FSU Finalizes Climate Action Plan

FSU Aiming for Climate Neutrality by 2030

FSU President Jonathan Gibralter and the Learning Green, Living Green Committee have finalized the University's Climate Action Plan and submitted it to the campus community and the American College and University Presidents' Climate Commitment (ACUPCC). With a goal of climate neutrality by 2030, FSU will begin implementation of all 49 strategic initiatives in the plan within two years.

The plan documents FSU’s commitment to reducing campus greenhouse gas emissions and outlines initiatives designed to achieve an overall goal of climate neutrality as well as a set of steps that will teach students the skills they will need to help society do the same.

“One of the greatest challenges we face today is the threat of global warming. Our nation’s colleges and universities should be the leaders in both action and education that set the stage for the mitigation of carbon dioxide and turn us from our current path. The faculty, staff and students of Frostburg State University took this to heart and spent the better part of two years drafting our Climate Action Plan,” Gibralter said. “In it, we will develop and implement strategies to become carbon neutral by 2030. This is a goal I truly believe we can and will accomplish.”

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The CAP provides a framework that will guide FSU; it is divided into five structured areas to ensure a multifaceted approach to addressing climate neutrality:

- **Mitigation Strategies** – Implementing strategies that will reduce FSU’s carbon footprint
- **Education** – Strengthening environmental sustainability studies throughout all areas of the curriculum to ensure that every FSU student is exposed
- **Research** – Providing FSU students, faculty and staff opportunities to engage in research opportunities relating to climate change and environmental sustainability
- **Outreach** – Connecting with all FSU constituents to promote sustainability and encourage others to get involved

FSU was also able to hire April Baer, project coordinator for University Advancement and executive director of the FSU Foundation, Inc. “This program would not happen would it not be for their very serious commitment to wellness and prevention. Together, we can do great things for young people.”

FSU has made a number of moves toward reducing its carbon imprint, from adding hybrid vehicles to its fleet and mandating the purchase of Energy Star appliances to promoting research into renewable energy, the most visible example being the WISE (Wind-Solar Energy) wind turbine and solar array helping to power the Fuller House on campus. Student groups have been promoting recycling and energy savings with “Blackout Days,” encouraging lights-out in unused offices and classrooms. FSU rated an 85 in “The Princeton Review’s” Green Rating Honor Roll. These efforts have been coordinated by LEg2, the University’s broad-based green campus initiative. To learn more, visit www.frostburg.edu/lglg.

As a signatory of the ACUPCC, FSU receives support and resources designed to help the school achieve the outlined climate objectives and has access to a supportive network of peer institutions that share insights into best practices. Six hundred fifty college and university presidents have joined the ACUPCC, a comprehensive climate change initiative through which schools are committing to neutralize greenhouse gas emissions on their campuses, dedicate research and programs to the development of climate change solutions and train their students to address the climate crisis on graduation. Gibralter was a charter signatory and is a member of the ACUPCC leadership circle.

“I congratulate Frostburg State University on its commitment to climate neutrality and for contributing to this first sectorwide effort at creating climate action plans,” said Toni Nelson, program director of the ACUPCC. “The collective impact of schools throughout the nation fighting climate change is tremendous,” she added.

Launched in 2007, the ACUPCC is a network of 650 signatory schools, representing all 50 states and the District of Columbia. This high-visibility effort to address global warming garners institutional commitments to neutralize greenhouse gas emissions and accelerate the research and educational efforts of higher education to equip society to re-stabilize the earth’s climate. For info, visit www.presidentsclimatecommitment.org.

 Originally launched in September 2008, CHILL has successfully developed and organized various educational outreach activities focused on health and wellness over the past year, including workshops led by nationally renowned fitness expert Scott Cole, a “Biggest Loser” student competition and campus community walks organized in affiliation with popular University traditions like Homecoming. CHILL also offered student health screenings, which helped students become more informed of how to take charge of and improve their personal health. With AstraZeneca’s support, FSU was also able to hire April Baer, project coordinator for University
Wellness, and Registered Nurse Julie Miller. As a result of CHILL’s success and the University’s overall focus on health and wellness, in spring 2009 FSU was recognized as a “Fit-Friendly Company” by the American Heart Association and received a “Worksite Innovation Award” from AHA for its efforts to promote and foster an institutional culture of health and physical activity in the workplace.

