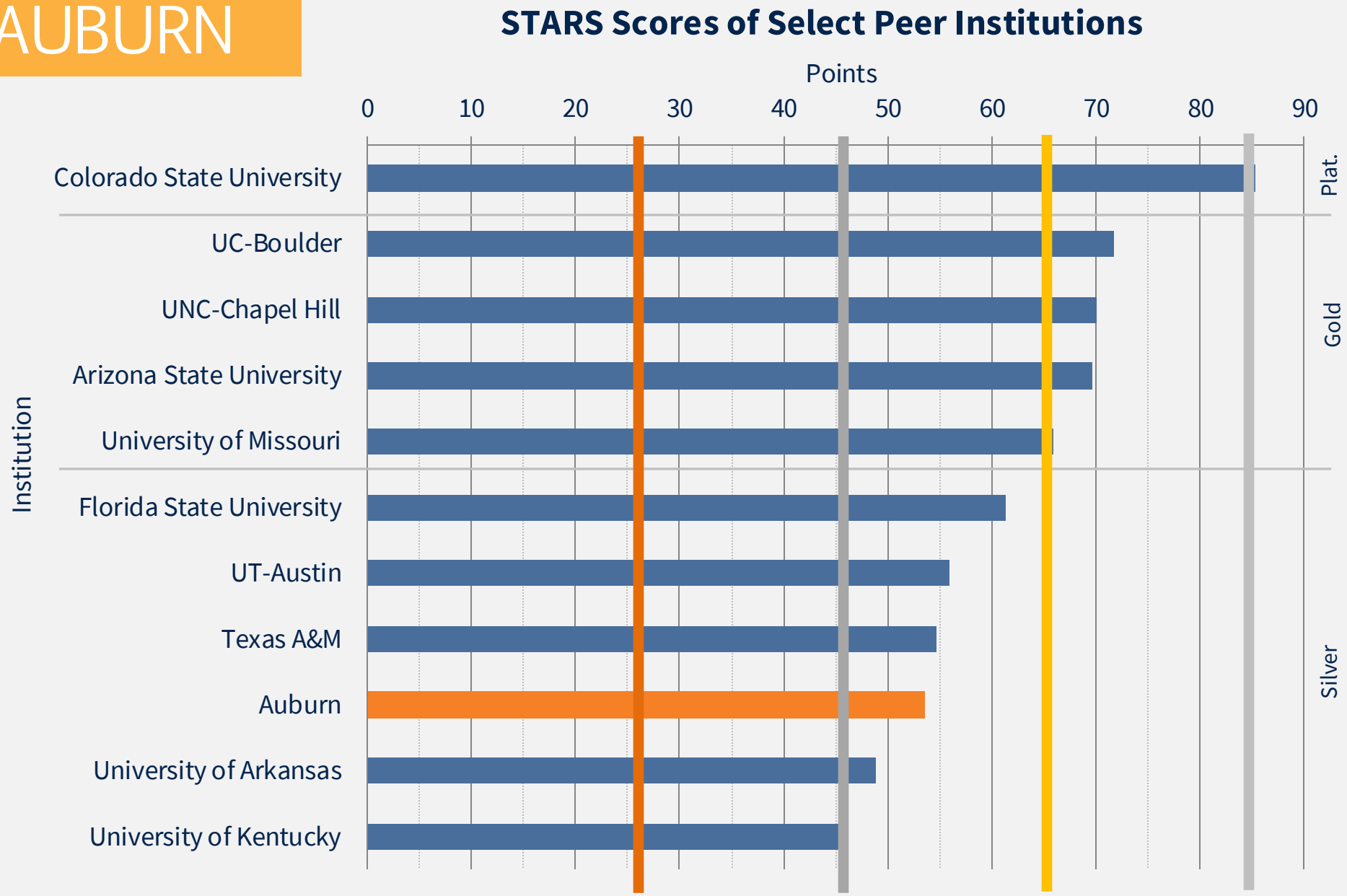

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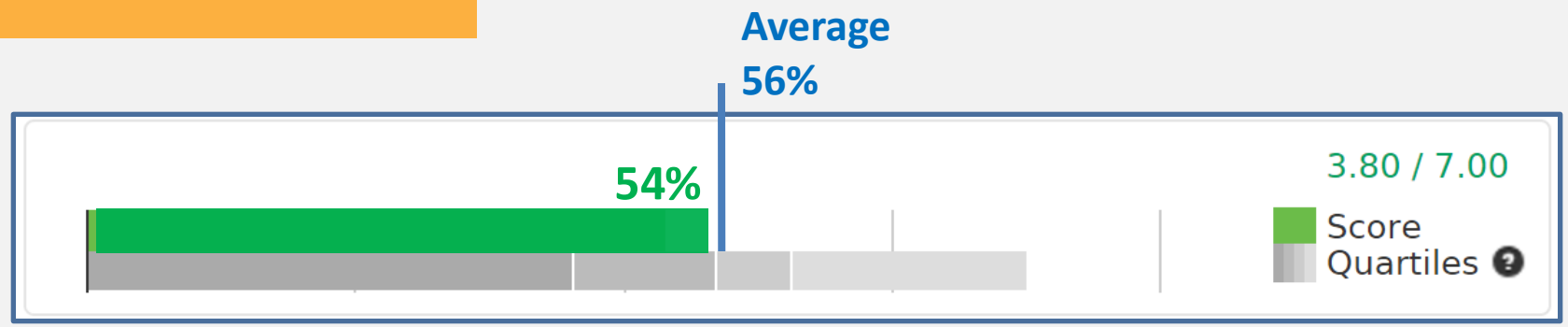

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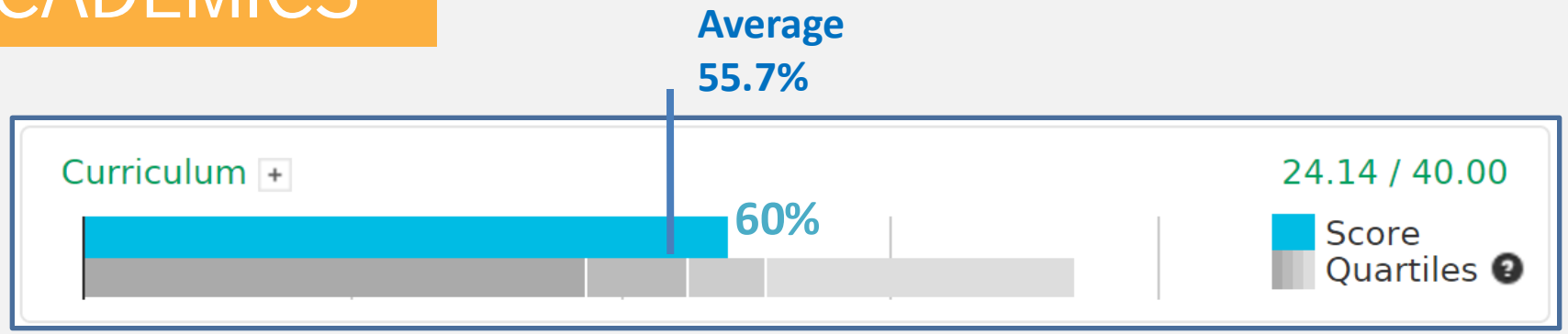
Curriculum



Highlights

- Minor in Sustainability Studies
- Option in the Core Curriculum
- Faculty curriculum workshop and awards
- Campus as a Living Laboratory
- Increasing enrollment and diversity of courses and degree programs

Opportunities

- Sustainability Literacy Assessment
- Expansion to under-represented colleges
- Graduation Requirement

