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1. Tony Cortese Speaks at Washington Higher Education Secretariat Meeting

Tony Cortese made a very successful presentation at the monthly meeting of the Washington Higher Education Secretariat on May 2nd. He spoke about sustainability in higher education, the important work that HEASC and the disciplinary associations are performing and the American College and University Presidents Climate Commitment. Tony's presentation was well-received—several HEASC members made statements encouraging other associations to join. The response and interest from non-members has been great. All seemed to be aware of the increased demands on HEAs that will result from the Presidents Climate Commitment in that colleges and universities will need assistance to reach their goals. And we expect that more associations will join HEASC in the near future. Stay tuned.

-Mary Reilly

2. Leadership Series at ICCD: "Sustainability for Community Colleges: Curriculum, Culture, Conservation"

This year the Leadership Issues Series of The Institute for Community College Development, A SUNY and Cornell University Partnership, presents *Sustainability, for Community Colleges: Curriculum, Culture, Conservation* August 5-8, 2007. The

annual three-day leadership program is held at Cornell and addresses a new topic each year. Institutional teams are encouraged to attend to plan how community colleges can achieve the triple bottom line: economic, social, and environmental sustainability. For more information, contact Patrick Feely, Program Coordinator at 607-254-2797 or

<http://www.iccd.cornell.edu/iccd/glp/map/resourceDevelopment/leadershipIssuesSeries> .

-Carolyn Teich, AACC

3. Interested in Green Meetings and Conferences? Join the GMIC's "Green Meetings Forum"

The Green Meeting Industry Council has recently created a web forum for discussing sustainable practices for conferences and meetings. Discussion topics include Case Studies & Success Stories, Green Meetings News and Events, and Accommodation and Venue Discussions. Thanks to Karen Verhey at SCUP for telling us about this new resource. To sign up go to:

<http://www.greenmeetings.info/forum/>

-Mary Reilly

4. News from Debra Rowe

- Community College Week and Time Magazine contacted HEASC for interviews on the national trend occurring in higher education with regard to sustainability.
- The Business Sector Team of the U.S. Partnership issued a statement calling for all higher education students to be informed about our sustainability challenges and engaged in the solutions as part of the required curricula.

-Debra Rowe

5. Summary of HEASC Sustainability Workshop at ACUHO-I

A summary of the HEASC Sustainability Workshop held in Columbus, OH on April 24th is now available on the HEASC website. The summary includes resources that were identified at the workshop and several "brainstorming" lists with ideas as to how ACUHO-I could become more sustainable. Of course many of these ideas apply to all the HEASC organizations, so Thanks to the ACUHO-I workshop participants for their. The summary can be found at:

http://www.heasc.net/resources/pdf/HEASC_Sustainability_Workshop_Summary_4-24-07.pdf

-Mary Reilly

6. American College and University Presidents Climate Commitment Leadership Summit

The American College and University Presidents Climate Commitment will hold a Leadership Summit in Washington, D.C. on June 11 and 12. Presidents and Chancellors from signatory institutions will gather for an inaugural dinner,

meetings with members of congress, a signing ceremony, a press conference and peer panel discussions. As of today, there are 244 signatories to the commitment—well beyond what we expected by this time.

-Mary Reilly

7. HEASC Members Receive Two Free Links to “Education for a Sustainable Future” Teleconference!

Good news and a great opportunity for you and your association! We’ve planned a teleconference for you, your staff, and your association's members. It’s called:

Education for a Sustainable Future—What You Need to Know

Date: Wednesday, June 6, 2007

Time: 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm Eastern time

Two Ways to Use this Teleconference

1) Share the Teleconference With Your Association Staff

Have you wished that everyone in your office was up-to-date with sustainability concepts? If they were, it would be so much easier to more thoroughly include sustainability in your programming, policies, internal and external communications, daily practices and more. This teleconference is designed for association staff, so we can all help sustainability come alive in our associations.

It will cover sustainability basics—the national trend, key examples, and resources regarding higher education for a sustainable future. This program will be a good grounding for all of your staff who need to understand the basic concepts of sustainability so they can better apply the principles in your organization. Invite them to be a part of this teleconference; in one hour, the whole association will be ready to move forward.

As a member of HEASC, you can receive 2 free links (to the web materials and the phone number to call) so your association staff can participate. To receive your free links, please fill out the contact information below, and email it to Debra Rowe at dgrowe@oaklandcc.edu by May 31. You will receive an email confirmation with information on how to join the teleconference.

Complimentary Link #1:

Contact Name:

Organization:

Phone number:

Email address:

Complimentary Link #2:

Contact Name:

Organization:

Phone number:

Email address:

2) Share the Teleconference With Your Members

This teleconference will also show your members how they can help implement sustainability on their own campuses.

Feel free to share the attached information with your members. Use the attachment as is, or customize as you see fit to grab their attention and motivate them to participate.

Here are some sample email headlines you might consider using:

- Have you heard about the national trend in educating for a sustainable future?
- Are you interested in the triple bottom line of healthy ecosystems, healthy communities and strong economies?
- Are you interested in what others in your job are doing to help create a sustainable campus?
- What is all this talk about sustainability and what does it mean to us in higher education?

At the January HEASC meeting and in additional HEASC staff conversations, the group requested an online sustainability opportunity such as this for staff and members, so here it is! Thank you for sharing information about this program and we hope you will participate. Please let us know how you share this with your staff and your members.

Contact Debra Rowe (dgrowe@oaklandcc.edu) with any questions. Thank you for all your efforts to help create a sustainable future!

-Debra Rowe

8. NAEP holds groundbreaking Sustainability Institute at Arizona State University

NAEP held the first of in-depth Sustainability Institute for 40 procurement professionals from 20 colleges and universities from April 29-May 2 at Arizona State University. The 3-day intensive explored the broad dimensions of what it means to create a healthy, just and sustainability society, the role of higher education in making it happen and how to use purchasing to help achieve sustainability. Faculty included David Orr, Kevin Lyons, Brian Yeoman, George Bandy, John Porretto and Tony Cortese. The program included tours of facilities at ASU and the use of its state-of-the-art decision theater in the analysis on how to

achieve sustainability through purchasing. The program was very well received by the participants who recommended that NAEP make this an annual institute, expand it to other members of campus operations and provide advanced level training for graduates of the first and future Institute offerings. HEASC members may want to contact NAEP to learn more about SI and its applicability to your programs. Thanks to the HEASC members that helped to promote the SI – it was greatly appreciated by NAEP. Be sure to visit NAEP’s sustainability microsite at: <http://www.naepnet.org/Microsites/sustainability/sustainability.html> .

-Tony Cortese

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