AstraZeneca’s new contribution of $228,000 ensures the mission to make FSU a national model for campus health and wellness can continue. CHILL is organizing a variety of activities this fall centered on the theme “The Amazing Race” that will encourage participants to push themselves – or race – to reach various goals and events that promote overall well-being. Planned fall semester activities include fitness education (“The Amazing Race for My Personal Best,” “The Amazing Race to Homecoming” and “The Amazing Race for Fitness”) and a community race in downtown Frostburg (“The Race to Main Street”), as well as efforts to encourage students to give back to the community that overlaps with FSU’s Office of Leadership and Civic Engagement ("The Amazing Race for Service"). CHILL will also offer “The Amazing Race for Reading” with FSU’s Office of Leadership and Civic Engagement ("The Amazing Race for Service"). CHILL will also offer “The Amazing Race for Reading” with FSU’s Lewis J. Ort Library, which will provide an informational display for reading activities. CHILL is also organizing a variety of activities this fall centered on the theme “The Amazing Race” that will encourage participants to push themselves – or race – to reach various goals and events that promote overall well-being. Planned fall semester activities include fitness education (“The Amazing Race for My Personal Best,” “The Amazing Race to Homecoming” and “The Amazing Race for Fitness”) and a community race in downtown Frostburg (“The Race to Main Street”), as well as efforts to encourage students to give back to the community that overlaps with FSU’s Office of Leadership and Civic Engagement ("The Amazing Race for Service"). CHILL will also offer “The Amazing Race for Reading” with FSU’s Lewis J. Ort Library, which will provide an informational display for reading activities.

“Musical Comedy Murders’ to Be at FSU

From left, Bill Dennison, Jessica Behr and Becca Kmieciak

Muder, betrayal and ever-changing plots with a comedic twist are on deck as “Musical Comedy Murders of 1940” by John Bishop will be presented at FSU beginning Friday, Oct. 2, and continuing Oct. 3, 8, 9 and 10 at 7:30 p.m., with a matinee performance on Oct. 3 at 2 p.m. in the F. Perry Smith Studio Theatre.

The creative team of a recent Broadway flop (in which three chorus girls were mysteriously murdered by the stage door slasher) assembles at the estate of a wealthy benefactor to hold auditions for their new show. All goes according to plan until a blizzard cuts off connection to the outside and the slasher strikes again. Boasting an intriguing variety of suspenseful elements, “Musical Comedy Murders” sparkles with comedic wit, as fingers point in all directions to reveal the slasher’s identity.

Season subscriptions for students and non-students will be on sale until Oct. 10. Main Stage subscriptions are $40 and provide one ticket per show for all Main Stage productions. Student subscriptions are $30 and provide the owner with one ticket per show for Main Stage and Second Stage productions. Individual tickets are $6 for intra-university and $12 for general admission.

For info, call the Theatre and Dance Box Office at x7462, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. and 1:30 until 4 p.m.

Author Paul Loeb to Speak at FSU

Paul Loeb, author of “Generation at the Crossroads,” “Soul of a Citizen” and “The Impossible May Take a Little While,” will speak at FSU Tuesday, Sept. 22, at 7:30 p.m. in PAC Pealer Recital Hall. This event is free and open to the public.

Loeb has spent over 30 years researching and writing about citizen responsibility and empowerment, asking what makes some people choose lives of social commitment, while others abstain. He has written five widely praised books, lectured to enthusiastic responses at 400 colleges and universities around the country and been a lead speaker at numerous national conferences. His January 2002 talk to the Annual Provost’s Conference of the American Association of State Colleges and Universities inspired the association’s American Democracy project, now involving 200 campuses. For info, contact the Office of Leadership and Civic Engagement at x4210.

Appalachian Lab Fall Seminar Series

Dr. Matthew Ramspott, an assistant professor in the Geography Department at FSU, will present “Remote Sensing-Based Characterization of Phenology and Land Management in Grasslands” Friday, Sept. 25, at 3 p.m. in AL Room 109. Refreshments will be served in the AL lobby following the seminar.