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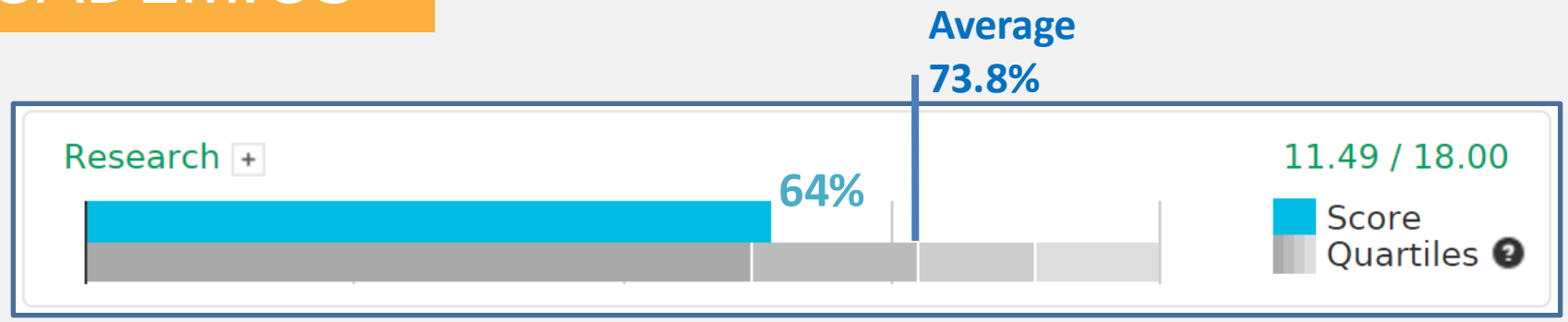
Research



Highlights

- Research inventory & networking
- Increasing percent of faculty and departmental engagement
- Interdisciplinary cluster hires to enhance faculty expertise

Opportunities

- Incentives for research
- Seed grant program
- Open access policy for research results
- Criterion for tenure and promotion

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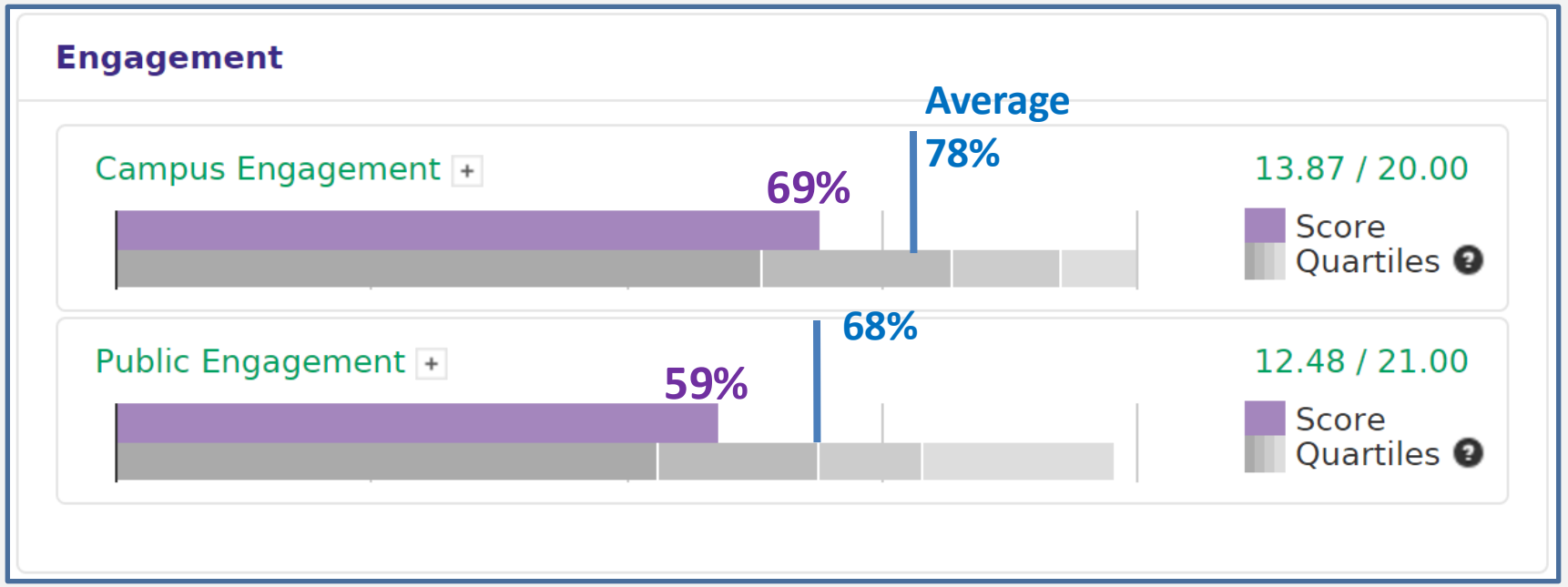
THE RESULTS

