

HEASC News Digest

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1. Over 70 College and University Presidents Attend ACUPCC Leadership Summit

Colleges and university presidents gathered in Washington, DC on June 11 and 12 for the official public launch of the Presidents Climate Commitment. Speakers included Senators John Kerry and Bernie Sanders, James Hansen of the NASA Goddard Institute, EPA Administrator Stephen Johnson and several university and college presidents.

Several leaders from HEASC member associations also attended the summit, including George Boggs of AACC, Constantine (Deno) Curris of AASCU, Norb Dunkel of ACUHO-I, Rich Novak and Charlie Clark of AGB, John Walda and Matt Hamill of NACUBO, Kent Blumenthal of NIRSA, and Terry Calhoun of SCUP.

Click on the following link to download a summary of media coverage:

http://www.heasc.net/resources/pdf/ACUPCC_MediaSummary.pdf

-Mary Reilly



Tony Cortese, Charlie Clark, Norb Dunkel, Rich Novak, Terry Calhoun, Matt Hamill and Constantine Curris

2. New SCUP Web Document in Support of ACUPCC

SCUP has created a new Web document, about the American College and University President's Climate Challenge (ACUPCC), for SCUP constituents:

http://docs.google.com/Doc?id=df34zpp_27wf6k95. Please share it widely with others. It also includes info about their **new, related discussion list** as well as a link to the **workshop on July 7** that would be an excellent professional development for anyone on a campus that is going to be involved with the ACUPCC.

-Terry Calhoun

3. HEASC "Statement of Shared Principles & Activities" Resolution Adopted by All Members

The "Statement of Shared Principles & Activities" resolution was adopted and signed by all HEASC members' executive directors as of last week. In addition to clarifying what HEASC is all about, it will serve as a document that can be shared with members' boards and directors. It also describes the role of the coordinating agent, Second Nature. All HEASC executive directors were sent electronic versions of the signed statement this week. A copy of the resolution (*without signatures*) can be found on the HEASC website at:

http://www.heasc.net/resources/pdf/HEASC_Shared_Principles_6_5_07_Final.pdf. Thanks again to Kent Blumenthal of NIRSA for drafting the original document and leading the effort.

-Mary Reilly

4. "Education for a Sustainable Future: What You Need to Know" Teleconference Materials Now Available

If you weren't able to participate in the "Education for a Sustainable Future" teleconference that was held on June 6, you can now download the presentation and audio file from the HEASC website's Resource Center. Please use this comprehensive, one-hour presentation to educate your staff and your members on the latest trends in sustainability in higher education. Go to <http://www.heasc.net/resources.php> where you can download the files. Thanks very much to SCUP for assisting in the production of the teleconference and making this great resource available. And many thanks to Terry Calhoun, Debra Rowe and Judy Walton for their informative presentations.

-Mary Reilly

5. Items of Interest from Debra Rowe

- ACPA held a Sustainability Session for their international office staff on June 12th. Debra Rowe, Greg Roberts and the staff focused on how to communicate sustainability information and resources to its members, how to honor and acknowledge great sustainability work already being done on campuses and create incentives for more actions, and how to include sustainability in ACPA office practices and policies. Two of the ideas that emerged were the sustainability resources in the membership renewal letters and creating a Starter Kit for Campuses. ACPA will also be contacting the presidents who committed to climate neutrality (through ACUPCC) to share sustainability resources from ACPA to help them accomplish this important goal.
- The Disciplinary Associations Network for Sustainability (DANS) met on June 13th at the offices of the American Psychological Association. The academic disciplines continue to move forward, creating taskforces on sustainability, board resolutions for sustainability education, and more.

- Debra Rowe will be sharing information with CHEA, the Council of Higher Education Accreditation, about the work of HEASC and DANS at their meeting June 29th. Debra is scheduled to be the luncheon speaker.

-Deb Rowe

6. Article from the LA Times on Campus "Mess" Quotes ACUHO-I's Norb Dunkel

The following article (download the PDF below) from the LA Times is about the tremendous amount of stuff—furniture, clothes, electronic gadgets, and other items—that are left behind by students at the end of each school year. Many campuses are taking steps to reduce the waste by finding new homes for the discards through donations, campus "yard sales" and other means. Norb Dunkel of ACUHO-I and Director of Housing and Residence Education at University of Florida discusses how they handle this at UFL. Download the article: http://www.heasc.net/resources/pdf/Big_Mess_on_Campus.pdf

-Mary Reilly

7. New Resource for Sustainable Meetings and Conferences

As part of the effort to create and identify ways to make meetings and conferences more sustainable for HEASC members, I created a questionnaire that can be included as part of an RFP to potential event venues (hotels or conference facilities). The list was compiled from several sources including the Convention Industry Council's "Green Meetings Report", CERES' "Green Hotels Resource Guide", and the National Recycling Coalition's "Green Meetings Policy" and others. It's now available on the HEASC website Resource Center at <http://www.heasc.net/resources.php> or, download the file directly:

[http://www.heasc.net/resources/sus_meetings/Sustainable Meetings and Conferences Questionnaire-June_07.doc](http://www.heasc.net/resources/sus_meetings/Sustainable_Meetings_and_Conferences_Questionnaire-June_07.doc)

If you have suggestions for improving the questionnaire, please contact Mary Reilly, mreilly@secondnature.org.

-Mary Reilly

8. Deploying Green Facilities::Web Conference Sponsored by AASHE on 7/31, 8/2 and 8/7

Join AASHE for this three-part *Deploying Green Facilities* web conference to learn about green building trends, review performance data and learning initiatives from recently established facilities, and explore how to apply lessons learned to your projects.

- * Session I will offer a primer on LEED projects and green design
- * Session II will offer guidelines for deploying a green facility
- * Session III will offer guidance on using a green facility as a learning tool

For details and registration, go to:

https://www.academicimpressions.com/web_conferences/0707-green-facilities.php?q=aashe&c

-Mary Reilly (announced in AASHE Bulletin #31)

9. Next HEASC News Digest on Thursday, July 12

The editor is on vacation the week of July 2, so the digest will be published the following week. Please continue to send your articles, events and announcements. Have a safe and happy 4th of July!

-Mary Reilly

Your articles, announcements, news blurbs are always welcome for inclusion in the HEASC News Digest. Please send to mreilly@secondnature.org. Thank you!