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1. Greening of the Campus VII Conference at Ball State University

The Greening of the Campus VII Conference at Ball State University attracted 350 sustainability professionals from around the country for three engaging days of networking and learning from September 6-8. Participants enjoyed keynotes from David Orr and Deb Rowe, as well as dozens of fantastic paper presentations, including one from the University of Florida and ACUHO-I's Norb Dunkel about work being performed at the university with Residential Learning Communities and the development of an Eco Village learning community. The American College & University Presidents' Climate Commitment was a hot topic as well, with lots of stories about how the ACUPCC is acting as a catalyst for sustainability initiatives and lots of conversations about how to encourage more schools to sign on.

-Georges Dyer

2. First Joint Call Between HEASC and DANS

Members of HEASC and DANS (Disciplinary Associations Network for Sustainability) had their first joint call, where they discussed collaboration on public awareness and legislative opportunities related to higher education and sustainability. We will be continuing with more collaboration in the near future.

-Deb Rowe

3. New Member Events Calendar on HEASC Website

A new Google calendar is now up on the HEASC website for member associations' events. So far, we've added a number of sustainability-related events and are in the process of adding each HEASC member's annual conference. Please contact Mary Reilly (mreilly@secondnature.org) if you have other events (conferences, webinars, workshops) that you would like to see posted. Click on the link below to go to the calendar/events page:

<http://www.heasc.net/events.php>

-Mary Reilly

4. ACUPCC Letter of Support Template and Other Resources Now Available

The American College & University Presidents' Climate Commitment has developed a letter template that you can tailor and send to constituents to show their support of the ACUPCC, raise awareness about it, and encourage presidents that have not yet signed to join the initiative. It is also a way to let your members know that your association will be there to support implementation of the Commitment after their institution signs. You can download the text and send it on your association's letterhead from the ACUPCC website at:

http://www.presidentsclimatecommitment.org/html/ACUPCC_Letter_of_Support_v01.doc

In addition, several other resources have been added to the "About" section of the website (<http://www.presidentsclimatecommitment.org/html/about.php>) including a generic ACUPCC presentation. Note that a new and improved version of the presentation will be posted soon.

-Georges Dyer

5. SCUP/NY Times Webcast: *Climate Change and Higher Education Leadership to Achieve Climate Neutrality*

SCUP, in collaboration with The New York Times Knowledge Network, is offering a webcast entitled: *Climate Change and Higher Education Leadership to Achieve Climate Neutrality*. The webcast will feature Michael Crow, President of Arizona State University and Billy Parish, co-founder of the Energy Action Coalition. It will take place on December 12 from 2:00–3:30pm, Eastern Time and is now open for registration at:

<http://www.nytimes.whsites.net/knowledgenetwork/learning/scup-climatechange.html>

-Mary Reilly

6. ACUPCC Signatory Count Passes 400

As of today, the ACUPCC signatory count is 406! This represents over 3 million students from 47 states. All those who signed through September 15th are considered "Charter Signatories". September 15 also marks the start of the implementation phase for all signatories who have signed up to that date. Those in the implementation phase will start reporting on their plans and progress which will culminate in a climate action plan and the initiation of at least two of seven actions (as defined in the ACUPCC agreement) by Sept 15, 2009.

We continue to rely on HEASC members to sustain this success. Here are three ways you can continue to help:

- 1) Include a short piece about the ACUPCC in regular emails and newsletters to your members. We have developed a couple of short pieces that you can use and can help you customize them for your next communication. Contact Georges Dyer (gdyer@secondnature.org) or Mary Reilly (mreilly@secondnature.org).

- 2) Identify "Sustainability Champions" among your membership, and specifically "ACUPCC Champions" among your membership at signatory schools, who can serve on panels, write articles and provide valuable learning opportunities for the rest of you membership. Please connect such people to Georges or Mary as well.

- 3) Encourage your membership to participate in the ACUPCC and let them

know you support the initiative. Also offer to assist with making the case for their presidents to sign the Commitment and let them know that your association will be there to help them in implementing the Commitment.

-Georges Dyer and Mary Reilly

7. Plans for Next Sustainability Webinar: November 27 from 1:00 – 2:30pm, EST

In response to HEASC member requests, we will be offering another sustainability webinar for your staff and members on November 27 from 1:00 – 2:30pm, Eastern Time. We plan to include concrete examples relevant to your membership and would like to highlight examples from experienced sustainability practitioners who would be willing to share their expertise in various topic areas. If you know of stellar examples of sustainability or individuals from your membership who could speak about them, please submit to Deb Rowe at dgrowe@oaklandcc.edu .

-Deb Rowe

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