Update for Community Groups – February 2016

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

- For more than a decade, U.S. News & World Report has ranked UC San Diego among the nation’s top 10 public universities
- For the sixth consecutive year, Washington Monthly has ranked UC San Diego 1st in the nation based on research, civic engagement and social mobility
- UC San Diego Health was recognized as 1st among San Diego’s adult hospitals and 5th in California U.S. News & World Report and ranked among the best in the nation in twelve specialty areas
- One of the nation’s Top 10 Centers for science, engineering and medicine; UC San Diego’s research funding has surpassed $1 billion four times in the past six years.
- Over 650 companies have been launched by and/or utilizing technology produced by UC San Diego
  - Over 200 active local UC San Diego-related companies
  - Total estimated annual sales of active UC San Diego-related companies: $31.6 billion
  - Direct jobs attributable to active UC San Diego-related companies: 29,200

PROJECTS

Location of instructional and research facilities, as well as necessary campus support facilities, such as housing and parking, is directed by UC San Diego’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 major campus projects are identified by location and are linked to detailed project information sheets.

GILMAN BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION

The project is being constructed in collaboration with the San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG) and the California Department of Transportation (CALTRANS). In preparation for construction of the new Gilman Drive Bridge across Interstate 5 (I-5), crews are removing vegetation along both sides of the freeway, between Genesee Avenue and La Jolla Village Drive. This work is expected to be completed in mid-February. In addition, at this time, roadwork along Gilman Drive on the University campus will begin which will reconfigure the street network to facilitate the connection to the bridge. Upon completion of the roadwork the bridge over I-5 will start construction.

ABOUT THE BRIDGE: The proposed bridge, anticipated to be completed in 2017, will tie into existing UC San Diego campus roads on both sides of the freeway allowing better linkages for the east and west sides of the campus. The project facilitates better internal circulation for vehicles, pedestrians and bicyclists between the two sides of campus, and would complete the campus’ loop road, allowing campus vehicular traffic to reach one side of the campus from the other without driving on busy city streets, in particular La Jolla Village Drive, Regents Road and Genesee Avenue. The intersections on both sides of the bridge are proposed to have three-lane configurations consisting of one lane each way with a protected left-hand turn lane. The lane configuration of the bridge deck and the roadway would consist of 42 feet curb to curb to provide two 11-foot wide travel lanes, a ten-foot wide left turn pocket and two five-foot wide bike lanes. In addition, the bridge deck would provide for a ten-foot-wide pedestrian walkway along the northern side of the bridge and a six-foot-wide pedestrian walkway along the southern side of the bridge. The bridge would not have ramps onto the freeway; however the future Voigt Drive Direct Access Ramp (developed as part of the CALTRANS North-Coast Corridor Project) will in the future provide freeway access directly to the University. Necessary utilities connections would be made with the bridge.

For more information, please visit www.KeepSanDiegoMoving.com/Midcoast.
UC SAN DIEGO COMMUNITY PLANNING NEWSLETTER AND WEBSITE INFORMATION

The newsletter, together with project information sheets and an interactive map of campus development projects is available on the UC SAN DIEGO Physical and Community Planning website at http://physicalplanning.ucsd.edu

UC SAN DIEGO NEWS

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UC SAN DIEGO RECEIVES RECORD 84,198 FRESHMAN AND 18,480 TRANSFER APPLICATIONS FOR FALL 2016 Article Courtesy Christine Clark

Campus is one of the nation’s top five universities to receive the most applications

The University of California, San Diego has received a record total of 102,678 freshman and transfer applications for fall 2016. The university had the second highest number of applicants among the University of California campuses.

UC San Diego received 84,198 freshman applications for fall 2016, up 7.9 percent from last year. The deadline for students to file applications to transfer for fall 2016 was extended this year from Nov. 30, 2015 to Jan. 4, 2016, widening the application window for qualified students preparing to transfer to the university. At UC San Diego, transfer student applications increased by 14.5 percent from 2015, with a total of 18,480 transfer students applying for admission.

The mean high school grade point average (GPA) for freshmen is 3.81; the average SAT Reasoning scores are 597, 648 and 611 respectively for Critical Reading, Math and Writing. The average GPA among transfer applicants was 3.36.

“We are pleased to yet again attract a talented and diverse applicant pool,” said Chancellor Pradeep K. Khosla. “Our growing number of applicants every year is testament to UC San Diego’s stellar reputation for having outstanding academic programs, experiential learning opportunities and faculty of the highest caliber.”

UC San Diego continued to see an increase in diversity among student applicants. At the freshman level, the campus had a 9.6 percent rise of historically underrepresented students for fall 2016, with the largest increase coming from Latino and Mexican-American applicants (10.1 percent) followed by African-American high school seniors (up 9.2 percent, compared to last year).

At the transfer student level, the number of historically underrepresented student applicants jumped 24.6 percent with the largest increase coming from African-American students (33.1 percent), followed by Native-American (23.5 percent) and Latino and Mexican-American (22.7 percent) applicants. More than 85 percent of transfer applicants are from California Community Colleges.

“UC San Diego welcomes community college transfer students,” said Juan González, vice chancellor for Student Affairs. “We are pleased a record number of transfer students, who had more time to file their applications this year, applied to our campus. Transfer students are vital members of the UC San Diego community.”

The transfer application extension came amid a projected growth of 10,000 resident undergraduates across the University of California system over the next three years—5,000 of them next year—a major effort to boost UC’s enrollment of California students.

UC San Diego had a record number of California residents apply for admission as freshmen, with the largest number coming from Los Angeles (27,913 or 33.2 percent) which was followed by San Francisco (13,698 or 16.3 percent).

The most popular majors chosen by freshman applicants are in the social sciences, engineering and biology. Nearly 50 percent of UC San Diego’s transfer applicants are science social majors. Other selected majors among transfers include engineering as well as science and math.

UC San Diego continued to see more women than men among freshman applicants, with 51.4 percent females compared to 45.7 percent males and 2.9 percent of applicants not reporting their gender. This year, more males (53.8 percent) applied as transfers compared to females (44.6 percent) and 1.6 percent of applicants provided no response. More than 206,000 students applied to the nine undergraduate University of California campuses for fall 2016, an overall jump of 6.4 percent over fall 2015 and the twelfth consecutive year of record breaking high numbers of applicants.

Across the UC system, freshman applications increased by 5.2 percent, while transfer applications rose 11.8 percent.

For more information on UC San Diego, click here.