



# HEASC News Digest

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## **1. ACUPCC Update**

The ACUPCC continues to grow with 7 more institutions signing on since the last digest; presently, we stand at **514** institutions, just over halfway to our goal of 1,000 signatories by the end of 2009! The ACUPCC now represents over 4.1 million students in 48 States!

### **Reminder:** Two Month Progress Reports

For ACUPCC institutions that signed on between September 15, 2007 and January 15, 2008 the Implementation Start Date was January 15th, which means that their Two Month Reports are **due March 15, 2008**. There is now an online form for submitting Two Month Reports, which can be accessed by your institution's ACUPCC Implementation Liaison by following the "[Two Month Progress Reports](#)" link.

## **2. HEASC Annual Meeting**

The Annual Meeting went off without a hitch! The first day consisted of sharing and learning about all of the wonderful, comprehensive, and effective sustainability work that each association is implementing. Moving to the second day the consortium focused on developing plans and strategies to move HEASC closer to its goal of creating a healthy, just, and sustainable society. The highlights included:

- Developing a *Sustainable Goals & Action Plan* for each association, including a template for assessing progress, a toolkit to aid in implementing the action plan, and a realistic timeframe for achieving success;
- A process and plan to most effectively *support the ACUPCC* for each association and ;
- A *HEASC Recruitment Action List*- A targeted list that includes suggested associations for HEASC membership and name of HEASC member who will administer the recruitment.

A summary of the meeting will be sent out shortly to all HEASC members, as well as, an Action Item List. Thank you to all of the members who attended the meeting, and thank you to the consortium for all of the work that you do!

-Stephen Muzzy

### **3. APPA Publishes two new books on environmental sustainability and green practices**

With the clock ticking, reducing campus greenhouse gas emissions and reaching for eventual climate neutrality are ways colleges and universities can demonstrate leadership and encourage the broader environmental change that is desperately needed in all areas today. In *The Green Campus: Meeting the Challenge of Environmental Sustainability* editor Walter Simpson, a 25-year veteran of green campus advocacy, has assembled an anthology that explores the meaning of genuine environmental sustainability—in global and local terms—while profiling excellent campus environmental programs. This comprehensive resource offers guidance and inspiration to campus leaders and advocates who promote sustainability within institutions of higher education.

The second edition of the *Environmental Compliance Assistance Guide for Colleges and Universities*, published in partnership between APPA and the Campus Safety Health and Environmental Management Association (CSHEMA), updates the key environmental rules and regulations affecting the physical surroundings of educational institutions. This comprehensive guide provides abstracts of 32 programs derived from eight environmental statutes which have been the focus of EPA inspections on college campuses in recent years. The Guide provides elements of an effective program for environmental management and compliance; a regulatory and campus programs matrix; and legislative/regulatory program summaries for the Clean Air and Water acts, CERCLA, EPCRA, FIFRA, RCRA, and more.

For more information and to order these publications visit [www.appa.org](http://www.appa.org) or call 703-684-1446.

-Steve Glazner

### **4. SCUP's Annual, International Conference and Idea Marketplace**

July 19-23, 2008

Montreal, QC (Canada)

SCUP Workshop

"Creating a Sustainable Campus Community Through Integrated Planning"

Join us at SCUP's Annual, International Conference and Idea Marketplace, SCUP-43, for this pre-conference workshop and find out how to get past those 'showstopper' comments and onto the real work of creating sustainable practices that bring inter- and intra-campus communities together. Visit:

<http://www.scup.org/annualconf/43/workshops.html>

- Jennifer Thompson

### **5. [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*

## **6. 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*

## **7. Creating a Culture of Sustainability Conference**

May 28-30, 2008  
Denver, CO

Academic Impressions will host "Creating a Culture of Sustainability," a conference that will offer sustainability coordinators and those charged with organizing sustainability efforts across campus the skills to create a roadmap for promoting a culture of sustainability on campus. The conference will teach participants how to develop and increase sustainability efforts, think and plan strategically for carbon neutrality, develop creative financing strategies for sustainability initiatives, implement innovative strategies for engaging students, faculty, and staff, and track the progress of sustainability efforts on campus.

*-Via the AASHE Bulletin*

## **8. 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

- Niles Barnes — Projects Coordinator, Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education (AASHE)
- Jenn 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

## 8. Upcoming Events

- **88th Annual AACC Convention** Apr 5-8, 2008 Philadelphia, PA
- **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>.
- **Creating a Culture of Sustainability Conference** (Sponsored by AASHE)  
May 28-30, 2008 Denver, Colorado  
<https://www.academicimpressions.com/conferences/0508-sustainability.php?q=aashe&c>
- **ACPA Sustainability Institute at Harvard** - June 11-14<sup>th</sup>  
<http://myacpa.org/pd/sustainability/>

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