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1. ACUPCC Update

We stand at **558** institutions!

2008 ACUPCC Climate Leadership Summit Recap

2008 Summit Summary Web Page is now online

Visit <http://www.presidentsclimatecommitment.org/html/2008summit.php>

2007 Annual Report of the ACUPCC

So much has happened since the annual report was released in May that we want to update the progress since then, and correct a few omissions that invariably occur when trying to document all that is happening in a dynamic and expanding movement.

We have posted an updated electronic version of the annual report, which corrects any omissions and accurately reflects all of the information from signatories that was submitted during 2007. It can be downloaded at: www.presidentsclimatecommitment.org/annualreport

Since the annual report was printed we have received many more 2-month reports from campuses. For your benefit, we have created a new page on the ACUPCC website – www.presidentsclimatecommitment.org/snapshot – with the most up-to-date information on the reporting status of all signatories, which we will update regularly throughout the year.

We hope the Annual Report and this status update will be useful in informing your constituents of the incredible progress being made, and in encouraging other institutions to join the ACUPCC signatories.

-Stephen Muzzy

2. Report From NACUBO's Annual Meeting

Reporter's Notebook: Financial Models, Sustainability, and a Few Jokes

By DAVID L. WHEELER <mailto:david.wheeler@chronicle.com>

Pushing Energy Efficiency

Daniel C. Esty, professor of environmental law and policy at Yale University's law school and an author of *Green to Gold*, about how companies are using environmental strategies to compete, told those attending the meeting that he could guarantee that "absolutely everyone here is underinvested in energy efficiency."

Any efficiency calculations older than three weeks were outdated, he said, and he urged administrators to seek efficiencies in logistics and not just in the more traditional areas of energy conservation. He also argued that strong sustainability policies at colleges would be key to attracting and keeping top faculty talent and recruiting students.

Sustainability Efforts

In a session on how to "Grow a Culture of Sustainability," four community college presidents told how they have integrated greener practices into college operations. Sometimes that means overcoming resistance. Kathleen Schatzberg, president of Cape Cod Community College, said that when the college turned regularly mowed lawns into meadows, some on the campus complained that they looked unkempt or worried about the effect on those with allergies. Signs that said the unmowed areas were being returned to natural Cape Cod grasses and wildflowers helped fight those public-relations problems, she said.

Other innovations there have included solar-powered trash compactors in public areas so trucks don't have to circle as often to clean out sidewalk trash cans, patterns of recessed and protruding bricks in the sides of buildings that increase shadows and reduce cooling costs, and a wind turbine. Indeed, Ms. Schatzberg encouraged colleges to seek out grants: Her institution, she said, has gotten nearly \$2.7-million to support sustainability efforts.

Diana J. Van Der Ploeg, superintendent and president of Butte College, in Oroville, Calif., said she has had 5,700 solar panels installed on 3.5 acres. The panels produce one-third of the institution's electricity, she said. The institution hopes to be "carbon neutral" by the year 2015.

- Excerpted from <http://chronicle.com/daily/2008/07/3811n.htm?rss>

3. AASHE Update

AASHE is inviting applications and nominations for their 2008 Awards program. All award winners will be announced at the AASHE 2008 Conference and Expo in November and will be featured in the new journal, Sustainability: The Journal of Record.

There are three categories of awards this year:

Campus Sustainability Leadership Awards (4 awards)

Four Campus Sustainability Leadership Awards are presented annually to institutions that have made the greatest overall commitment to sustainability as demonstrated in their governance & administration, curriculum & research, operations, campus culture, and community outreach. One award is given in each of the following categories:

- Community colleges and other two-year institutions
- Four-year and graduate institutions under 1,000 student FTE

- Four-year and graduate institutions 1,000 - 7,500 student FTE
 - Four-year and graduate institutions over 7,500 student FTE
- More information: http://www.aashe.org/programs/campus_awards.php

To nominate an institution, please email: awards@ashe.org

Student Sustainability Leadership Award

This award honors an undergraduate student from an AASHE member institution who has demonstrated outstanding leadership in promoting campus sustainability. The Student Sustainability Leadership Award includes a \$750 prize.

More information: http://www.aashe.org/programs/student_awards.php

To nominate a student, please email: awards@ashe.org

Student Research on Campus Sustainability Award - New for this year!

This award recognizes outstanding student research that advances the field of campus sustainability. Students are invited to submit research papers of any length on campus sustainability that have not been previously published, are written in English, and were completed within the 12-months prior to the application deadline.

More information: http://www.aashe.org/programs/student_research_award.php

Nominations for each of the award categories are highly encouraged! To nominate an institution or student for an AASHE Award, please send a brief letter of nomination to awards@ashe.org with contact information nominated institution or individual. AASHE staff will contact this person to let them know that they or their institution has been nominated, and to encourage them to apply.

- Niles Barnes

3. Community College Times Covers Sustainability

The Community College Times has published an article on how community colleges are continuing to implement sustainability curriculum and initiatives despite their tightening budgets. The article mentions Northeast Wisconsin Technical College's use of grants, Lane Community College's (OR) use of a revolving loan fund, Cape Cod Community College's (MA) green landscaping initiatives, Delta College's (MI) green cleaning initiatives, and Santa Fe Community College's (FL) installation of new cooling towers. Energy service companies are also mentioned as a way to implement energy saving initiatives without expensive upfront costs since they allow institutions to pay for the installation of energy-efficient technology through future savings in utility costs rather than up-front payments.

For the full article, click [here](#).

-via AACC and the AASHE Bulletin

4. AASCU Update

The American Association of State Colleges and Universities has published "[The State College Role in Advancing Environmental Sustainability: Policies, Programs and Practices.](#)" The paper discusses the need for partnerships between higher education and state policymakers in order to advance sustainability as a public policy priority.

-via the AASHE Bulletin

5. Sustainability: What's the Big Idea? A Strategy for Transforming the Higher Education Curriculum

In this article, Dr. Daniel J. Sherman, Luce-funded Professor of Environmental Policy & Decision Making, University of Puget Sound, Tacoma, Washington discusses why higher education sustainability efforts have primarily focused on reducing its environmental impact in its operations, and why it has not, and must reorient its core business of teaching and learning to address sustainability. To read the full article click [here](#).

- via *Sustainability: The Journal of Record* Vol. 1 No. 3 June 2008

6. Intro to the Climate Registry Webinar July 24, 2008; 10 – 11am PDT; Online

The Climate Registry will host the webinar, an ["Introduction to the Climate Registry for Universities and Colleges."](#) The webinar aims to help Universities and Colleges understand what the Climate Registry is and how it can help institutions get prepared for pending state and federal reporting requirements as well as reporting requirements for the American College & University Presidents' Climate Commitment.

-via the *AASHE Bulletin*

7. Upcoming Events

- **Economic Development Administration Webcast** - July 17, 2008, 2:30 p.m.
<http://edabroadcast.haverstick.biz>
- **Intro to the Climate Registry Webinar** July 24, 2008; 10 – 11am PDT; Online
<http://www.theclimateregistry.org/calendar.html>
- **Creating a Sustainable Campus Through Integrated Planning Workshop**
July 19, 2008, Montreal, QC <http://www.scup.org/annualconf/43/workshops.html>
- **AASHE Conference 2008: Working Together for Sustainability**
November 9-11, 2008, Raleigh, NC <http://www.aashe.org/conf2008/>

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