Update for Community Groups – May 2010

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

The campus’ official third week registration report for Spring Quarter (March – June) reveals a total campus student population of 27,838 (22,227 undergraduates; and, 5,611 students in graduate schools, the School of Medicine and the School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences).

PROJECTS

CONSTRUCTION CONTINUES

The Sulpizio Family Cardiovascular Center and Thornton Hospital Expansion is a 134,000 GSF (gross square feet) facility with anticipated completion in March 2011. It will be a state-of-the-art 52-bed facility for heart and vascular disease, and stroke management.

Southwest Fisheries Science Center (SWFSC), a 124,000 GSF ground lease project being developed by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) has an anticipated completion date of December 2011. The facility will provide safe and modern accommodations for SWFSC and support the research collaborations between SIO and SWFSC. Site grading is being completed at this time, the building construction contract has been awarded, and actual building construction will begin in June.

Sanford Consortium for Regenerative Medicine (SCRM) recently celebrated the ground breaking of the new 145,000 GSF facility where faculty from UC San Diego, the Sanford-Burnham Institute, the Salk Institute, and the Scripps Research Institute will join in multi-disciplinary stem cell research. This ground lease project, located at Torrey Pines Scenic Drive and North Torrey Pines Road, is scheduled to be completed in December 2011.

Health Sciences Graduate Housing – Located south of the School of Medicine and now known as Arris Verde, the project is scheduled to open in Fall 2010 and will house 452 unmarried graduate and professional students in fully-furnished apartments on campus. A substantial portion of the exterior construction on the project has been completed.

Student housing projects to be completed in 2011 include Muir College Apartments (275 beds), Revelle College Apartments (510 beds) and North Campus Housing Phase 2 (undergraduate transfer student housing with 806 beds).

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

EAST CAMPUS BED TOWER – THE JACOBS MEDICAL CENTER AT UC SAN DIEGO

The Jacobs Medical Center, a 10-story, 470,000 gross square foot (gsf) facility adjacent to UC San Diego Health System’s Thornton Hospital will bring approximately 245 inpatient beds to UCSD’s East Campus. It will include four hospitals in one location, the existing Thornton Hospital plus three new specialty hospitals: Cancer Hospital, Hospital for Women & Infants and Hospital for Advanced Surgery.

The Jacobs Medical Center’s unique environment will integrate basic science, technology, and clinical research with health care delivery to improve the lives of patients.
The project also includes a helipad, 64,000 renovated gsf of existing hospital space and construction of a new central utility plant (36,000 gsf) to support the hospital. More information about the project is available at http://www.health.ucsd.edu/jacobs/index.html

The public review period on the East Campus Bed Tower project extends through June 11, 2010. The Public Hearing for Draft Environmental Impact Report will be held on May 20, 2010 at 6 p.m. in the University Center, Administrative Complex, Room 111A, La Jolla, CA. To view the Notice of Completion (NOC) and Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) visit http://physicalplanning.ucsd.edu/environmental/pub_notice.html

A brief overview of the EIR will be provided at the May 11 University Community Planning Group meeting.

**UNIVERSITY HOUSE**

The Public Scoping Period for the Environmental Impact Report for proposed rehabilitation of the Chancellor’s official residence extends from May 12 to June 10, 2010. The Scoping Hearing is scheduled for May 27th. The scoping notice is available on the Community Planning website at http://commplan.ucsd.edu/.

**NEWS**

**UCSD COMMUNITY PLANNING NEWSLETTER AND WEBSITE INFORMATION**

The most recent issue of the newsletter, together with project information sheets and an interactive map of campus projects is available on the UCSD Community Planning website 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/

**RECENT RANKINGS**

UC San Diego has been recognized as one of the nation’s greenest and most environmentally responsible campuses, as well as having outstanding graduate programs — and as one of the nation’s “happiest” colleges. Read on …..

The Princeton Review has ranked UC San Diego as a green and environmentally responsible university. “Sustainability is becoming integrated into the life and education of every student at UC San Diego and that is also reflected in all of our operations, from the way we commute to campus to our emphasis on sustainable operations, energy efficiency and recycling,” according to Gary C. Matthews, Vice Chancellor for Resource Management and Planning. For more information on UC San Diego’s sustainability efforts, programs and initiatives, go to http://sustain.ucsd.edu

UC San Diego’s School of Medicine, Jacobs School of Engineering and graduate programs in the sciences (discrete mathematics and combinations program, neuroscience/neurobiology program, biochemistry, and earth sciences) are ranked in the top 20 by America’s Best Graduate Schools (2011 Edition) from U.S. News & World Report. “These rankings reflect the significant impact that our university has had locally, nationally and globally for nearly 50 years,” said UC San Diego Chancellor Marye Anne Fox. For additional information visit http://ucsdnews.ucsd.edu/newsrel/awards/04-15UCSDRanked.asp

UC San Diego is one of the nation’s Happiest Colleges, according to the Daily Beast, a news reporting and commentary website. Noting UC San Diego’s high first-year student retention rate (94.2 percent) as a sign of a happy campus, the university’s nightlife was given a grade “A” in response to UC San Diego’s social life, art exhibits, campus concerts and entertainment venues such as The Loft, a performance lounge and wine bar that opened in 2008. For additional information visit http://ucsdnews.ucsd.edu/newsrel/awards/04-23NationsHappiest.asp