For info, see www.al.umces.edu/seminar/schedule.

Fall African American Lecture Series Begins

Guy F. Djoken, the president of NAACP in Frederick County, Md., and chair of the Press and Publicity Committee for the Maryland State Conference of NAACP, will speak on “Challenges of African Activists in the 21st Century” Tuesday, Oct. 6, from 7:30 to 9 p.m. in Compton 327. Djoken is a renowned social entrepreneur, civil rights activist, public speaker, poet and author of “What a Century!” He also serves as executive director of UNESCO Center for Peace. For his community service, Djoken has received many awards, including the CitiGroup Community Partner Award.

For info, contact Dr. James Saku at x4724 or jsaku@frostburg.edu.
Art Exhibition Invites Artists to Submit Work

“I Dreamed of a Colorful World” is a community art exhibition that will be hosted at the Saville Gallery in Downtown Cumberland. Sponsored by the Allegany Arts Council, FSU Art Club and Kappa Pi, this exhibition is open to all visual artists in the tri-state region. Artwork can be in any media and creative interpretations of “dreams” are encouraged.

Drop-off of artwork for juring will be at FSU’s Fine Arts Building, Room 128, on Thursday, Oct. 8, and Friday, Oct. 9, from noon to 5 p.m. There will be a fee of $3 per entry and artists may submit up to four entries. Entry forms will be available as artwork is dropped off.

The juror this year is Professor Joe Campbell from Frederick Community College. Jurying will take place on Saturday, Oct. 10.

Artwork not accepted for the exhibit may be picked up on Sunday, Oct. 11, and Monday, Oct. 12, from noon to 4 p.m. in Fine Arts 128.

All accepted artwork will be installed at the Saville Gallery and available for viewing by Wednesday, Oct. 14. The exhibit will only be up for four days and will conclude with a closing reception and awards ceremony at the Saville Gallery Saturday, Oct. 17, from 6 to 8 p.m. The reception is free and open to the public.

Exhibiting artists may take their artwork home after the reception, or artwork may be picked up from the Fine Arts Building Monday, Oct. 19.

For info, contact Dustin Davis at davis@frostburg.edu or call the Department of Visual Arts at x4797.

Johnny Staats to Lead Music Workshop

Local mandolin, guitar and banjo players can hone their instrumental skills at the Roots Music Series workshops and concert presents Johnny Staats & the Delivery Boys band in Frostburg Saturday, Oct. 3.

Mandolin virtuoso Staats, former National Flatpicking Champion guitarist Robert Shaffer and banjoist Butch Osborne will conduct the workshops. While novices are encouraged to attend the workshops and observe the techniques, participants should have at least an intermediate skill level on their instrument. The workshops will be held at City Place on Water St. from 1:30 to 3 p.m. Jonny Staats & the Delivery Boys band will wrap up the fall Roots Music Series with a concert at the Palace Theatre on Main St. in Frostburg beginning at 8 p.m.

Concert tickets will be available at the door or in advance from the Allegany Arts Council, the Book Center in Cumberland or Main Street Books in Frostburg. For info, contact the Allegany Arts Council at 301-777-ARTS (2787) or visit www.alleganyarts council.org.

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Upcoming Activities

Thursday, Sept. 24, 7 p.m., Dunkle 218: Procrastination Devastation. Do you struggle with putting things off? Check out this fun, interactive educational program on how to prevent procrastination. Seating is limited.

Wednesday, Sept. 30: Going Green – Save Some Green. Open discussion about creative ways of going green. The program will address many conservation techniques and include ways to save money and eat healthy!

FSU Publication Receives Honors

The Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE) has named FSU a Bronze award winner of its 2009 Circle of Excellence awards program. FSU was recognized for its campaign case statement, “Staking Our Claim: The Campaign for Frostburg,” in the category of Individual Fundraising Publications: Case Statements and General Cultivation Publications. This year, 692 institutions from around the world submitted more than 2,860 entries in the awards program.

