Update for Community Groups – June 2014

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

❖ Geisel Library at UC San Diego is the chief repository for the work of Theodor Geisel (Dr. Seuss), holding more than 8,000 original drawings, sketches, books and other memorabilia valued at $2.3 million.

❖ San Diego’s first biotechnology company, Hybritech, was started in 1979 by a UC San Diego professor. Since then, UC San Diego faculty, staff and alumni have spun off more than 150 local companies, including more than one-third of the region’s biotechnology companies.

❖ Sustainability is part of UC San Diego’s institutional DNA. More than 30 campus structures are equipped with solar panels and more than a dozen buildings are LEED certified; wireless sensors are situated across campus to determine the best time to gain and expend energy; and more than half of the campus community utilizes alternative transportation.

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.

WATER CONSERVATION

Sustainability is an integral part of UC San Diego’s education, research and campus operations. Given that UC San Diego is located in a semi-arid climate; our campus has long had ambitious water-saving goals.

The campus already saves millions of gallons of water annually through implementation of a comprehensive Water Action Plan. The plan focuses on a variety of conservation measures and details how we are working toward the University of California goal to reduce campus-wide potable water use by 20 percent from our baseline by 2020.

Given the severity of the current situation, UC San Diego and the University of California Office of the President and our sister campuses – are committed to additional drought response measures.

In the months ahead, we will undertake a variety of projects that could further reduce potable water consumption by approximately 200 million gallons a year. These include:

❖ The installation of more high-efficiency fixtures and low-flow devices, using reclaimed water at the East Campus Utilities Plant,

❖ The installation of artificial turf at Muir Field,

❖ A planning study to outline and set standards for the reduction of water use through design for the entire campus, as well as various other projects.

❖ Selective removal of lawn with campus proactively identifying strategic locations on campus where water intensive landscape can be replaced with drought tolerant plantings.

Landscape - Charles David Keeling Apartments
UCSD COMMUNITY PLANNING NEWSLETTER AND WEBSITE INFORMATION

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.

UCSD NEWS

For UCSD News visit http://ucsdnews.ucsd.edu/

COMMENCEMENT - 2014

All undergraduate and graduate commencement ceremonies will be held on Saturday June 14th and Sunday June 15th. Commencement parking maps and directions are now online.

U.S. NEWS & WORLD REPORT NAMES UC SAN DIEGO GRADUATE PROGRAMS AMONG NATION’S BEST

School of Medicine and Jacobs School of Engineering both ranked at 14. Other top 20 programs include biological sciences (14), computer science (15), earth sciences (16), and physics (16).

The 2015 edition of the U.S. News & World Report’s Best Graduate Schools guidebook, highly ranks the University of California, San Diego’s professional schools in engineering and medicine, as well as its academic Ph.D. programs in the sciences.

The U.S. News guidebook annually ranks professional school programs in business, education, engineering, law and medicine. Beyond the five disciplines ranked annually, the publication also periodically ranks programs in other areas.

“These new rankings confirm UC San Diego’s excellence in education and research,” said Chancellor Pradeep K. Khosla. “UC San Diego’s strong academic programs across diverse disciplines give students the opportunity to work closely with our award-winning faculty to pursue endless opportunities for personal and intellectual development.”

UC San Diego’s Jacobs School of Engineering ranked 14th out of 212 engineering schools and the biomedical/bioengineering program within the engineering school is ranked 3rd in the nation. The UC San Diego School of Medicine is ranked 14th (up from 15th compared to last year) in research-intensive programs among 128 medical schools; in the primary care category, it placed 38th (up from 39th compared to last year) out of 114 medical schools.

The data from U.S. News indicates UC San Diego graduate programs in the sciences are among the best in the nation. Biological sciences (14th), chemistry (21st), computer science (15th), earth sciences (16th), mathematics (23rd), and physics (16th) were listed near the top nationally in their overall fields. U.S. News also gave high marks to specialties in discrete mathematics and combinations (3rd), and neuroscience/neurobiology (2nd).

Although not newly ranked this year, UC San Diego’s other graduate programs listed in the top 25 include overall field rankings in political science, fine arts, psychology, and economics at 8, 13, 14 and 15, respectively.

Rankings in psychology, economics and political science specialties include: behavioral neuroscience (1st), cognitive psychology (3rd), econometrics (4th), and international politics (5th).

In addition, UC San Diego’s Ph.D. programs in history, sociology and English are ranked 30th, 35th and 39th, respectively, in the nation.