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1. 2008 HEASC Dues are due January 1

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

2. ACUPCC Update

The ACUPCC has grown to **453** signatories representing over 3.5 million students – 22% of the total student population!

- The "Kathy Schatzberg Challenge" ended on Saturday, December 15th. The results of these presidents' efforts to recruit two colleagues should come to light beginning in the New Year. In the meantime, we continue to receive promising feedback, stay tuned for the results. *For details, go to:*
<<http://www.presidentsclimatecommitment.org/challenge>>

-Stephen Muzzy

3. Call for Presentations: NACUBO's Smart & Sustainable Campuses Conference

The 3rd Annual S&SCC will be held March 31 – April 2, 2008 at the University of Maryland University College Campus. The conference brings together current and future leaders in the areas of campus planning and development, environmental health and safety, sustainability, finance and business, facilities management, and procurement. This comprehensive symposium will feature sessions and workshops on smart growth and sustainable practices that serve the economy, the community, and the environment specifically in:

- **Institutionalizing Sustainability**-*Benefits, strategies, sustainability and mission, Presidents Climate Commitment, trustee engagement, committees/task forces on campus, financing sustainability, student recruitment, and marketplace advantages*
- **Operational Solutions**- *Energy, green building, transportation, procurement, and food and dining*

- **Smart Growth and Campus Planning**- *Development issues, open spaces, density, mixed uses, future growth, growth and carbon emission reduction, town/gown collaboration*
- **Assessment and Measurement**- *Behavioral changes measurement, campus improvements metrics, and reporting*

The call for presentations is open until January 18, 2008. The link to submit proposals can be found at <http://www.nacubo.org/x9790.xml>

The conference is produced from a partnership of the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), **NACUBO**, the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education (**AASHE**), the University of Maryland, College Park, Campus Consortium for Environmental Excellence (C2E2), **APPA**: The Association for Higher Education Facilities Officers, the Campus Safety Health and Environmental Management Association (**CSHEMA**) and the Society for College and University Planning (**SCUP**).

-NACUBO Website

4. ACPA's Presidential Taskforce on Sustainability met in Syracuse, New York December 7 – 9

The ACPA Presidential Taskforce on Sustainability will be publishing a monograph that will be distributed at the ACPA's annual convention in Atlanta in April. The monograph is a call to action for higher education. Members of the Taskforce will also be presenting an institute on sustainability at this convention. The institute is a series of three programs that build on one another, each examining a different aspect of sustainability in student affairs work. In addition, two Taskforce members will be presenting a program at NASPA's annual convention in Boston in March. Lastly, the Taskforce is planning the ACPA Sustainability Institute in Cambridge, MA June 11 – 14.

The Taskforce is also working with ACPA's Assessment Commission to provide resources to assist institutions in assessing student learning about sustainability. The Taskforce has created a professional competencies document that articulates what student affairs practitioners should know about sustainability. For more information on ACPA's sustainability initiatives please visit <http://www.myacpa.org/pd/sustainability/>

-Kathleen Gardner

5. Finalists Announced for ACUHO-I 21st Century Project Design Showcase

On December 4, 2007 The Association of College and University Housing Officers – International **ACUHO-I** announced the finalists in the second phase of 21st Century Project Design Showcase competition, focusing on the "block and neighborhood." The five finalists will present their designs to a jury on February 1, 2008 in St. Petersburg, Florida. The finalists (in alphabetical order) are: • Ayers/Saint/Gross Architects + Planners (Washington, D.C.) • Little Diversified Architectural Consulting (Charlotte, North Carolina) • MGA Partners, Architects (Philadelphia, Pennsylvania) • Net+work+camp+us (Norfolk, Virginia) • Southern Illinois University, Edwardsville and Mackey Mitchell Architects (St. Louis, Missouri)

For this phase of the 21st Century Project design competition, concepts were submitted focusing on the "Block" of 30-32 student units – and the "Neighborhood" of 150-160 students. The "Block and Neighborhood" of a residence hall community is defined by the interaction of the students, and the relationship between the public and private spaces fosters social and academic activity. Thus, each contestant was challenged to incorporate sustainable features, creative uses of technology as it relates to both the social and academic component of the residence hall, and a flexible, multi-use of space. The

finalists will now participate in a presentation before a nine-member jury – one university chief financial officer, one university student affairs officer, one student representative, two industry design professionals, one university chief academic officer, one university chief housing officer, and two architects and or campus planners - at the Tradewinds Island Grand Resort in St. Petersburg, Florida, on February 1, 2008. The winning design team will be awarded a cash prize of \$25,000 and their design concept will be featured in the ACUHO-I *Talking Stick* magazine. The winner will also make a special presentation at the 2008 ACUHO-I Annual Conference and Exposition, June 21-24.

The 21st Century Project Design Showcase II is open to the public. **Registration to this day-long event is \$295 for ACUHO-I members and \$395 for non-members, as well as a special \$95 fee for students, if participants register before January 9, 2008.** The registration fee includes lunch and admission to the award reception at the conclusion of the competition.

The 21st Century Project is a multi-phased initiative leading to the construction of a new, state-of-the-art college residential facility for colleges and universities. In addition to creating one or more prototype residential facilities on several campuses, the project will assist colleges and universities in designing new residential facilities that reflect the ever-changing roles that residences play in the collegiate experience. To learn more about the project or the first phase of the design competition "The Home", visit <http://www.21stcenturyproject.com>.

-Sallie Traxler

5. Sustainability: Deepening the Conversation- [Human Needs](#)

In this segment of deepening the conversation I would like to look at a commonly used definition of sustainability that comes from the UN World Commission on Environment and Development in *Our Common Future* (1987): it defines sustainability as "development that meets the **needs** of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own **needs**." This is a very eloquent definition that oozes subjectivity. In an effort to diffuse the subjectivity it may be helpful to clearly define human needs. So, what are the fundamental and distinct human needs that are common to us all? Before beginning the conversation we must understand the distinction between a need and the satisfier of the need. It is helpful to keep in mind that human needs are constitutional and distinct, while satisfiers are culturally particular and may change over time. For example, food is a satisfier for the need of subsistence. Food is clearly culturally specific, yet we all need it to survive. What category does formal education fall under; is it a distinct human need or a satisfier of a need?, something to ponder during this holiday season.

-Stephen Muzzy

6. Upcoming Events Reminder

- **AASHE** Sustainability Across the Curriculum Leadership Workshop, Jan 10 - 11, 2008 <http://www.aashe.org/profdev/curriculum.php>
- **NCSE** National Center for Science Education presents Climate Change: Science and Solutions, Jan 16-18, 2008 <http://www.ncseonline.org/2008conference/>
- **Focus the Nation**, Jan 31, 2008 <http://www.focusthenation.org/>

- **ACUHO-I** 21st Century Project Design Showcase II, February 1, 2008 in St. Petersburg, Florida. (*Register by January 9, 2008 and save \$100*)
<http://www.21stcenturyproject.com>.
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