The “Staking Our Claim” campaign case statement was created by GCF Marketing with several members of the FSU Communications and Media Relations team: Colleen Stump, associate vice president for University Advancement and director of Publications; Becca Raspotnig, public information specialist, Technology and News Media; and Ann Townsell, assistant director of Publications. The FSU Foundation used the campaign case statement to kick off a $15 million comprehensive campaign, Staking Our Claim: The Campaign for Frostburg.
The goal of this piece was to issue a call to action to alumni, donors and other friends of Frostburg State University to step up to the plate and get involved in helping FSU continue to provide an exceptional educational experience to its students and faculty," Stump said. "The case statement relied on a multifaceted approach that included compelling personal stories about notable donors, persuasive data and statistics and strong messages about how dire the current economic situation is for funding higher education. We’re very pleased this piece was recognized by CASE."

CASE is one of the largest international associations of education institutions, serving more than 3,400 universities, colleges, schools and related organizations in 61 countries by providing resources for professional development, information and standards in the fields of education fundraising, communications, marketing and alumni relations.

For info about supporting FSU, visit foundation.frostburg.edu or call 1-866-241-3296, toll free.

FSU to Participate in Assessment Program

The Trident Initiative at FSU, the Western Maryland SCORE Chapter 0682 and the Small Business Development Center – Western Region announce the Fourth Annual Entrepreneurship Conference will be Thursday, Sept. 24, and Friday, Sept. 25, at Lane Center.

Titled “Turning Your Green Ideas Into Gold … Entrepreneurial Pathways to Shaping a Sustainable Economic Future,” this year’s conference will emphasize green entrepreneurship opportunities and practices within the region, green entrepreneurs, leaders in sustainable practices and economic development, and business experts from various industry sectors will share their insight on adoption of green technologies. The conference will also hold a vital information session on locating funding from diverse sources to support the startup and ongoing operations of green and/or greening businesses.

The 2009 Model Entrepreneur of the Year and 2009 Young Entrepreneur of the Year awards will be made at an Awards Luncheon ceremony on Friday, Sept. 25, in the Lane Center. Cumberland Mayor Lee Fiedler and regional business leaders will also address the conference.

For info, visit www.frostburg.edu/trident. For additional info, contact Sudhin Singh (FSU – Trident) at x4093, Terri Hast (SCORE 0682) at 301-722-2773 or Mack Malec (SBDC – Western Region) at x1080.

Help Is Here!

Invest an hour at one of the following probe meetings to ensure you can return to FSU for the spring 2010 semester:

• Monday, Oct. 5, 4 p.m., Compton 327
• Tuesday, Oct. 6, 3:30 p.m., Compton 226
• Thursday, Oct. 8, 3:30 p.m., Compton 226

For info, call the Provost’s Office at x4212.

Grant Applications Solicited

Do you have a great idea for encouraging students to demonstrate an entrepreneurial spirit, hone their leadership and/or critical thinking skills or enhance their determination to be successful? Be on the lookout for an e-mail with a description of the Gira Campus-to-Community Grant and an application. Return the completed application to the Office of the Provost by noon Monday, Oct. 26. The effort could yield a grant of $500 to $2,000!

New Entrance to Residence Life Office

Renovations to the Residence Life Office, which were begun this spring, are finally nearing completion. The office now has a new entrance, with access directly from the Annapolis Parking Lot. The new entrance provides full accessibility via a ramp and direct access to the office so the Annapolis Hall front doors no longer have to be unlocked during the day.

Graduating Dec. 19?

The 135th commencement ceremony is scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 19, in the Cordts PE Center. The College of Business and College of Education will hold their service at 10 a.m., while the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences will present its graduates at the 2 p.m. ceremony.

For info, contact Brittini Teter at x4423 or bketer@frostburg.edu.

FSU Logos (& More!)

You’ll find FSU logos in various formats on the campus U drive, in the FSU logo folder. These logos have been created with the appropriate resolution for print materials, so use these and don’t copy from the Web site. The folder also includes templates for FSU fax cover sheets, labels and nametags, and a campus map in PDF format.

For info, e-mail ctstump@frostburg.edu.

