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1. Welcome to AACC – New HEASC Member

AACC, the American Association of Community Colleges, has agreed to join HEASC in 2007. They are focusing on sustainability education at their International Relations Presidents' Commission this November 15-16th. Please welcome AACC to the consortium!

-Deb Rowe

2. 2cond Annual Smart and Sustainable Campuses Conference—Call for Presentations Open

On April 18-19, 2007, several members of HEASC are joining together for the 2nd Annual Smart and Sustainable Campuses Conference. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) will join with the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education (AASHE), the Association of Higher Education Facilities Officers (APPA), the Campus Safety, Health, and Environmental Management Association (CSHEMA), the Campus Consortium for Environmental Excellence (C2E2), the National Association of College and University Business Officers (NACUBO) the Society for College and University Planning (SCUP), and the University of Maryland College Park to deliver a comprehensive symposium on smart growth and sustainable practices that serve the economy, the community, and the environment. Sessions and workshops will be offered in the areas of campus planning, engaging the campus in sustainability, facility construction and operations, and assessment and measurement. A call for presentations is open until January 10, 2007. Click on the following link for details:

<http://www.nacubo.org/x8528.xml>.

-Michele Madia, NACUBO

3. HEASC Members Incorporating Sustainability into their Websites

Several HEASC member organizations have pages on their websites dedicated to sustainability. We would like to see other HEASC members follow suite in communicating activities and resources for creating a more sustainable world. To assist you in this effort, we've created a "Sustainability Checklist". It resides on the HEASC website under Resource Center at:

http://www.heasc.net/resources/pdf/HEASC_Member_Websites_Guidelines.pdf.

Please let us know if you have comments or suggestions to make this checklist more useful—and more importantly, please let us know if you have added content to your respective websites that you'd like us to share with other members. Eventually, we would like to post links on the HEASC website to all our members' sustainability pages.

-Mary Reilly

4. Save the Dates: January 9, 10 and 11—HEASC All-Staff Meeting and HEASC Training and Project Committee Kickoff

Mark your calendars for the next HEASC All-Staff Meeting to be held on Tuesday, January 9 from 1:30 – 4:30 pm at One Dupont Center in Washington, DC. The meeting will be followed by HEASC Sustainability Training and Project Committees Kickoff for you and your staff on Wednesday and Thursday, January 10 and 11, also at One Dupont Center. Times for the meeting and training are:

All HEASC Meeting	Tuesday 1/9: 1:30 – 4:30pm (tentative time)
HEASC Training	Wednesday 1/10: 1:00 – 4:30pm
HEASC Training	Thursday 1/11: 9:30 – 3:30pm

We will be sending out an agenda along with registration forms very soon.

-Mary Reilly

5. New Logos for HEASC—Vote for Your Favorite!

Thanks to Elizabeth Beltramini of ACUI, we have two potential HEASC logo designs (see attached). Take a look and let us know which one you prefer—logo 1 or logo 2 (email: mreilly@secondnature.org). Note that there are color versions of both (green). We'll make a final decision by December 1.

-Mary Reilly

6. AASHE, AAC&C, ULSF and US Partnership Planning Next National Disciplinary Associations Meeting

AASHE, working in collaboration with AAC&U, ULSF, and the U.S. Partnership, are planning the next convening of the National Disciplinary Associations on Jan. 12th to discuss education for a sustainable future.

-Deb Rowe

7. Debra Rowe and Rich Novak meet with Judith Eaton from the Council for Higher Education Accreditation

Debra Rowe from the U.S. Partnership and Rich Novak from AGB met with Judith Eaton from the Council for Higher Education Accreditation to discuss HEASC activities, the convening of the disciplinary associations for sustainability education, and implications for accreditation. Debra is following up with Dr. Eaton and will report to HEASC at the Jan. meeting.

-Deb Rowe

8. First Official Board Meeting of the U.S. Partnership for Education for Sustainable Development Held

The first official board meeting of the U.S. Partnership for Education for Sustainable Development was held in Washington D.C. November 9-10. The board was informed about the formation of HEASC and the upcoming project committees kick-off on Jan. 10 and 11. The U.S. Partnership also kicked off their Higher Education Media Initiative in Sustainability and will be looking for collaboration with and input from HEASC on this project.

-Deb Rowe

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