Engagement



Highlights

- Student & Employee Orientation
- Outreach Materials & Publications
- Staff Professional Development
- Continuing Education
- Community Partnerships
- Inter-Campus Collaboration

Opportunities

- Student & Employee Peer Engagement
- Campus-wide Engagement Campaigns
- Community Service
- Stakeholder Engagement
- Participation in Public Policy

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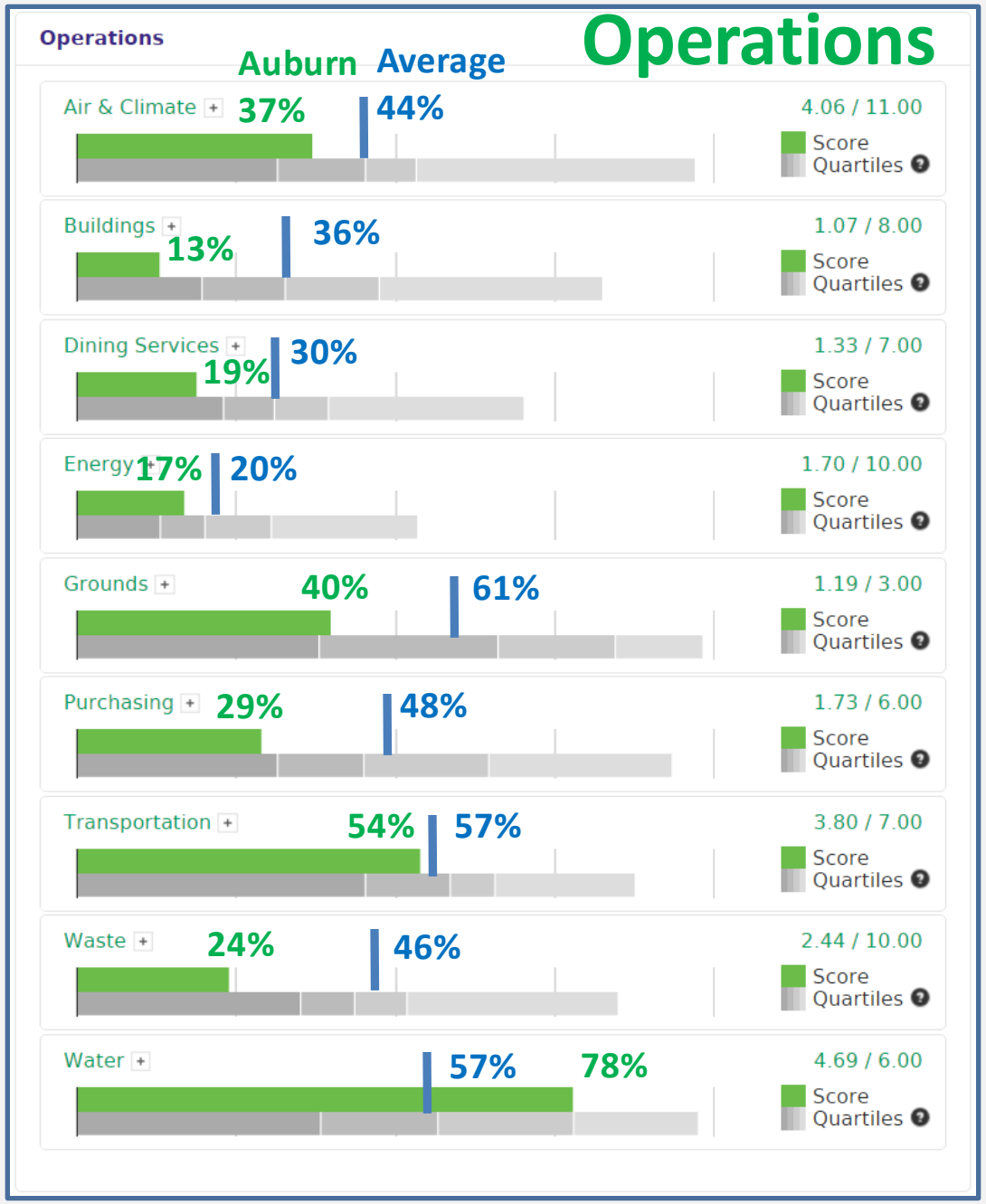
Highlights

