

HEASC News Digest

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1. First HEASC News Digest

Welcome to the first HEASC digest of news, events, alerts, announcements and updates on sustainability in higher education and higher education associations. To start, we are going to send the digest out on a weekly basis. Please let us know what you think in regard to content, frequency, length and any other suggestions you may have to improve it.

Of course, we encourage you to send in any news or updates that you may have regarding sustainability in your respective organizations that you'd like to share with other HEASC members. Please send updates to Mary Reilly at mreilly@secondnature.org and we'll include them in the next digest. Also, if there are others in your organization who would like receive this digest, send email to Mary Reilly with the request (also to mreilly@secondnature.org).

-Mary Reilly

2. Michigan Chapter of ACPA Conference

The Michigan Chapter of ACPA included education for a sustainable future as a conference theme. Dr. Rowe was the luncheon speaker, sharing with the attendees the formation of HEASC and a number of the accomplishments to date. Other state and regional conferences from ACPA are having this same theme.

-Deb Rowe

3. ACPA Presidential Taskforce Meeting

The Presidential Taskforce for ACPA will be meeting Nov. 2-4 in Syracuse to move forward on their multiple initiatives, including stories, templates, manuals and resources for a number of projects. Examples include:

- Freshman pledge for sustainability
- Sustainability living campaigns (hopefully in collaboration with other HEASC members in the future)
- Sustainability Education in First Year Experience
- Sustainability Education in Orientation
- Professional Development for members in sustainability
- Materials for state and regional conferences

-Deb Rowe

4. Community Colleges Hold Conference calls on Sustainability in Education

A set of national conference calls for community colleges involved in sustainability education have been created as an outgrowth of the last AASHE conference. Debra Rowe

facilitated the first call. (Note: AACC is still considering membership in HEASC.)

-Deb Rowe

5. Next Meeting of the National Disciplinary Associations will be held on Jan. 12th, 2007

The next meeting of the national disciplinary associations, exploring how they can contribute to education for a sustainable future, will be held on Jan. 12th (right after the HEASC meeting) at One Dupont Circle. At a previous HEASC meeting, some of the members expressed how important it is to engage the disciplines more deeply in educating for a sustainable future. Debra Rowe, Tony Cortese, Wynn Calder, Kevin Hovland and Judy Walton are working with others to help the disciplines move forward. We are also exploring opportunities for future collaboration between HEASC members and the disciplinary associations.

-Deb Rowe

6. President of Cape Cod Community College Presentation at Association of Community Colleges

Kathy Schatzberg, president of Cape Cod Community College, presented information on education for a sustainable future (ESF) at the Association of Community College Trustees using materials provided by Debra and Tony. We are planning to spend more time involving ACCT in ESF.

-Deb Rowe

7. AASHE Conference

The inaugural conference of AASHE, *The Role of Higher Education in Creating a Sustainable World*, October 4-6, 2006 at Arizona State University was a resounding success. With over 660 registered participants, the conference was the largest campus sustainability gathering to date in the United States or Canada. AASHE hoped for 400 people! Tony Cortese and Jim Buizer, Director of Sustainability and Special Assistant to the President, Arizona State University were co-chairs of the conference. Here are the stats:

662 Registered Attendees from:

Business	70 (10%)	44 different businesses
NGO/Govt	52 (8%)	39 different organizations
HE Institutions	540 (82%)	168 different campuses

Geography

44 US states (All except DE, MS, ND, SD, WV and WY)

6 Canadian provinces (AB, BC, NS, ON, PEI, SK)

5 countries (US, Canada, Jamaica, Thailand, Mexico)

Campus Participants

Staff/Admin 260

Faculty 150

Students 125

Presentations: 214 presentations, by 311 people

ASHE presented its first annual Campus Sustainability Leadership Awards (which were endorsed by HEASC) at the conference. The winners were the University of British Columbia, Berea College, Warren Wilson College, and Lane Community College. The awards recognize institutions that have demonstrated an outstanding overall commitment to sustainability in their governance, academics, operations, and community outreach.

Each winner received \$750 cash and a \$250 gift card from award sponsor Office Depot. AASHE also presented a Student Sustainability Leadership Award to Emilie Brill-Duisberg, a senior at the University of Arizona. The award, which comes with a \$750 prize, honors an undergraduate student from an AASHE member institution who has demonstrated outstanding leadership in promoting campus sustainability. See: <http://www.aashe.org/highlights/awards06.php>.

HEASC members who attended the conference included Kathy Benton (SCUP), Terry Calhoun (SCUP), Tony Cortese, Matt Hammil (NACUBO), Michele Madia (NACUBO), Doreen Murner (NAEP), Mary Reilly, Deb Rowe, Judy Walton (AASHE), Boyd Yarbrough (ACPA), and Brian Yeoman (NAEP).

Congrats to Judy Walton, AASHE ED for an outstanding conference.
-Tony Cortese

8. American College and University Presidents Climate Commitment

AASHE launched the American College and University Presidents Climate Commitment, ACUPCC, at its national conference. The ACUPCC is a high-visibility effort to address global warming by getting higher education leaders to sign a joint commitment to achieve climate neutrality for their campuses in a reasonable time frame – fast enough to avoid the worst impacts of climate change and at a pace and in a manner that will enable them to maximize economic and other benefits to their communities while minimizing short-term costs. The immediate goal is to secure commitments by at least 200 college and university presidents by June 2007, and expand to at least 500 by the end of 2009. The effort is modeled after the U.S. Mayors Climate Protection Agreement. Presidents, or their designees - provosts, facilities' directors, sustainability directors - from 16 colleges as well as key representatives from NGO and business met at a special meeting, helped refine the initiative and committed to helping in the effort to get a large number of presidents to make the commitment by June 2007. The following colleges and universities have already committed to be charter signatories to this agreement:

Bainbridge Graduate Institute
Cape Cod Community College
Chandler-Gilbert Community College
College of the Atlantic
Duke University
Lane Community College
Ohlone Community College
University of Florida
Oakland Community College

Tony Cortese is the Project Manager for the initiative. Attached is a copy of the commitment document in its final form. We will be sending more information soon and would like to discuss ways HEASC members can help in this important effort. Please contact Tony if you have any questions.
-Tony Cortese

9. Articles from Brian Yeoman on HEASC website

Brian Yeoman of NAEP (National Association of Educational Procurement) and author of the "Roamin' with Yeoman" column has given us permission to post several of his articles on the HEASC website. You'll find these under "Resource Center" on the website or, to go there directly, use the following URL:

www.aashe.org/heasc/resources.php

Thank you, Brian for sharing these highly readable and informative articles!
-Mary Reilly