PLANNING AND DESIGN

NORTH TORREY PINES LIVING AND LEARNING NEIGHBORHOOD (NTPLLN)

The North Torrey Pines Living and Learning Neighborhood (NTPLLN) is a proposed mixed-use development located on a 10 acre parcel just north of the Muir College neighborhood in the two surface parking lots east of North Torrey Pines Road. As the name suggests, the project aims at facilitating living and learning neighborhood synergies between academic departments and students living on campus.

The project is being proposed to address a number of campus needs—the shortage of available on-campus housing, as well as the shortage of academic and administrative space, as construction of new facilities has not kept pace with the evolution of academic priorities and enrollment growth. The Arts and Humanities and Social Sciences departments and programs are also currently scattered among several different buildings and would benefit from consolidation. The NTPLLN would allow for integration of general assignment classroom space near housing and academic space.

The NTPLLN will provide approximately 2,000 new beds, resident facilities and support space for undergraduate students. In addition to housing, the project will also provide the following: new instruction and research space for departments and programs within the Divisions of Social Sciences and Arts and Humanities; general assignment classrooms; residential life and administrative space for students and staff to support UC San Diego’s undergraduate college system and an approximately 1,200 space underground parking structure.

The project also seeks to provide quality open space related to both housing and academic space. Planned open space improvements include a realignment of Scholars Drive to provide a more comfortable and safer pedestrian and bike environment along Ridge Walk on the eastern edge of the project site. This realignment is critical to the prioritization of bike and pedestrian movement internal to the core of the campus. Trees and planted space will complete the approach to this area providing human scale and opportunity for seating within a pedestrian mall or plaza type design.

An Environmental Impact Report (EIR) Scoping Meeting and Community Open House has been tentatively scheduled for Monday, May 8th at the UC San Diego Faculty Club (details to follow). An EIR Scoping Notice will be released later this month with additional information on the scope of the project.
Alumnus Taner Halicioglu Kicks off Campaign for UC San Diego with $75 Million Gift

By Judy Piercey and Laura Margoni

Facebook pioneer will establish the Halicioglu Institute for Data Science at UC San Diego

UC San Diego Alumnus Taner Halicioglu kicked off the Campaign for UC San Diego with a $75 million gift to establish a data science institute at UC San Diego. As a child, Taner Halicioglu discovered how things worked by dissecting electronic equipment—it could be a radio or walkie talkie, and even a TV at one point. At UC San Diego, the self-described nerd didn’t mind that the campus lacked a football team—access to the Supercomputer Center was just as exciting. And today, he is a visionary: with a $75 million gift, Halicioglu will ensure that his alma mater represents the future of data science.

“This is one of my first times giving big money,” the 42-year-old said. “I’m giving something up, but getting something back. I want to do something transformative.”

With a goal of raising $2 billion, the Campaign for UC San Diego is the most ambitious fundraising effort in the university’s history. “This generous gift will transform our institution and what the Campaign for UC San Diego is about,” said Chancellor Pradeep K. Khosla. “What we accomplish together in this campaign will lead to a future that is smarter, and brighter, than ever.”

Halicioglu’s gift will go a long way towards accomplishing these goals. The computer science alumnus hopes that the new institute will promote a cross-disciplinary field that is considered the backbone of many other disciplines.

“Data science touches so many areas—biology, physics, chemistry, medicine, computer science, math,” said Halicioglu. He cites personalized medicine as an example of what could be accomplished with data science. By examining an individual’s genetic makeup and other factors, a course of treatment could be developed targeted specifically for that individual. If a drug works on one person with an illness, will it work on another person with the same illness? It may depend on factors such as a person’s metabolism or other traits.

“Private support will help us enhance the student experience, enrich our campus community and spark research and innovation, impacting lives here and across the globe,” added Khosla.

Halicioglu’s gift will be used to provide the institute with lecturers, innovation grants, outreach and networking events, as well as operations and infrastructure. Funding will also help support faculty fellowships, postdoctoral fellowships, graduate student fellowships and scholarships for undergraduate students.

Halicioglu graduated with a bachelor’s degree in computer science in 1996. He went on to work for such companies as Loudcloud and eBay before landing at Facebook in October 2004, less than a year after the company was founded. Halicioglu was Facebook’s first fulltime hire. As a software and operations engineer, he was instrumental in developing hardware infrastructure that enabled the social network’s explosive growth. The company now has about 1.8 billion active users worldwide. Halicioglu left Facebook in 2009 and served as a reliability engineer at Blizzard Entertainment before returning to UC San Diego’s Jacobs School of Engineering in 2013 as a lecturer in the Department of Computer Science and Engineering. Halicioglu remains active in industry sectors as an advisor and investor in San Diego area start-ups.

The Campaign for UC San Diego began with a silent phase in July, 2012. Since then more than $1.3 billion has been raised toward the campaign goal. Honorary chairs include Joan and Irwin Jacobs, Ernest Rady and Denny Sanford. Chair of the Campaign’s international leadership committee is alumnus Ken Kroner. Learn more at campaign.ucsd.edu.

For additional information on the article visit http://ucsdnews.ucsd.edu/pressrelease/alumnus_taner_halicioglu_gifts_campaign_for_uc_san_diego_with_75_million

Save the Date

An Open House and Information Session on the UC San Diego 2018 Long Range Development Plan (LRDP) Update is planned for May 23rd at the UC San Diego Price Center (details to follow). To learn about the 2018 LRDP Update visit http://lrdp.ucsd.edu/