Update for Community Groups – June 2009

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PROJECTS

WEST CAMPUS - PROJECTS UNDER CONSTRUCTION

HOUSING AND DINING SERVICES OFFICES AND CATERING KITCHEN
The 42,000 gross square feet project centralizes catering food preparations – increasing efficiency in operating costs and customer service. The facility houses consolidated offices for housing and dining. The project is slated for completion in November 2009.

HEALTH SCIENCES GRADUATE HOUSING
This 452 bed project, located in the School of Medicine Neighborhood, provides unfurnished apartment units for unmarried graduate and professional students. The project, planned for completion in October 2010, will provide affordable housing for graduate students, and is consistent with UC San Diego’s Long Range Development Plan goal of accommodating 50 percent of all students in campus-owned facilities.

COGENERATION PLANT EXPANSION
The project will increase the campus’ overall energy efficiency, advance sustainability, and result in utility cost savings. Existing and new cogeneration facilities supply over 80 percent of the campus’ normal electrical demand. Cogeneration uses one fuel source -- natural gas -- to produce two forms of energy -- electricity and heat. The plant is equipped with state-of-the-art pollution controls that produce 75 percent less smog emissions than conventional natural gas power plants. In addition to saving approximately $8 million per year in energy purchases, UC San Diego’s cogeneration plant helps reduce reliance on out-of-state coal-burning power generation.

NEWS

UCSD COMMUNITY PLANNING WEBSITE INFORMATION
The Newsletter and Project information sheets along with an interactive map of campus projects are now available on the UCSD Community Planning website http://commplan.ucsd.edu Visit the website to learn more about campus development with accompanying information on building projects in the planning or construction phase; or recently completed.

NORTH CAMPUS HOUSING PHASE II – THE VILLAGE AT TORREY PINES
The groundbreaking for the North Campus Housing Phase II Project took place on May 29, 2009. This project, located in the west campus and the newest addition to student housing, comprises 805 beds with completion in June 2011.
ELEVEN COMMENCEMENT CEREMONIES AT UC SAN DIEGO HONOR MORE THAN 6,000 GRADUATES DURING JUNE RITES

Each year UCSD holds separate commencement ceremonies for each of the six undergraduate colleges and the various graduate programs. 11 commencement ceremonies will be held on June 6-7 and June 13-15 at the University of California, San Diego for approximately 6,300 graduates. More than 65,000 family members and guests are expected to attend. The all Campus Graduation Celebration is planned for June 12, 2009, where Mike Judge ’85, an alumnus of UC San Diego and creator behind "Office Space" and "King of the Hill," will serve as keynote speaker. All seniors and graduate students will meet to commemorate graduation with a large-scale celebration, regardless of college.

SUPERLOOP

The launch of the SANDAG/MTS SuperLoop will occur on Monday, June 15. The SuperLoop Transit Project is a new circulator transit route providing frequent, higher speed transit service and upgraded transit station and vehicle amenities within the North University City area of San Diego. Operating with low-emission technology, this type of smooth riding vehicle will meet all clean-air standards. SuperLoop vehicles will incorporate traffic priority features allowing the vehicles to move through traffic more rapidly than traditional transit vehicles. The route will provide a 10 minute frequency of service at peak hours and 15 minute frequency of service at non-peak hours. Additional information on the project can be found at the SANDAG website. For the interim route map and interim bus stops visit http://parking.ucsd.edu

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