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1. Bill Clinton Announces Partnership Between the ACUPCC and the Clinton Climate Initiative (CCI)

As you know, the ACUPCC signatories, supporting organizations, and NACUBO have been working with the CCI for several months now on negotiating a partnership to facilitate the implementation of lower-cost energy efficiency projects (and eventually other applications) that will help signatories fulfill the terms of the ACUPCC. Specifically, the partnership gives ACUPCC signatories access to funding mechanisms, technical assistance, and discounts on products associated with energy efficiency retrofits for existing buildings.

On November 7th at the GreenBuild Expo in Chicago, former President Bill Clinton officially announced the partnership. Eleven ACUPCC signatories also announced the launch of pilot projects with the CCI that will serve as models for other colleges and universities. We thank all of you who have helped to date with this project, and were pleased with the press that the initiative and many of the signatories received as a result of the announcement.

More detailed information about the CCI partnership will be forthcoming. If you have immediate questions in the meantime, please contact Andrea Putman at aputman@secondnature.org

See also:

- [ACUPCC Press Release](#)
- [Chronicle of Higher Education article](#)
- [Inside Higher Ed article](#)
- [Video of the announcement](#)

2. Mark Your Calendars – Climate Change and Higher Education Webcast on December 12th, 2007

On December 12th from 2-3:30pm eastern, SCUP, AASCU, and the New York Times will present a webcast titled: *Climate Change and Higher Education: Leadership to Achieve Climate Neutrality*. Presentations will be made by Michael Crow, President of Arizona State University; Billy Parrish, co-founder and coordinator of the Energy Action Coalition, Dave Newport, Director University of Colorado, Boulder Environmental Center; and moderated by James Gorman, Science Editor, *The New York Times*. This webcast explores steps that colleges and universities are taking to respond to climate change, and will provide models that are transferable to other higher education institutions, corporations and communities. The ACUPCC will be prominently highlighted in this program, and we encourage you to register for this event and promote it among your colleagues and membership.

To register and find more information visit:

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

-Kathy Benton

3. ACUPCC Update

The ACUPCC continues to build momentum with 434 signatories representing over 3.5 million students – 22% of the total student population! In addition to the announcement of the partnership with the CCI, many other aspects of the ACUPCC are making progress:

- The “Kathy Schatzberg Challenge” has reached the midpoint in its campaign to enlist more schools by asking current signatories to recruit two colleagues by December 15, 2007. The feedback so far, has been promising with a number of presidents reporting that they have been actively wooing their peers over the last four weeks. *For details, go to:*
<http://www.presidentsclimatecommitment.org/challenge>
- Signatories are submitting their first reports to the ACUPCC as the 2-Month deadline for creating an institutional structure and identifying which two of the tangible actions they will take is today, November 15th. The submission of this initial report is very important in demonstrating some early success – both for individual schools and the ACUPCC as a whole. *To view the reports go to:*
<http://www.presidentsclimatecommitment.org/reports/>

A 5-page summary of GHG inventory tools and resources is now available on the ACUPCC website. The Brief provides an overview of common resources for conducting a GHG inventory on campus and discusses the merits and drawbacks of each. The Brief is a companion to the [ACUPCC Implementation Guide](#), which defines the specific obligations represented in the Commitment, explains technical issues related to implementation, and sets out the conditions to be considered in “good standing” within the ACUPCC. *The brief is available here:* [ACUPCC GHG Inventory Brief](#)-Georges Dyer

4. Second Nature President Anthony Cortese addresses the (NAICU) National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities Secretariat

Tony Cortese addressed the NAICU Secretariat at their annual meeting on November 14 on HEASC and the ACUPCC. The NAICU Secretariat includes members of special-purpose or regional independent college and university associations. The members of the Secretariat volunteered to promote the ACUPCC and several expressed interest in joining HEASC and in promoting the Climate Change webcast (**see item 3**).

-Tony Cortese

5. Second Nature introduces Stephen Muzzy as its new Program Manager

Stephen has joined the Second Nature team and brings with him a passion for education and sustainability. He will be responsible for working with HEASC members on your sustainability efforts. While pursuing a masters degree in environmental education at Antioch University New England, Stephen had the opportunity to research and profile K-12 schools that were working toward sustainability. With an expanded awareness of actions being taken at the primary and secondary education levels, Stephen wanted to further deepen his understanding of education for sustainability from a systems perspective. This desire brought him to Sweden where he completed a masters in Strategic Sustainable Development. The thesis titled "The Campus Sustainability Movement: A Strategic Perspective" focused on sustainability in Higher Education in the United States and Canada. Stephen's research and understanding of sustainable development will correspond nicely with Second Nature's mission and values. If you would like to view the thesis go [here](#) and click *csmthesis_mm_mh_sm.pdf*

6. Upcoming Events Reminder

- [Education for a Sustainable Future TeleSeminar](#), Tue, Nov 27, 1:00pm - 2:30pm
- [Climate Change and Higher Education: Leadership to Achieve Climate Neutrality Webcast](#), Wed, Dec 12, 2:00pm - 3:30pm
- [AASHE Sustainability Across the Curriculum Leadership Workshop](#), Jan 10 - 11, 2008
- [National Center for Science Education \(NCSE\) Climate Change: Science and Solutions](#), Jan 16-18, 2008
- [Focus the Nation](#), Jan 31, 2008

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