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## 1. NACUBO and Ayers Saint Gross Release *Smart Growth Strategies for Colleges and Universities*

NACUBO and Ayers Saint Gross have released a publication entitled *Communities of Opportunity: Smart Growth Strategies for Colleges and Universities*. The publication, co-authored with the Environmental Protection Agency and Cunningham Quill Architects, begins with an overview of smart growth strategies and then makes a four-part argument for adopting such strategies:

- 1) Creating thriving, vibrant places helps to attract and keep the best students, faculty, and staff.
- 2) Smart growth development patterns are a more efficient use of scarce resources and are better investments.
- 3) Colleges and universities and the surrounding communities can work together across the traditional boundary of the campus to solve challenges in mutually beneficial ways.
- 4) Better development patterns allow colleges and universities to improve their environmental performance.

Examples are included from more than 20 institutions across the country. The publication can be downloaded at:

<http://www.nacubo.org/x9290.xml>

-Michele Madia, NACUBO

## 2. Updates from the American College and University Presidents Climate Commitment

The ACUPCC has released the final version of its *Implementation Guide* which outlines the specific obligations of the commitment. This handbook covers technical issues related to the commitment, policies, reporting procedures and timelines. Click below to download the guide:

[http://www.presidentsclimatecommitment.org/pdf/ACUPCC\\_IG\\_Final.pdf](http://www.presidentsclimatecommitment.org/pdf/ACUPCC_IG_Final.pdf)

The number of signatories to the ACUPCC continues to grow and, as of this writing, the total is 368 (seven of these arrived today). We expect the number of signatories to increase rapidly as colleges and universities return for the fall term. Stay tuned.

-Mary Reilly

### **3. ACUHO-I Adds "Sustainability News" Section to its Weekly Email to Members**

ACUHO-I is now including a Sustainability News section to its regular, weekly email to its 9,000-plus members. This week's section included a request to colleges and universities to ask their presidents to sign the ACUPCC. It is also soliciting readers for submissions for future emails updates on what they are doing at their institutions to become more sustainable.

*-Sallie Traxler, ACUHO-I*

### **4. Get the Latest on the *Greening of the Campus VII* Conference on AASHE's Campus Sustainability Perspectives Blog**

If you weren't able to attend the *Greening of the Campus VII* Conference at Ball State University this year, do the next best thing and visit AASHE's new *Campus Sustainability Perspectives*. AASHE staff members are not only sharing highlights of the conference but are capturing videos as part of AASHE's *Campus Sustainability Insights* video project. Go to <http://www.aashe.net/staffblog/> to get the scoop on selected plenary sessions and more.

*-Mary Reilly*

### **5. Got Ideas for Webinars? Contact Kathleen Kerr of ACPA**

As part of the work being done by the HEASC Member Education committee, Kathleen Kerr is collecting ideas for webinars that ideally, will be jointly produced by two or more HEASC member associations. Some that were suggested are "Social Justice Issues of Sustainability", "Economic Issues of Sustainability" and "Sustainability and Making Institutional Change."

Kathleen would like to get feedback, specifically in response to the following questions:

- 1) What do you believe are the current educational needs of your membership? Do most still require a basic introduction to issues of sustainability or are they ready for advanced sessions?
- 2) What advanced topics would be most beneficial to your membership?
- 3) Which webinars would your association be most likely to sponsor?

Please email your thoughts and ideas to Kathleen Kerr at [kkerr@UDel.Edu](mailto:kkerr@UDel.Edu)

*-Mary Reilly*

### **6. From the AASHE Bulletin: Major Newspapers Cover Sustainable Living on Campus**

Both the Chicago Tribune and the Los Angeles Times recently included articles on the "growing green movement sweeping colleges nationwide." The Chicago Tribune article points out that college administrators are adding staff to promote these green strategies—and are creating titles that include the word "sustainability"—a trend that we fully support!

Read the Tribune story at:

<http://www.chicagotribune.com/news/nationworld/chicagotribune-greenschoolaug23,1,2532296,full.story?ctrack=2&cset=true>

Read the LA Times article at:

<http://www.latimes.com/features/printedition/home/la-hm-green23aug23,0,5494975.story?coll=la-home-printedition>

*-Mary Reilly*

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