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

Spring break is from March 22nd to March 25th. Spring Quarter 2010 instruction begins on Monday, March 29th.

PROJECTS

CONSTRUCTION CONTINUES

Construction on the following projects is underway:
- Cardiovascular Center and Thornton Hospital Expansion
- Health Sciences Graduate Housing
- Muir College Apartments
- Revelle College Apartments
- Southwest Fisheries Science Center
- Sanford Consortium for Regenerative Medicine

UPCOMING PROJECTS

In the next few months, several projects will have increased activity:
- East Campus Office Building and Parking Structure – Public Review Period for Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration will begin early March and continue through early April.
- The proposed East Campus Parking and Office Replacement project consists of two facilities—the East Campus Parking Structure and the East Campus Office Building—on separate project sites located in the East Campus Health Sciences (ECHS) neighborhood.
  - The East Campus Parking Structure would provide 1253 parking spaces in a five-level structure and would be located on an approximately 7.0-acre primarily undeveloped site adjacent to a finger canyon that is west of Campus Point Drive and north of Medical Center Drive North.
  - The East Campus Office Building would provide 75,000 gross square feet and would be located on an approximately 6.5-acre site west of Medical Center Drive and Thornton Hospital, and adjacent to I-5. The site is already largely developed with surface parking lot P759 and associated landscaped areas.
- The draft document will be available on the community planning website.
- University House – Public Scoping Period (including hearing) for Environmental Impact Report for proposed rehabilitation.

As projects are available for public review information will be available on the Community Planning website at http://commplan.ucsd.edu
**NORTH CAMPUS LANDSCAPE WEDGE PHASE IV**

This project, currently under completion provides sustainable landscape features throughout the project site. Development of the “Wedge” landscape feature has eliminated the former asphalt parking area, thereby providing aesthetic landscape enhancements and a break in the presence of structures along the street.

This project improves the pedestrian linkages between North Campus Housing and Eleanor Roosevelt College and is the final phase of the “Wedge” - North Campus Open Space Projects.

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**NEWS**

**UCSD COMMUNITY PLANNING WEBSITE INFORMATION**

Community News - The 2010 Winter Newsletter and project information sheets along with an interactive map of campus projects is available on the UCSD Community Planning website [http://commplan.ucsd.edu](http://commplan.ucsd.edu). Visit the website to learn more about campus development with accompanying information on specific projects.

**UCSD NEWS**

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

**CAMPUS AWARDED FIRST LEED GOLD CERTIFICATION FOR 'GREEN' REMODEL OF CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER BUILDING**

UC San Diego celebrated the “Gold” certification of the Mesa Center Building on February 8th, 2010, an important environmental milestone at for the campus. This is the first LEED (Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design) Gold certification for a UC San Diego building. The certification recognizes the remodeling of the building, which incorporated lumber cut from sustainable forests, heat-reflecting windows that lower air-conditioning costs, irrigation sprinklers that conserve water and many other sustainable-building features.

The 1,800-square-foot building on the East campus adjacent to the Mesa Housing Complex also features water-efficient landscaping, natural ventilation and light-concentrating cylindrical “solatubes” that, with windows and skylights, make indoor lighting unnecessary during the day. The center, which now has an exterior LEED “Gold” plaque, provides half-day (morning or afternoon) childcare for about 24 pre-school children of UC San Diego affiliates. The children learn about sustainability every day under the dimmable solatubes that can be darkened as needed. The Mesa Child Development Center is part of the campus’s nearby Early Childhood Education Center.

“The LEED certification for the child development center is especially gratifying because so many children are learning first-hand how to be stewards of the planet,” Matthews said. “They are truly our future, and this is a pleasant way to remind them of our collective concern for the environment.”

UC San Diego is committed to sustainability in all renovations and new construction projects, as well as in the operation and maintenance of existing campus buildings. LEED certification is based on a point system for energy efficiency features, use of renewable and recyclable materials in construction and furnishings, low water usage and other features.

Read more at [http://ucsdnews.ucsd.edu/thisweek/2010/02/08_leed.asp](http://ucsdnews.ucsd.edu/thisweek/2010/02/08_leed.asp)