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## **1. ACUPCC Update**

The ACUPCC has surpassed **500** signatories! Tulane University, New Orleans, LA is the 500<sup>th</sup> campus to commit to climate neutrality. With 9 more institutions signing on since the last digest; presently, we stand at **507**! The ACUPCC now represents over 4 million students in 48 States!

To view the Tulane Press Release [go here](#) and click on Tulane University becomes the 500th ACUPCC Signatory!

## **2. HEASC Annual Meeting: March 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>**

The HEASC Annual Meeting is just over a week away. The goals and objectives for the meeting can be found below, as well as, directions to NACUBO's offices. For those members that are not able to attend, please stay tuned for a summary of the meeting.

### **Objectives:**

- Clarify and articulate HEASC's future goals and plans

### **Goals:**

- A process to most effectively support each others sustainability programs (e.g. webcasts, webinars, conferences, meetings, etc...)
- Identify potential initiatives not yet developed
- A process to most effectively support the ACUPCC
- Assess and plan to build capacity within each respective HEASC member association
- Discuss integration of DANS into HEASC

## **Address and Directions**

NACUBO  
1110 Vermont Ave., N.W., Suite 800

Washington, DC 20005  
Phone: 202.861.2500

### **Transportation**

NACUBO is near two metro stops. The closest is McPherson Square (exit on the White House side) on the Blue & Orange line. It is approximately two blocks away.

The second is Farragut North (exit on the L street side and follow the traffic on L street - it's a one way). It is on the Red Line and is approximately 4 blocks away.

*-Stephen Muzzy*

### **3. CFP: [Green Community Colleges: Sustainable Campuses and Programs](#)**

October 18-21, 2008; Austin, TX

The National Council for Workforce Education Board of Directors is issuing a call for presentations for the Fall 2008 Conference. NCWE seeks cutting-edge, forward-thinking, engaging presentations keyed to the theme of the conference, "Green Community Colleges: Sustainable Campuses and Programs." Presentations on sustainability initiatives, energy programs and opportunities, and workforce curriculum and faculty development are encouraged. Proposals are due April 18, 2008.

*-AASHE Bulletin*

### **4. CFP: AASHE 2008: Working Together for Sustainability – On Campus and Beyond**

AASHE invites submissions of abstracts for its 2<sup>nd</sup> biennial conference - AASHE 2008: Working Together for Sustainability – On Campus and Beyond, Nov 9-11, in Raleigh, NC. All proposals except posters are due by May 1 and may be submitted in three categories: Education & Research, Operations, and Administration & Finance. Poster submissions are due by September 1. We invite all your members to submit presentations. For more details please visit the conference website: [www.aashe.org/conference](http://www.aashe.org/conference), or email [conference@aaashe.org](mailto:conference@aaashe.org).

Reflecting this year's theme of working together for sustainability, AASHE is partnering with Sustainable North Carolina to offer a "Sustainable Solutions Expo: Green Solutions for Campuses, Businesses and Institutions." Other events include a career fair, keynotes by Lester Brown, Peter Senge, Van Jones, and Vandana Shiva, special panels on climate, policy, and other topics, and tours of local campuses. If you would like a conference announcement for your newsletter, please contact Lisa Satin, AASHE Conference Manager, at [lisa@aaashe.org](mailto:lisa@aaashe.org).

*-Judy Walton, AASHE*

### **5. AASHE Tests its Rating System for Colleges (Environmental Protection Magazine)**

The Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education (AASHE) has launched its pilot rating system for sustainability in higher education. More than 90 college and university campuses will test the self-assessment tool, called STARS (Sustainability Tracking, Assessment, and Rating System). Over the course of 2008, they will provide feedback to the association. STARS version 1.0 is planned for release in spring 2009. Web Bug from

<http://feeds.feedburner.com/~r/NaicuNewsRoom/~4/254259020>

-Via NAICU News Room: Daily Update 3/19/08

## **6. Webcast: [Creating a Greenhouse Gas Inventory—What Does it Take?](#)**

On April 9<sup>th</sup> at 1:30p.m. (EST) learn how to conduct a Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Inventory from your peers in this informative Webcast. The American College & University Presidents' Climate Commitment (ACUPCC) requires signatories to complete a comprehensive inventory of all GHG emissions within one-year of signing. This Webcast explains the general principles of conducting a GHG inventory, while providing examples from two contrasting campuses that have used different methods.

You'll engage with experts from Clean Air-Cool Planet (CA-CP) and the Association of the Advancement of Higher Education (AASHE), and hear stories from the University of California—Berkley and Unity College on how they conducted their GHG inventories. Moderating the event is Georges Dyer, Senior Fellow of Second Nature, one of the supporting organizations of the ACUPCC.

You Will Learn About:

- ACUPCC and GHG protocols
- GHG inventory tools being used and what's available
- Processes and methods relating to conducting a GHG inventory
- Issues signatories face in conducting a GHG inventory
- Resources for implementing the ACUPCC and GHG inventories

The Webcast Team:

Moderator: Georges Dyer—Senior Fellow, Second Nature and partner, Greenland Enterprises

- Julian Dautremont-Smith—associate director, Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education (AASHE)
- Jennifer Schroeder Andrews—campus program manager, Clean Air-Cool Planet (CA-CP)
- Fahmideh Ahmed—Sustainability Specialist, University of California Berkeley
- Michael Womersley—Director of Sustainability, Unity College

-NACUBO website

## **7. ACUPCC and March Madness**

In the midst of March Madness and the NCAA tournament, you might not realize that the climate has a stake in who wins. But if you're a fan of a clean energy future, you can root for the 22 schools in the men's tournament that have already signed the Presidents Climate Commitment to go climate neutral. Find out which teams are green, which are not, and follow our green Cinderella's to victory (four of the last five mens championships have been won by green school signatories of the PCC!) <http://www.greenbrackets.com>

-Stephen Muzzy

## **8. Upcoming Events**

- **HEASC Annual Meeting** March 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> Washington D.C

- **Smart and Sustainable Campuses Conference** March 31-April 2, 2008  
Adelphi, MD. Hosted by NACUBO, AASHE, APPA, & SCUP  
<http://www.nacubo.org/x9790.xml>
  - **Fossil Fools Day** April 1, 2008 <http://fossilfools08.org>
  - **NAEP's Annual Meeting** April 6-9, 2008 in Austin, TX  
<http://www.naepnet.org//AM/Template.cfm?Section=Home>
  - **Webcast: [Creating a Greenhouse Gas Inventory—What Does it Take?](#)**  
April 9<sup>th</sup> at 1:30p.m. (EST)
  - **Upper Midwest Association for Campus Sustainability** Luther College –  
Decorah, Iowa April 18-19, 2008 <http://www.umacs.org>.
  - **ACPA Sustainability Institute at Harvard** - June 11-14<sup>th</sup>  
<http://myacpa.org/pd/sustainability/>
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