- Indoor Air Quality Management
- Low-Impact Dining Options
- Student Commuting Choices
- Support for Sustainable Transportation
- Hazardous Waste Management
- Water Management

Opportunities

- Sustainable Design, Construction, Operation & Maintenance of Campus Buildings
  - LEED Certification of Buildings
- Increase Local Food Purchases
- Financing Mechanism for Efficiency Improvements
- Sustainable Purchasing Practices
- Expand Waste Elimination, Recycling, & Composting
- Lower Greenhouse Gases



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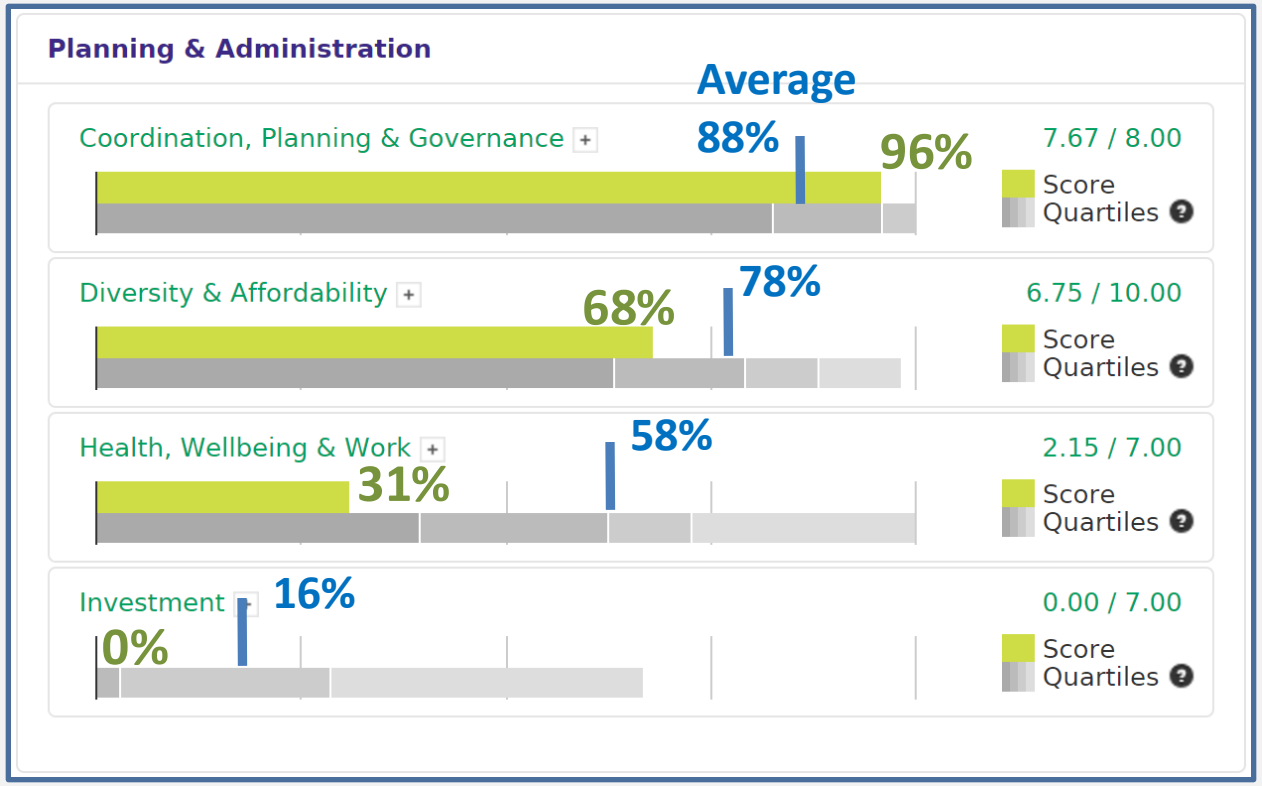
Planning & Administration



Highlights

- Sustainability Office
- Academic Programs Director
- Sustainability Policy
- Climate Action Plan
- Participatory Governance