Study Abroad Fair

The Center for International Education offers ways for FSU students to see the world. In some cases, students can pay FSU tuition, room and board and study for a semester in Ireland, England, Spain, France or many other countries. For info, visit the Fuller House (across the street from Braddock House) or call x4714.

Friday, Sept. 25, is the deadline to submit an application to study abroad during the spring and Intersession 2010 semesters.

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For info, visit Current Students. Commencement information is under Academics. For info, contact Brittini Teter at x4423 or bketer@frostburg.edu.
Awakening the DREAMER Initiative

The Awakening the DREAMER: Changing the Dream Symposium will be held on Sunday, Oct. 11, from 1 to 4 p.m. in Lane Manicur Hall. The symposium is a workshop designed to inspire people to take action in pursuit of a fair, peaceful and sustainable future.

The event is free and open to everyone. For info, contact Patrick O’Brien at x4210, e-mail plg@frostburg.edu or visit http://awakeningthedreamer.org.

Writing Green

Students are encouraged to submit materials for the spring ‘09 issue of “E=(LG)2.” The magazine will consider 200- to 1,000-word articles with an environmental or sustainability emphasis that pertain to student research, class activities, nature appreciations, club or Greek activities, reportage and more, including photos and digital artwork. The magazine will be published in print and online. Submit materials to lgmag@frostburg.edu by Tuesday, Oct. 20.

The portal Web site, which links to current and archived issues, is online at http://organizations.frostburg.edu/lgmag.

UCM Events

For info, contact Chaplain Cindy at x7490 or cambilott@frostburg.edu.

Spiritual Study Breaks. Wednesday study breaks begin Sept. 23 at 9 p.m. in Cook Chapel and include Christian music videos and various prayer acts and praise experiences. The group is looking for FSU students, staff or faculty who would like to start an FSU praise band.

Local Service Project. UCM is sponsoring a Service Project Day to help build a porch and steps Saturday, Sept. 26. This is a Frostburg NAILS project to help a senior citizen.

Message Board

FSU-TV3 cablecasts an automated educational and community message channel when not showing video programming. The message channel provides info about FSU events, non-profit organizations and community events. If you have an activity announcement to advertise on the FSU-TV3 message board, log on to www.frostburg.edu/dept/mcom/channel3/admin-pic/cf_upload.cfm, enter the information and click submit. A graphic or pre-made message can be loaded as well. Submit requests at least one week in advance.

For info, contact Melanie Lombardi at x3011 or mlombardi@frostburg.edu.

Taping Request Form

FSU-TV3 has a Taping Request Form for groups or departments interested in having a speaker or musician taped to air on FSU-TV3. Submit your request by logging on to www.frostburg.edu/dept/mcom/channel3/tapingreqform.htm, fill in all required information and hit submit. Be sure to give FSU-TV3 at least four weeks’ notice before the event to plan the shoot.

For info, contact Melanie Lombardi at x3011 or mlombardi@frostburg.edu.

Sept. 21-25 Schedule

For more: http://fsutv3.frostburg.edu/Cablecast/Public/Schedule.aspx?ChannelID=1

Monday:
3 p.m. NASA Connect: The Right Ratio
3:30 p.m. NASA Connect: The Statistics of Success
4 p.m. NASA 360, 21st Century Lunar Exploration
4:30 p.m. Learning Math: Patterns, Functions & Algebra: Proportional Reasoning
5 p.m. Frostburg City Council Meeting
Sept. 17, 2009
6 p.m. Bridging World History: Early Global Commodities
6:30 p.m. The Habitable Planet: Looking Forward: Our Global Experiment
7 p.m. Essential Science for Teachers: Physical Science: Heat & Temperature
8 p.m. Endless Turns
8:11 p.m. Gripped
8:30 p.m. NASA 360, Archaeology/Paleontology
9 p.m. Ghosts of Frostburg
9:32 p.m. Think Talk Presents Spotlight With Miss March and Director’s Cut With Danny Boyle

