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1. Rocky Mountain Sustainability Summit at CU Boulder (Feb. 22-23)

AASHE reports that the Rocky Mountain Sustainability Summit at CU Boulder (Feb. 22-23) was a huge success, with over 600 attendees! All three U. Colorado campuses signed the American College & University Presidents Climate Commitment. There are 97 signatories at the time of this writing, and probably over 100 by the time you receive this. The ACUPCC was mentioned in every plenary panel - by Michael Crow (ASU), Bud Peterson (CU Boulder), Ed Poppell (U. Florida), former Sen. Gary Hart, Hunter Lovins, and others. HEASC is an endorser of the ACUPCC.

Also at the Summit, AASHE led the 2nd Roundtable toward developing a voluntary campus sustainability rating system. Participants agreed with the ambitious timeline of producing a beta version within the year, acknowledging that no rating or ranking system will ever be perfect.

HEASC is an endorser of this effort, and we welcome the involvement of your members and staff.

- Judy Walton, AASHE

2. CD Offer from SCUP--Making the Business Case: Understanding the Costs and Financial Benefits of Green Building

HEASC members interested in receiving a complementary copy of the CD from the following webcast can email: Kathy Benton, kathy.benton@scup.org. Below is the announcement of the webcast (originally broadcast on Wed., Jan 17, 2007).

Introducing green building practice into the planning, programming, design, construction, and operation of higher education facilities not only demonstrates stewardship of the environment and promotion of a healthier indoor environment—it's good business sense and a financial investment. Discussion Points:

- New information on the costs and benefits of green building that you can use
- Ensuring your campus does not fall behind—the risks in not going green
- Making the business case, and driving the process for better outcomes

Moderator:

Leith Sharp has been the founder and director of the Harvard Green Campus Initiative (HGCI), an interfaculty program dedicated to the integration of campus environmental sustainability throughout Harvard University, since 2000.

Panelists:

Greg Kats is a principal at Capital E, and a leading expert on clean energy technologies and high performance buildings.

Jerry Yudelson is principal of Yudelson Associates, a firm which provides guidance on creating, developing, designing and marketing green building projects and green products, with a focus on market entry strategies.

- Kathy Benton, SCUP

3. HEASC Members: Create Sustainability Awards for your Members with AASHE

AASHE has offered to work any HEASC member association to create a sustainability award for your respective members and constituents. Each award would be endorsed by both AASHE and HEASC. If you are interested in creating such an award with AASHE, please contact Tom Kimmerer at 859-402-9272, tom@aeshe.org.

- Mary Reilly

4. Presidents Climate Commitment Update — 107 and Climbing

In the last digest we reported that 68 college and university presidents had signed the Presidents Climate Commitment. As of this writing—2 weeks later—it is 107! The latest signatories include Cornell, Ithaca and Syracuse. A mass mailing to over 3,000 more presidents will occur within the next two weeks which should really open up the flood gates. Stay tuned!

- Mary Reilly

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