Opportunities

- Comprehensive Sustainability Strategic Plan
- All-Employee Job Satisfaction Survey
- Living Wage Standard and Living Wage Compensation for All Employees
- Sustainability Screens for Investments
- Public Reporting of Investment Distribution

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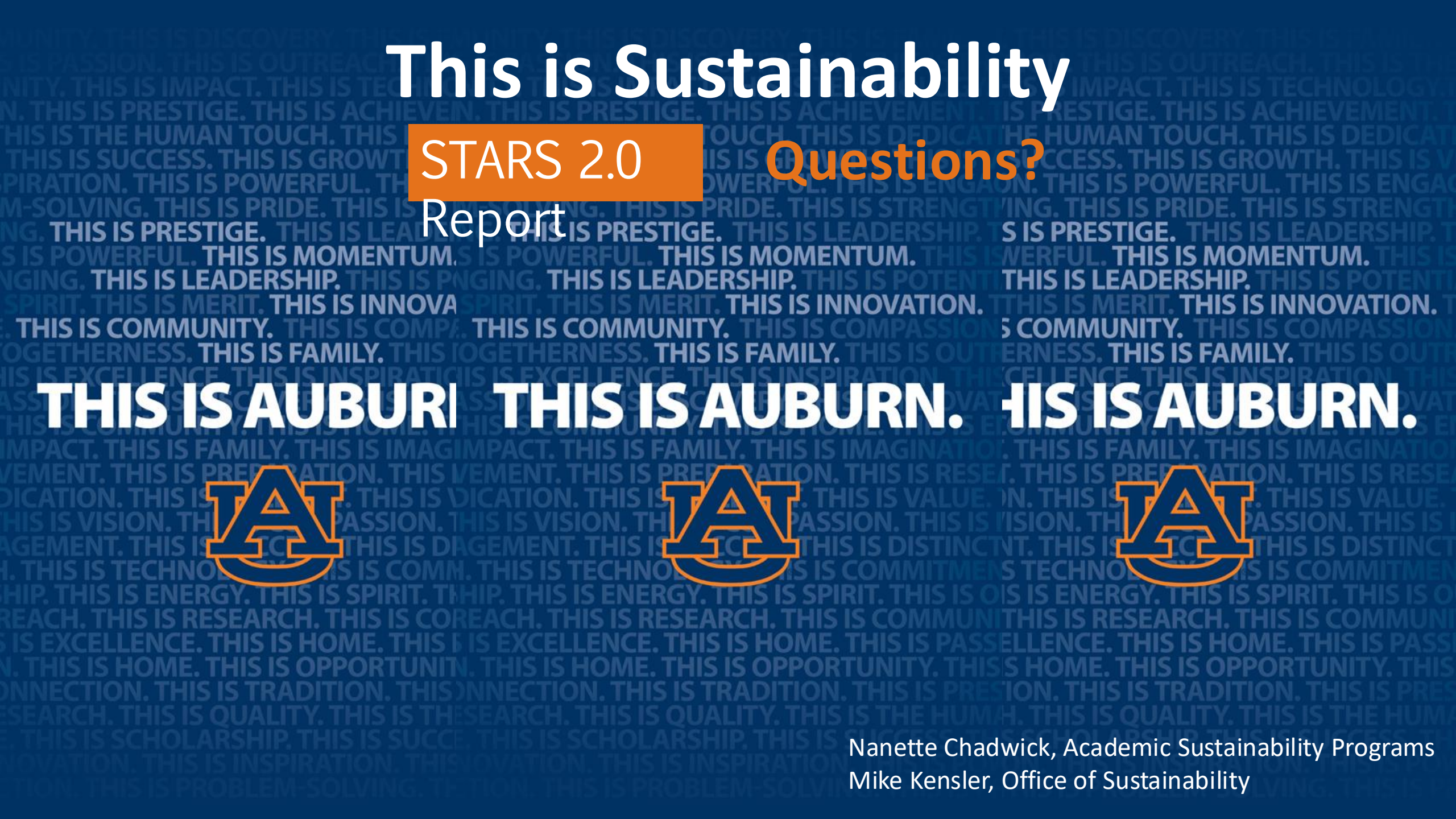
Questions?



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