Tuesday:
3 p.m. Down to Earth Episode 1: Climate Change
3:30 p.m. LEAD-TV Episode 4: Student & Community Involvement on Campus
4 p.m. Frostburg Roadtrip: Miami & Puerto Rico
5:30 p.m. FSU Men’s Basketball vs. La Roche College 1/8/2005
7 p.m. 4th Annual African Student Association Fashion Showcase
9:30 p.m. Ghosts of Frostburg

Wednesday:
3 p.m. NASA: Destination Tomorrow Program 9
3:30 p.m. NASA: Destination Tomorrow Program 10
4 p.m. Democracy in America: Global Politics; U.S.A. and the World
4:30 p.m. Learning Math: Numbers & Operations: Numbers Theory
5 p.m. Earth Revealed: Intrusive Igneous Rocks
5:30 p.m. Social Studies in Action: Using Primary Sources
6 p.m. American Passages, a Literary Survey; Gothic Undercurrents
6:30 p.m. NASA 360, Full Circle
7 p.m. CIA Analyst: Ray McGovern
8 p.m. Guest Lecturer: Bob Drogin, Curveball
9 p.m. FSU Percussion Ensemble Concert Fall 2006
9:30 p.m. FSU Jazz Band Concert Fall 2007

Thursday:
3 p.m. Down to Earth Episode 1: Climate Change
3:30 p.m. LEAD-TV Episode 4: Student & Community Involvement on Campus
4 p.m. FSU Latin Ensembles Concert Spring 2008
5 p.m. Woman's Leadership: Panel Discussion
7 p.m. Focus the Nation: Opening Remarks & Keynote
7:30 p.m. Focus the Nation: Hank Bullamore
8:30 p.m. Live at the Loft: Hannah Bingman
9:30 p.m. FSU Jazz Ensemble Concert Fall 2005

Friday:
3 p.m. SciFiles: The Case of the Deafening Sound
4 p.m. Connecting With The Arts: Teaching Practices Library 6-8: Two Dance Collaborations
4:30 p.m. Exploring the World of Music: The Transformative Power of Music
5 p.m. American Cinema: The Western
6 p.m. Human Geography: People, Places & Change: Global Firms in the Industrializing East
6:30 p.m. NASA 360, Welcome to NASA 360!
7 p.m. “Heart” Documentary FSU Women's Soccer Team 2004
8:30 p.m. Channel Cats Benefit Concert for the Dept. of Mass Communication
9:30 p.m. C & O Canal Documentary: The Great National Project

Grad Students

Grad Student News

December 2009 Commencement

Students who plan to graduate in December 2009 need to complete the "Application for Graduation" by Nov. 4 to be listed in the program. Forms are available in the Office of Graduate Services, Pullen 141; or call x7053 or visit www.frostburg.edu/grad/forms.htm.

Thinking About Graduate School?

Register online at www.frostburg.edu/grad. Learn more at one of the following events:

Information Sessions: MAT and MBA
- Sept. 16, 6 p.m., MAT, USMH 124-125
- Sept. 16, 7 p.m., MBA, USMH 124-125
- Nov. 4, 6 p.m., MAT, FSU
- Nov. 4, 7 p.m., MBA, FSU
- Nov. 11, 6 p.m., MAT, USMH
- Nov. 11, 7 p.m., MBA, USMH

Fall Open Houses: All Graduate Programs
- Oct. 14, 5 to 7 p.m., Pullen 141
- Oct. 21, 5 to 8 p.m., USMH Lobby

Virtual Info Sessions: MAT and MBA
- Sept. 23, 5:30 p.m., MAT
- Sept. 23, 7 p.m., MBA
- Sept. 25, noon, MBA
- Oct. 16, noon, MAT
- Nov. 13, noon, MAT
- Nov. 18, 5:30 p.m., MAT
- Nov. 18, 7 p.m., MBA
- Nov. 20, noon, MBA

Open GA Positions for Spring 2010
Open GA positions for spring will be posted Sept. 30. Applications are available in Pullen 141 or online at www.frostburg.edu/grad and will be due Oct. 15.

Attention Seniors

You can take up to 7 credit hours of graduate coursework this summer year. Tuition for graduate coursework is free for full-time undergraduate seniors!