

HEASC Q2 2011 Updates:

AACC

- A new \$1.3 million dollar grant awarded to the Sustainability, Education and Economic Development (SEED) initiative at the American Association of Community Colleges (AACC) by The Kresge Foundation will expand green job training opportunities and innovations at community colleges. SEED, with its focus on sustainability, education and economic development, helps community colleges initiate and expand green job training programs. A host of innovative SEED activities will be launched under the two-year grant, from workshops to an awards program. The colleges will also benefit from the SEED Center, a free resource center and online sharing environment designed specifically for community college leaders, faculty, and staff. A strategic plan, *Community Colleges in the Emerging Green Economy: Charting a Course and Leadership Role* is available [online. http://theseedcenter.org/Special-Pages/SEED-in-2011---2012/AACC-SEED-Strategic-Plan-FINAL-03-11.pdf](http://theseedcenter.org/Special-Pages/SEED-in-2011---2012/AACC-SEED-Strategic-Plan-FINAL-03-11.pdf) We may ask for assistance from HEASC members on some of the projects.
- A webinar, *Community Colleges Create Demand for Green-Collar Jobs through Business Outreach*, was conducted on April 20, 2011. Debra Rowe from Oakland Community College (MI) and Stephanie Sklba from Gateway Technical College (WI) discussed specific tactics used to identify appropriate businesses, how to build that relationship and how to connect existing energy programs (credit or noncredit) to local internships, service learning or other activities.
- At the AACC annual convention, two sessions focusing on sustainability were held. The presidentially based sustainability task force held a meeting to discuss implementing the strategic plan. SEED had a booth at the convention.

NACUBO

- Smart and Sustainable Campuses Conference -- more than 280 attendees. Another successful year. Discussions are ongoing about transitioning management of the conference to UMD. NACUBO can no longer afford to support the effort (only a handful of our primary members attend each year), and we will be focusing our efforts on planning a smaller, higher-level event, that attracts the Chief Business Officer. NACUBO might still support registration functions, and limited administrative support, but the scale of the effort cannot continue. Please let me know if your organization is interested in being part of future discussions with UMD or are interested in helping with future programming. We are committed to seeing the conference continue, and will determine the best way to do that in the coming months.
- Virtual Conference – also a technical success, although we didn't have very many registrants. A financial loss. If anyone is interested in viewing the four plenary webcasts, let me know and I'll give complimentary access.

- Annual Meeting – a track of 5 sessions planned, as well as Managing Facilities of the Future Roundtable, led by Sustainability Advisory Panel chair, Kathy Lindahl. Another featured session, John Walda, nacubo, Rick Legon, agb, and President Emeritus David Shi, furman univ. to talk about sustainability leadership.
- Recent cover story in Business Officer magazine:
The Benefits of Retrofits
http://www.nacubo.org/Business_Officer_Magazine/Current_Issue.html

NACA

- The NACA Sustainability Resource Guide for members should be completed late spring and out sometime before next academic year.
- Call for Educational Sessions: NACA requests proposals for educational programs at the 2012 NACA® National Convention, all 2011–12 NACA® Regional Conferences and the 2011–12 NACA® Webinar Series. Submit your proposals for multiple events with just one online form! Educational session submissions will be open beginning April 1, 2011. Go to www.naca.org/Education/EducationalSessions/Pages/default.aspx for more information.
The deadline for the National Convention, fall Regional Conferences and Webinar Series is June 1, 2011.
The deadline for the NACA® Northern Plains Regional Conference and NACA® Mid Atlantic Festival is Nov. 4, 2011.
- Call for Research Proposals: The National Association for Campus Activities is now seeking proposals for the NACA Research Grant. The NACA Research Grant is designed to encourage the development and dissemination of knowledge that has potential to improve the experiences of college students. **Completed applications must be received by the NACA Office by 11:59 pm ET, June 17, 2011.**

For more details and an application, go to

www.naca.org/Education/researchinitiatives/Pages/default.aspx

ACUHO-I

(new items in red)

ACUHO-I National Conference

National conference is being held at a LEED Silver Hotel/Convention Center that provides the following for our members:

Waste Reduction:

- Cardboard recycling
- Contributions to Second Harvest, the area food bank
- Free water stations in each meeting room as an alternative for bottled water
- Offices recycle toner cartridges and other office supplies
- Foods, beverages and condiments are served in bulk when practical

- Wholesalers serving the hotel use reusable cartons and crates
- Guest room amenities are replaced upon guest request only and not daily during hotel stay

Water Conservation:

- Water saving devices installed throughout the equipment and faucets in the kitchens
- Public restrooms are equipped with auto sink and toilet flush valves
- Linen and towel reuse program for guest rooms
- Low flow showerheads and toilets in the guestroom bathrooms
- Water recycling system in our tunnel washer in laundry

Environmentally Preferable Purchasing:

- 50% of the chemicals used for cleaning are biodegradable, environmentally friendly chemicals
- Recycled paper products and use throughout hotel where possible
- Recycled toilet paper in all guest room bath rooms and public restrooms
- Uses locally grown food items and sustainable seafood items

New Orleans Ernest N. Morial Convention Center

Waste Reduction:

