Update for Community Groups – May 2016

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- 1st for positive impact – social mobility, research productivity and civic engagement for 6th consecutive year (Washington Monthly’s College Guide)
- 16 Nobel Prizes among 1,500 Academic Senate faculty
- 161 National Academy current members, 3rd public university in the nation (The Center for Measuring University Performance)
- 5th in federal R&D funding – Over $1B, 1st in the UC system (NSF)
- Doctoral Programs ranked 1st in the nation: Bioengineering, Biology, Scripps Institution of Oceanography
- Best Hospital in San Diego (U.S. News & World Report)
- 8th best public university in the nation (U.S. News & World Report)
- 14th best university in the world (Academic Ranking of World Universities)
- “Best value” for more than a decade (The Princeton Review)
- Most environmentally responsible green college (The Princeton Review)
- 650+ spinoff companies generated by faculty and alumni
  - Over 200 active local UC San Diego-related companies
  - Total estimated annual sales of active UC San Diego-related companies: $32.4 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.

NUEVA WEST SINGLE GRADUATE HOUSING

PROJECT PURPOSE This project is being proposed in conjunction with recent state mandates and the housing initiative announced by University of California President Janet Napolitano aimed at supporting current students and future enrollment growth across the UC system. Each UC campus is expected “to expand the pool of student housing over the next four years, and to accelerate the timetable for completing student housing developments that are already in the planning phase” (http://ucop.edu/student-housing-initiative). At UC San Diego, current demand for housing substantially exceeds the available supply as there were over 2,000 graduate students on the wait list as of Fall 2015. In addition, the project is needed to meet the 2004 Long Range Development Plan (LRDP) goal of housing 50 percent of eligible students and to accommodate projected increases in graduate and professional students.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION Located in the east campus neighborhood this project would redevelop the West Mesa Apartments (100 beds in six buildings) in the Mesa Housing Neighborhood and construct a shared-use parking structure on existing surface lot P738 on the Science Research Park (SRP). The project would comprise approximately 800 to 1,000 beds for single graduate students. Indoor and outdoor student amenities would also be included as part of the project. The parking structure is anticipated to provide approximately 1,200 parking spaces to be split evenly between Housing Dining and Hospitality and UC San Diego Health System La Jolla. The project, currently in the preliminary planning phase is anticipated for completion in fall 2019.

In addition, two separate projects are beginning the planning phase and are expected to be designed in coordination with this project: a pedestrian and bicycle bridge across the canyon connecting Mesa to the future Gilman Bridge and a road connection between Miramar Street and Athena Circle to allow vehicle traffic to and from the Mesa Neighborhood to remain on internal campus roadways. Regents Road, a high traffic volume City-owned street, is currently the only way to access Mesa.
Local philanthropists Gary and Mary West have provided $11.8 million to the University of California San Diego to create a state-of-the-art senior emergency care unit to be housed within the Emergency Department at the future Jacobs Medical Center. The Gary and Mary West Senior Emergency Care Unit will enhance care for older adults and enable a multi-year medical research initiative in partnership with the West Health Institute to support their mission of making successful aging a reality for seniors in San Diego and the nation. In recognition of the West’s support, the broader Emergency Department will also be named the Gary and Mary West Emergency Department at UC San Diego Health.

Their support includes a $6.3 million philanthropic capital grant from the Gary and Mary West Foundation to create the Gary and Mary West Senior Emergency Care Unit, the first-of-its-kind in San Diego. An additional $5.5 million in planned research funding from the West Health Institute will be used to conduct multi-year medical research for developing, evaluating and disseminating innovative care approaches for geriatric patients.

“This significant combined philanthropic and research support will help UC San Diego Health fulfill its vision to offer a collaborative, interdisciplinary approach to caring for truly vulnerable members of our community,” said UC San Diego Chancellor Pradeep K. Khosla. “The Wests’ support will spur novel clinical care, research and teaching at UC San Diego, the region’s only academic health institution.”

Thanks to Gary and Mary West, UC San Diego Health in La Jolla will later this year offer enhanced emergency services designed to meet the unique needs of seniors. The services will focus on geriatric medicine, acute care screening, urgent care, case management, and social and psychiatric care. With a focus on fostering successful aging, the department will also facilitate home- and community-based care options when possible.

“Gary and Mary West share our goal of implementing new ways to enhance the quality of care and improve the overall experience of our senior patients,” said Patty Maysent, CEO, UC San Diego Health. “This future senior Emergency Department and research initiative will be the first-of-its-kind in San Diego and represent the kind of innovative, compassionate care offered throughout UC San Diego Health.”

In 2018, UC San Diego will add 8,500 sq. ft. of dedicated space for the senior emergency care unit, which will serve as a clinical, research and training hub, and become a leading site for medical education and workforce training to advance senior care.

“Mary and I are committed to helping seniors age successfully with dignity, quality of life and independence,” said Gary West, co-founder of the West Foundation and the West Health Institute. “We believe health care specifically tailored for seniors, especially geriatric emergency care, is critical to achieving these goals.”

“We are delighted to partner with UC San Diego, a leader in aging initiatives, to create an innovative environment for delivering outcomes-based senior emergency care,” said Shelley Lyford, president and chief executive officer of the West Foundation and the West Health Institute. “This model will serve as a catalyst for broader adoption of improved senior emergency care here and across the nation.”

According to the San Diego County Senior Health Report 2015, the number of local seniors aged 65 years and older is projected to double by 2030; those aged 85 years and older are projected to increase by approximately 41 percent. Last year, patients 65 and older represented 24 percent of total Emergency Department visits at UC San Diego Health.

“With more than 10,000 U.S. baby boomers turning 65 every day, seniors are one of the largest populations of patients impacting the health care system,” said Ted Chan, MD, chair of Emergency Medicine at UC San Diego School of Medicine. “We’re excited to collaborate with Gary and Mary West and the West Health Institute to engage in specialized and coordinated clinical care research, as well as provide a whole host of behavioral, urgent care and other vital programs for seniors.”