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## 1. President Clinton to Announce ACUPCC/CCI Partnership at Greenbuild 2007

On Wednesday, November 7, former President Bill Clinton will be the keynote speaker at the Greenbuild Conference and Expo in Chicago and will formally announce a partnership between the ACUPCC and the Clinton Foundation (Clinton Climate Initiative) on private funding for energy efficiency building retrofits for colleges and universities. Over the next year, we'll work alongside the CCI as well as the leaders at NACUBO, APPA, NAEP and SCUP to take these best practice RFPs and contracts and turn them into turnkey models that any school in the country could use, regardless of their institutional expertise.

This group will also collaborate with the CCI's financial and energy services partners to develop innovative ways to lower project costs and potentially extend the scope of greenhouse gas-reducing projects into new areas beyond building retrofits. This is potentially the biggest step forward in rapid progress in reducing greenhouse gas emissions from existing buildings as well as helping to deal with deferred maintenance – a huge issue on campuses.

More info is forthcoming. The President's speech can be viewed on streaming video. Check the Greenbuild site next week to see the actual time. (It is now scheduled for 9 AM Central time.)

Visit: <http://www.greenbuildexpo.org/Program/>

-Tony Cortese

## 2. STARS – A National Campus Sustainability Rating System

As many of you know, AASHE has initiated a collaborative process to develop a campus sustainability rating system, tentatively called the Sustainability Tracking, Assessment, and Rating System (STARS). The project is in its scoping and development phase, with a pilot version planned for early 2008, and a 1.0 version by early 2009. AASHE would like to thank HEASC members who are participating in the comments phase.

Staff and board members from at least 16 HEAs are serving on the Strategic Advisory Committee for STARS. The Technical Advisory Committee includes over 70 other association members and sector experts. If your association would like to get involved, contact Judy Walton, STARS Project Manager, at

[judy@ashe.org](mailto:judy@ashe.org). For more information, including a draft version of STARS, details about piloting, and a list of committees, go to <http://www.ashe.org/stars>.

-Judy Walton, AASHE

### **3. NACA and NWF Sponsor the 2nd annual "Chill Out: Campus Solutions to Global Warming" Competition**

NACA and the National Wildlife Federation are sponsoring their second annual Chill Out competition. The competition was initiated to encourage students to work on solutions to global warming by offering grant money for essays and videos that illustrate projects occurring on campus. Read an article about the contest in James Madison University's student newspaper at: <http://www.thebreeze.org/2007/10-29/top3.html>

For details about the contest, visit NWF's website at: <http://www.nwf.org/campusEcology/chillout/>

-John Ogle, NACA

### **4. AACC November Staff Meeting to Highlight Sustainability with Deb Rowe**

The AACC November 5th general staff meeting will be designed for a special presentation by Debra Rowe, who will talk with the staff about the concepts of sustainable development and education for sustainable development, quickly review the national trends occurring in higher education (with an emphasis on community colleges), and inform the staff about the HEASC initiatives and resources (as well as other resources) the AACC staff can utilize in their daily work to implement AACC's Board resolution about education for a sustainable future.

-Carolyn Teich, AACC

### **5. Signed Up for the Education for a Sustainable Future Webinar?**

If you haven't already signed up for the *Education for a Sustainable Future* webinar, scheduled for Nov. 27, there's still time. This is a "Sustainability 101" event with an overview of the latest trends in sustainability in higher education with Debra Rowe. The overview will be followed by presentations of the best examples by Rich Novak (AGB), Terry Calhoun (SCUP), Pam Su (NIRSA), Doreen Murner (NAEP), Jane Cady Wright (ACUHO-I), Robin Hailstorks (American Psychological Association) and possibly others. HEASC staff and members are encouraged to join in on this 90-minute webinar. To register for this event, go to:

<https://my.confertel.net/confertel/crsNewRegister.jsp?program=287002>

-Mary Reilly

### **6. Higher Education Sustainability Act (HESA) Gaining Support**

HESA continues to gain strength in Congress and now has seven co-sponsors. However, more support is needed in order to get HESA included as part of the Higher Education Act. There are now 20 Higher Ed associations endorsing the bill but currently there are only 11 colleges and universities. Please let your members know about this important legislation and ask them to endorse it. For details see:

<http://www.fundee.org/campaigns/hesa/> or contact Jim Elder at [jelderjr@aol.com](mailto:jelderjr@aol.com).

-Mary Reilly

### **7. ACUPCC and Climate Change Panels at Power Shift Conference**

Deb Rowe, Tony Cortese, Julian Keniry (National Wildlife Federation, Campus Ecology Program) and David Hales (President of College of the Atlantic) are participating in four panel presentations on climate change and the ACUPCC at the Power Shift Conference taking place from November 2-5 at the University of Maryland, College Park. Over 5000 student leaders are attending. For more information, go to: <http://powershift07.org/>

-Tony Cortese

### **8. ACUPCC Presentation at ACSA's Annual Meeting**

Tony Cortese is giving a presentation on the ACUPCC at the Association of Collegiate Schools of Architecture Administrators Conference (ACSA/CELA) on 11/2. The event, titled, "Preparing for the Inconvenient Truth," is hosted by the University of Minnesota. There will be 200 architecture school deans and department chairs in attendance. For more information, go to:

[http://www.acsa-arch.org/conferences/2007admin\\_schedule.aspx](http://www.acsa-arch.org/conferences/2007admin_schedule.aspx)

-Tony Cortese

### **9. HEASC Membership Update – Three Potential New Members**

Membership in HEASC is under active consideration at the Association of Catholic Colleges & Universities, The Council of Christian Colleges & Universities and the Hispanic American Colleges and Universities. All three will be promoting the ACUPCC.

*-Tony Cortese*

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