Update for Community Groups – February 2012

The U.S. News & World Report 2012 Best Colleges guidebook ranks UC San Diego as the 8th best public university in the nation and 37th among the nation's top 280 universities

Please note the underlined text in the electronic version of this update contains active links that provide additional information on the subject matter.

PROJECTS

Location of instructional and research facilities, as well as necessary campus support facilities, such as housing and parking, is directed by UCSD’s Long Range Development Plan (LRDP), which is prepared in response to campus enrollment and population projections. Available on the Physical and Community Planning website at http://physicalplanning.ucsd.edu/projects/index.html is the Capital Improvements Status Map which is an interactive map where each project link leads to a detailed project information sheet.

CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS IN 2012

UC SAN DIEGO JACOBS MEDICAL CENTER

With construction related activities just underway, the UC San Diego Jacobs Medical Center project located in the East Campus Health Sciences Neighborhood will provide an expansion of hospital facilities at the UCSD Medical Center in La Jolla. The new hospital tower will have 245 inpatient beds that will enable this facility to offer a full spectrum of primary and specialty services, emergency and urgent care services, expanded cardiac and oncology services, and new inpatient prenatal services. The project also includes a helipad, renovation of existing hospital space and construction of a new central utility plant to support the hospital.

Upon project completion in December 2016, the Medical Center on the East Campus will offer a full spectrum of primary and specialty services, emergency and urgent care services, expanded cardiac and oncology services and new inpatient prenatal services.

CENTRAL RESEARCH SERVICES FACILITY

The Chancellor in July 2011 approved the design and adopted the environmental document for the Central Research Services Facility. Located in the School of Medicine and anticipated to begin construction later this month the project will provide support space for the Animal Care Program, Animal Welfare Program, Health Sciences staff and other campus research support units.

The project with anticipated completion in Spring 2013 eliminates redundancy and reduces use of natural resources, and also allows for conversion of existing and planned research space to direct research uses. It has been estimated that the project has the potential for an estimated annual savings of 18.5 million gallons of water, 24.2 million pounds of steam, and 560,000 kilowatts of electricity.

UNIVERSITY HOUSE REHABILITATION PROJECT

The UC Regents at their January 2012 meeting approved phase 2 of the University House Rehabilitation Project. The existing University House is currently uninhabitable due to seismic deficiencies and a multitude of life safety and code compliance issues including slope destabilization due to soil erosion. The Phase 1 slope stabilization has been recently completed.

Phase 2 anticipated to begin in April 2012 would include rehabilitation of the existing University House to provide seismic and structural upgrades, utility and site improvements, and improvements to the public and private spaces to address life safety and code compliance issues, while protecting tribal cultural, archaeological, and historical resources.

SIO RESEARCH SUPPORT FACILITIES PROJECT

The Chancellor in December 2011 approved the design and adopted the environmental document for the SIO Research Support Facilities project. Located in Seaweed Canyon and anticipated to begin construction in late July, this state funded project replaces dilapidated structures used for storage and staging for SIO’s sea going programs that require specialized equipment, instrumentation, calibration and support materials.
The project with anticipated completion in October 2013 will also improve access for emergency vehicles and upgrade utilities infrastructure, including the addition of two new fire hydrants to enhance fire safety/protection in and around Seaweed Canyon. These improvements will enable SIO faculty and students to continue their research activities in a more safe and efficient manner, while also dramatically improving the appearance of Seaweed Canyon.

**CLINICAL AND TRANSLATIONAL RESEARCH INSTITUTE**

The UC Regents at their January 2012 meeting certified the environmental document and approved the design for the Clinical and Translational Research Institute (CTRI), to support expanding Health Sciences programs. The proposed building, anticipated to begin construction in October 2012 is a continuation of the development of the academic medical center on the East Campus, would be adjacent to key medical facilities, including the Sulpizio Cardiovascular Center (CVC), Thornton Hospital, Moores Cancer Center, and the future Jacobs Medical Center.

This new facility with anticipated completion in May 2015 will provide the space necessary to consolidate and expand the “bench to bedside” translational research on the East Campus. The project will create a multidisciplinary environment that brings together laboratory scientists and clinical investigators in order to foster translation of fundamental biological discoveries into new treatments and to enhance understanding of human disease.

**NEWS**

**UCSD COMMUNITY PLANNING NEWSLETTER AND WEBSITE INFORMATION**

The most recent issue of the newsletter focuses on the Scripps Institution of Oceanography. The newsletter, together with project information sheets and an interactive map of campus projects is available on the UCSD Physical and Community Planning website at [http://physicalplanning.ucsd.edu](http://physicalplanning.ucsd.edu) Visit the website to learn more about campus development with accompanying information on specific projects.

**UCSD NEWS**

For UCSD News visit [http://ucsdnews.ucsd.edu/](http://ucsdnews.ucsd.edu/)

**CAMPUS Installs LED LIGHTING**

UC San Diego is reducing the use of energy and saving money with the installation of new light-emitting diode (LED) lights in some parking lots across campus. LED lights can be found in parking lots 302, 303 and 304 (Thurgood Marshall College area). Soon there will be LED lighting on the Scripps Institution of Oceanography bridge and potentially other areas on campus. The lights not only give UC San Diego a new look, (the color spectrum differs from the previous lights), but they are also highly energy-efficient, demonstrating UC San Diego’s continued commitment to sustainability.

**UC SAN DIEGO TO COMPETE IN 'RECYCLEMANIA'**

The UC San Diego campus community will participate in a recycling program competition from Feb. 5 to, March 31 against other colleges and universities across the United States and Canada. Dubbed, RecycleMania, the 10-week competition encourages schools to reduce waste, increase recycling and raise awareness of conservation issues across campus.

“This competition continues to gain momentum as our campus’s efforts to recycle increase,” said Alonso Noble, assistant superintendent of landscape services and refuse and recycling. “It shows the commitment of our students, staff and faculty who strive to create sustainable solutions. Our goal is to send zero waste to landfills in by 2020. In order to do this, every person on campus will have to help.”

At UC San Diego, students and staff from all six colleges are participating in the challenge. Last year was the sixth consecutive year that the campus participated in the friendly nationwide competition and the university was ranked No. 4 in the “Gorilla Prize” category for generating 432 tons of recyclables.

The 2012 RecycleMania is off to another great start with more than 512 colleges and universities participating across North America.

During the competition, schools report recycling and trash data which are then ranked according to who collects the largest amount of total recyclables and has the least amount of trash or has the highest recycling rate.

Students can get information on RecycleMania at [recyclemania.com](http://recyclemania.com). To learn more about UC San Diego’s recycling programs, visit [sustain.ucsd.edu](http://sustain.ucsd.edu).