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1. **REMINDER** –Webcast: Climate Change and Higher Education: Leadership to Achieve Climate Neutrality on December 12th, 2007 @ 2:00 pm - 3:30 PM ET

This webcast will be filmed and streamed live over the Internet. There will be opportunities to submit text questions during the broadcast. Presenters are: **Michael Crow**, President, Arizona State University; **Billy Parrish**, Co-founder and Coordinator, Energy Action Coalition, and **Dave Newport**, Director of the University of Colorado at Boulder Environmental Center. Moderated by **James Gorman**, Science Editor, *The New York Times*, this program explores steps that colleges and universities are taking to respond to climate change, and will provide models and ideas that are transferable to other higher education institutions, corporations and communities.

Fee: \$245 for either the live event or CD archive, \$350 for both

More Details and Registration:

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

Questions? Call Kathy Benton at 734.998.6966

-Kathy Benton

2. 2008 HEASC Dues are due January 1

A reminder that invoices will be sent out soon for current and new HEASC Member Dues.

3. ACUPCC Update

The ACUPCC has grown to 447 signatories representing over 3.5 million students – 22% of the total student population!

- The “Kathy Schatzberg Challenge” is winding down its campaign to enlist more schools by asking current signatories to recruit two colleagues by December 15, 2007. We continue to receive promising feedback, stay tuned for the results. *For details, go to:* [<http://www.presidentsclimatecommitment.org/challenge>](http://www.presidentsclimatecommitment.org/challenge)

-Stephen Muzzy

4. AACC Board approves resolution in support of Education for a Sustainable Future

Carolyn Teich has reported that the AACC board has approved a resolution that will collaborate with HEASC, AASHE and other higher education organizations to promote education for sustainable development among its member organizations, as well as, take a leadership role in promoting sustainable practices. To view the resolution click here: [Sustainable Development Resolution](#)

5. Focus The Nation (FTN) January 31st, 2008

"Focus the Nation is an educational initiative that promotes civic engagement. Each Focus team will invite local, state and federal political leaders and decision-makers to come to campus and participate in a non-partisan, round-table discussion of global warming solutions. US congress members, state representatives, mayors and city councilors, are invited to speak about global warming. After which, every institution will vote on their top five national priorities for global warming action, producing a campus and citizen endorsed policy agenda for 2008." (Taken from www.focusthenation.org/about.php)

Currently over 1000 institutions, mostly colleges and universities have signed on to participate. FTN has been endorsed by AASHE, as well as, by college presidents, educational programs, student governments, faith groups, faculty and staff, and business and civic organizations. This is a great opportunity to work with your members to help promote the ACUPCC and HEASC as we continue the push toward carbon neutrality. For more information go to: <http://www.focusthenation.org/index.php>

-Stephen Muzzy

5. Sustainability: Deepening the Conversation

I would like to start a new segment in the HEASC Digest with the intention of deepening the conversation around sustainability and sustainable development. This segment may include articles, books, websites, provocative questions, etc..., all of course will be in an effort to advance sustainability throughout higher education. This week, I am again attaching my thesis titled "The Campus Sustainability Movement: A Strategic Perspective". The executive summary will provide an overview of a framework for assessing and planning for sustainable development, as well as, provide an indication of where the "Campus Sustainability Movement" is heading in the US and Canada. To view the thesis go here

<<http://www.bth.se/fou/cuppsats.nsf/bbb56322b274389dc1256608004f052b/b0f8e324039811c4c12572f200781f69!OpenDocument>> and click *csmthesis_mm_mh_sm.pdf*

6. Upcoming Events Reminder

Climate Change and Higher Education: Leadership to Achieve Climate Neutrality

Webcast, Wed, Dec 12, 2:00pm - 3:30pm

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

AASHE Sustainability Across the Curriculum Leadership Workshop, Jan 10 - 11, 2008

<<http://www.aashe.org/profdev/curriculum.php>>

National Center for Science Education (NCSE) Climate Change: Science and Solutions,

Jan 16-18, 2008 <<http://www.ncseonline.org/2008conference/>>

Focus the Nation, Jan 31, 2008 <<http://www.focusthenation.org/>>

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