- Recycling stations throughout facility which have been recycled themselves by using old containers - painting and applying recycle decals – savings of over \$90,000.00 by reuse of “old waste containers”
- Paper products with recycled and post consumer content
- Environmentally friendly cleansers
- Cardboard recycling system
- New Orleans’s largest contributor to Second Helping, the area food bank for prepared and unprepared foods
- IP based electronic signage at every meeting room reducing the need for disposable signs
- Bulk purchasing utilized, reducing packaging for materials that are brought into the Convention Center
- Tracking and reporting of trash and recycled material reported by category, i.e., cardboard, aluminum, paper, plastic
- Reusable linens used for classroom and hollow square meeting room set-ups
- Recycles toner cartridges and other office supplies when possible

Energy Conservation:

- Computerized Energy Management System utilized in public areas and meeting space
- Replacement of outside incandescent lighting with LED lamps
- Variable volume HVAC and pumping systems
- Daylight sensors for exterior lighting
- Manual control of escalators and other equipment when not needed
- Manual reset on heating hot water
- Use of environmentally preferable cleaners
- Annual maintenance on all air handler units and coils
- Preventative Maintenance and testing regularly performed on boilers, diesel fire pumps and diesel generators
- Energy efficient lighting and low mercury lamps
- Semi-permanent air handling filters with MERV 13 filters which meet Green Building

- Council Indoor Air Quality credit for cleaner air

Water Conservation:

- Low flow faucets installed in restrooms
- Utilizes automatic faucets and toilets in public restrooms
- Irrigation systems operate with rain sensors to prevent excessive use of water resources
- Rebuilt Phase One cooling water towers
- Variable volume HVAC and pumping system

ARAMARK Catering

- Developing environmental sustainability programs and policies initiatives within the areas of energy and water conservation, sustainable food, waste management, and building design and operations
- Designating in-house environmental stewards for each ARAMARK location
- Offers 5-gallon water coolers instead of bottled water
- Uses cloth napkins and table cloths instead of paper
- Uses china for catered events
- Energy STAR equipment selected when purchasing new or replacement equipment
- Utilize bulk purchasing reducing packaging for materials that are brought into the Convention Center

This year ACE is providing a full sustainable track with 12 sustainable sessions confirmed.

3 community services opportunities are being provided at the conference as noted below:

- St. Bernard Project – Help rebuild a family’s home, 7:30am – 4:30pm
- New Orleans City Park – Maintain and restore the park, 8:30am – 12:30pm
- Arc of Greater New Orleans – Separate and sort donated Mardi Gras beads, 12:30pm – 4:30pm

We continue to develop sustainable resources for our members in our online resource page.

We continue to track schools that are participating in STARS.

We will continue to integrate sustainable practices and programming into our daily assignments at ACUHO-I and at our member institutions

- The opportunity to volunteer during the Annual Conference, and one of the projects is helping to maintain and restore the New Orleans City Park: <http://www.acuho-i.org/Default.aspx?tabid=918>

AASHE

- AASHE presented a workshop on STARS at NACUBO's Smart & Sustainable Campus conference and participated in the virtual expo. Kudos to NACUBO for organizing another great conference!
- AASHE released "[STARS: A Year in Review](#)" report, now posted on website. It details the sustainability efforts found in the inaugural submissions to STARS. Includes data for 37 institutions.
- AASHE launched a new, monthly [Events newsletter](#), which includes partner events. The next issue comes out this Thursday, May 5.

- AASHE [2011 Conference](#) registration opens this month; abstract submissions are closed.
- At our recent AASHE staff retreat, we brainstormed next steps for development of AASHE's sustainability plan, which we will be working on this year and look forward to sharing.
- AASHE released the [2010 Higher Education Sustainability Staffing Survey](#)
- The [2011 AASHE awards program](#) has expanded this year and is now accepting applications in six categories that will be presented at the "AASHE 2011: Creating Sustainable Campuses and Communities" conference. New this year are the Faculty Sustainability Leadership and Innovation in Green Building awards. These join the existing Student Sustainability Leadership and Student Research on Campus Sustainability awards, and the "Best" and "Oops!" categories of the Campus Sustainability Case Study award.

NIRSA

The NIRSA Sustainability Committee has a new Chair, Brad Stinnett from Western Kentucky University, and a new NIRSA National Center Liaison, Ashley Murphy, NIRSA's Director of Communications & Marketing.

- NIRSA Annual Conference was held in New Orleans, LA from April 13-16. Three education sessions were offered that focused on sustainability:
 - o Practicing and Promoting Sustainability in Recreation Facilities
 - o Sustainabilamania
 - o Let Sustainability Serve, Educate, and Lead your Department
- April 21st NIRSA Webinar: Choices with Purpose: How Your Purchases Can Positively Impact Sustainability
 - o Co-hosted by the National Association of Educational Procurement (NAEP)
 - o 11 sites participated
- Continue to flesh out Sustainability presence on the NIRSA website; although NIRSA leadership for sustainability initiatives has changed hands, we have retained prior project leaders as advisers. This has been set as top priority for new committee.
- Continue to develop plan to build more robust discussions surrounding sustainability on Habitat, NIRSA's networking site designed for member connection and collaboration.

APPA

The March/April issue of *Facilities Manager* magazine focused again on Environmental Sustainability (see the issue at <http://appa.org/FacilitiesManager/index.cfm>); and 2) our soon-to-be-published May/June issue focuses on Sustaining Community Colleges and includes several case studies and useful guidance on building a business case for environmental projects. The issue will be online by mid-May.