

## HEASC Organizational Updates – 4th Quarter 2012

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### AASHE

- AASHE 2012 in Los Angeles was a great success! We had nearly 1,800 attendees. Conference presentations should be uploaded to the AASHE resource center in the next few weeks. Networking meetings were held for HEASC and for NASPA, ACPA.
- AASHE 2013 will be in Nashville, TN Oct 6-9, 2013. Please save the date.
- [Campus Sustainability Day 2012](#) was held on October 24. Thanks to all those involved and those who participated. 151 institutions submitted events to the [events page!](#)
- [Fall 2012 STARS Quarterly Review](#) is published.
- [STARS 2.0 Public Comment Period](#) runs through Nov. 30.

### AACC – SEED

- Released a community college organizational guide to help community colleges more effectively prepare highly-skilled and sustainability-literate students and align these efforts with other institutional and community green initiatives.  
- [Download \*The Community College Green Genome Framework: Integrating Sustainability and Clean Technology Workforce Development Into an Institution's DNA\*](#)
- Also released Community College Green Genome Self-Assessment - a 47-question tool designed for community colleges to quickly gauge how well they may be leading these initiatives today and where to prioritize strategic enhancements in the future. [Take the Assessment](#)
- Working to get community colleges signed up for the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual green jobs workshop: [“The NEW new Green Economy: Charting a Course for Community Colleges”](#) January 30 in San Diego, CA as part of AACC's Workforce Development Institute (target audience: community college leaders, including those responsible for workforce development and curricular resources and innovation, who are interested in building the green economy for the benefit of their students)

### ACPA – College Student Educators International

- Created a Sustainability Advisory Committee and appointed a chair. Jim Tweety from the University of Delaware is the chair for the next year. We anticipate re-energizing our efforts with the creation of a permanent committee and appointed leadership.

### CSHEMA

- Colleen McCormick has been appointed as CSHEMA's new HEASC Liaison. She'll be working with CSHEMA to identify sustainability goals and objectives for the organization. Colleen is Director of the Office of Sustainability at Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis (IUPUI)

## NIRSA

- Many NIRSA Members attended and presented at the AASHE Conference and were excited to learn and make connections that will help them implement sustainable practices on their campus.
- There was excellent Higher Education Association collaboration during the Networking Luncheon at AASHE which generated interest in partnering as HEA's in the future.
- NIRSA Members are going to make a concerted effort to review STARS 2.0 during the public comment period and submit recommendations by the November 30 deadline.
- NIRSA's Commission for Sustainable Communities held a meeting following the AASHE conference and identified three areas of emphasis or work to accomplish in the near future:
  - **Setting the Foundation** (Providing the Foundation for Embedding Sustainability as a Value in Collegiate Recreation)
  - **Creating or Identifying Resources/Tools/Deliverables** (Provide resources, tools, and other materials to support the implementation of the sustainability model for our members)
  - **Strengthening NIRSA's Presence** (Support NIRSA's ability to lead by example and strengthen its presence as a sustainability leader in Higher Education)
- The September 2012 issue of the AASHE Bulletin debuted a new "Health & Wellness" category with a guest Connecting the Dots column by NIRSA representative Alex Accetta