Update for Community Groups – May 2012

UC San Diego received **60,799 freshman applicants for fall 2012**. The admitted freshman’s average high school **GPA was 4.07**.

*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](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.

**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.

California Coastal Commission staff is recommending approval of the coastal permit for the project, with the project on the May Coastal Commission meeting.

**JACOBS MEDICAL CENTER**

Located in the East Campus Health Sciences Neighborhood, the Jacobs Medical Center celebrated its official start of construction on April 9, 2012.

This $110,000 gross square foot (gsf) project will provide an expansion of hospital facilities at the UCSD Medical Center in La Jolla. The project will add 245 private patient rooms and include four hospitals in one location: the existing Thornton Hospital and the future Hospital for Advanced Surgery, Cancer Hospital and the Hospital for Women and Infants.

The project also includes a helipad, 69,000 renovated gsf of existing hospital space and construction of a new central utility plant to support the hospital.

After completion of the project, 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 perinatal services.

Completion of the project is anticipated in April 2017.

For more information about the Jacobs Medical Center and how you can support it, go to [http://health.ucsd.edu/jacobs](http://health.ucsd.edu/jacobs).
UC San Diego Recognized as One of the Most Environmentally Responsible

Being green is part of UC San Diego’s institutional DNA. From the campus’s commute solutions, to its emphasis on sustainable operations, energy efficiency and recycling—UC San Diego practices, teaches and supports environmentally responsible choices. The campus has been hailed for its commitment to sustainability and was recently recognized as one of the most environmentally responsible colleges in the U.S. and Canada by The Princeton Review’s Guide to 322 Green Colleges: 2012 Edition.

“This recognition is a testament to UC San Diego’s commitment to sustainability in our education and campus operations,” said Gary C. Matthews, Vice Chancellor for Resource Management and Planning at UC San Diego. “One of the ways UC San Diego is leading the way in the movement toward a more sustainable future is our innovative use of alternative forms of energy. UC San Diego shows the future of electricity today.”

The university generates more than 90 percent of its electricity with an ultra-clean and efficient natural-gas-fired cogeneration plant, renewable energy fuel cell and solar photovoltaics. “The impact of these energy initiatives is significant and is an example of UC San Diego’s comprehensive approach to creating a sustainable campus,” said Dave Weil, UC San Diego Director of Building Commissioning and Sustainability.

The campus is not only a leader in energy advancements, but is also a global leader in groundbreaking climate research. “UC San Diego has transformed itself into a living laboratory in which all campus facilities and operations are being redesigned to create a highly energy-efficient, carbon-neutral campus by 2025,” said Weil.

One way UC San Diego plans to reach its goal of carbon-neutrality is through its green building projects. Eleven buildings on UC San Diego’s campus are already LEED certified with several more actively being pursued. Construction at UC San Diego must meet stringent energy and environmental design standards, and older buildings have been or are being retrofitted with more energy-efficient lighting, heating and air conditioning, and other improvements.

In addition, UC San Diego’s fleet is one of the greenest in the country. “As we retire older vehicles, we’re replacing many of them with electric, hybrid and compressed natural gas vehicles,” said Jim Ruby, UC San Diego fleet manager. The university has six electric vehicle charging stations installed under a grant from the U.S. Department of Energy and will soon have several more charging stations available for public use. To help make the fleet even more environmentally friendly, the campus also operates a CNG fueling station that is open to all members of the campus community, alumni, other public agencies and non-profit organizations. Compressed natural gas (CNG) is a cleaner-burning fuel than gasoline, costs less, and since it is found in North America in plentiful supplies, helps to reduce the nation’s dependency on fuels from overseas. And more than half of campus commuters use an alternative form of transportation, including campus shuttles, public transit, carpooling, vanpooling, walking and bicycling.

As part of UC San Diego’s effort to be one of the greenest universities in the world over the next decades, energy advancements will continue to be a focus area as it impacts broad areas from national security to sustainable living while enabling a profound energy revolution.

For more information on sustainability at UC San Diego, please visit http://sustainability.ucsd.edu/.

UCSD Community Planning Newsletter and Website Information

The most recent issue of Community News, Spring 2012 Edition focuses on the achievements of Chancellor Fox. 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 Visit the website to learn more about campus development with accompanying information on specific projects.

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