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1. ACUPCC Update

We stand at **560** institutions!

[AASHE Launches Online Reporting Tool for Campus GHG Emissions](#)

As part of its support for the American College & University Presidents Climate Commitment, AASHE has created an online tool for signatories to report on their GHG emissions. The new tool, which is integrated with the tool for submitting two-month reports, also includes new data about the tangible actions that signatories have committed to implement. Finally, the tool also includes a directory of ACUPCC Implementation Liaisons.

- Via the AASHE Bulletin 7/31/08

2. NACUBO Launches Sustainability Advisory Panel

The Sustainability Advisory Panel (SAP) is appointed by the NACUBO President. The principal charge of the SAP is to advise the NACUBO Director of Environmental Leadership with regards to the following issues on campus: financing sustainability projects, operational issues such as energy, dining services, transportation, green buildings and design, leadership and governance, and smart growth and campus planning.

For more information on NACUBO's Sustainability Advisory Panel visit <http://www.nacubo.org/x10669.xml>

-Via the NACUBO website

3. Congress Passes Higher Education Sustainability Act (HESA)

Congress has passed all provisions of the Higher Education Sustainability Act (HESA) as part of the new Higher Education Opportunity Act of 2008 (HR 4137).

Endorsed by over 220 colleges and universities, higher education associations, NGOs and corporations, HR 4137 creates a pioneering "University Sustainability Grants Program" at the Department of Education. The new grant program will offer competitive grants to higher education institutions and associations to develop and implement sustainability curricula, practices, and academic programs. The bill also directs the Department of Education to convene a national summit of higher education sustainability experts, federal agency staff, and business leaders to identify best practices in sustainability and opportunities for collaboration.

For more information on and the history of HESA visit the Campaign for Environmental Literacy <http://www.fundee.org/campaigns/hesa/>

- Via the Campaign for Environmental Literacy and the AASHE Bulletin 7/31/08

4. Princeton Review adds Green Ratings

The Princeton Review has released its first "Green Rating" of colleges, a measure of how environmentally friendly, responsible, and committed the institutions are. The Green Rating is a numerical score on a scale of 60 to 99 that The Princeton Review tallied for 534 colleges and universities based on data it collected from the schools in the 2007-08 academic year concerning their environmentally related policies, practices, and academic offerings.

To read the press release visit <http://ir.princetonreview.com/releasedetail.cfm?ReleaseID=324924>

- Via the AASHE Bulletin 7/31/08

5. HEASC Website: 'Resource Center' Updated!

The Resource Center webpage has been reorganized and updated to highlight and share each association's efforts to transition to a sustainable society. The website includes HEASC member's;

Sustainability websites,
Webcasts,
Webinars,
Books,
Journals,
Articles,
Monographs,
Presentations, and
Best practice guides,

The webpage also includes resources on;

Greening Meetings
The American College & University Presidents' Climate Commitment
Sustainability Video Presentations
Financing Green Buildings DVD
Sustainability e-learning tools
Green Blogs, Listserves, and E-News Websites

Please visit the [Resource Page](#) and send any feedback and/or omissions to smuzzy@secondnature.org

6. National Association of Schools & Colleges of The United Methodist Church (NASCUMC)

Last week, the [National Association of Schools, Colleges and Universities of the United Methodist Church \(NASCUMC\)](#) held its annual meeting in Broomfield, CO. NASCUMC has 122 members including Syracuse University, Boston University and American University. The first day of the meeting was dedicated to "Environmental Sustainability". David Pollick, President of Birmingham-Southern College introduced the morning's speakers, including Tony Cortese, who delivered the keynote address titled, "Sustaining God's Creation: The Role of Higher Education" that focused on the ethical, moral, and spiritual dimensions of sustainability. A presidents' panel followed, led by Paul Fonteyn, President of Green Mountain College and Rosalind Reichard, President of Emory & Henry College. They discussed the American College & University Presidents' Climate Commitment and how its framework has accelerated their institutions actions on addressing climate disruption.

This is a very exciting and important development in the sustainability movement as it opens the dialogue to include the moral dimension of sustaining the human race and all of God's creation. To view the speech "Sustaining God's Creation: The Role of Higher Education" in its entirety click <http://www.aashe.org/heasc/documents/NASCUMC7-28-08.pdf> here

7. Upcoming Events

- **Planning Beyond Sustainability SCUP Southern Regional Conference**
November 5 – 7 2008, New Orleans, LA
<http://www.scup.org/regions/so/2008/index.html>
- **AASHE Conference 2008: Working Together for Sustainability**
November 9-11, 2008, Raleigh, NC <http://www.aashe.org/conf2008/>

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