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

While it is the summer and many schools are closed, activity continues at UC San Diego with numerous conferences, a summer session and preparation for the next academic year. Campus physical development continues to evolve as construction continues one brick at a time.

Faced with an executive vacancy and significant budget issues, an internal decision was made to eliminate the position of Vice Chancellor for External Relations. The position’s functions and responsibilities have been redistributed between the Vice Chancellor of Business Affairs Steve Relyea and Vice Chancellor of Resource Management and Planning Gary Matthews, as well as Associate Chancellor Clare Kristofco.

UC San Diego continues to explore ways to reduce costs and enhance revenues. The campus is committed to support our core teaching and research missions.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTS

**EAST CAMPUS BED TOWER**

The environmental review process for the proposed East Campus bed tower project has begun with the issuance of a Notice of Preparation (NOP) on August 11, 2009. This is the first step wherein issues that will be examined in the Environmental Impact report (EIR) are identified.

The East Campus Bed Tower Project proposes to add approximately 360,000 square feet of hospital space in a nine-story bed tower topped with a helicopter pad (helipad). The project would also renovate up to 60,000 sq. ft. of the existing Thornton Hospital. The expansion would be located west of the existing hospital over a portion of an existing surface parking lot. The project also includes a new 40,000 sq. ft. central plant located south of the existing hospital. Details about the project scoping process and the project will be available on the Community Planning website.


Scoping meeting – August 18, 2009 at 6pm, Room 111A Chancellors Complex, UC San Diego Campus, La Jolla 92093.

PROJECTS

**MUIR COLLEGE APARTMENTS** comprising 275 beds of student housing and located in the Muir College Neighborhood is the most recently approved project by the Coastal Commission. The project is slated to begin construction in October.

Other housing projects underway include the North Campus Housing Project Phase I (1060 beds, completion in September 2009) and Phase II (806 beds, completion in May 2011), and the Health Sciences Graduate Housing Project (452 beds, completion in January 2011).
UCSD COMMUNITY PLANNING WEBSITE INFORMATION
The Newsletter and project information sheets along with 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/

UC SAN DIEGO RECEIVES $11 MILLION IN INCENTIVES FOR RENEWABLE ENERGY
University of California, San Diego will receive $11 million in incentives from California’s Self-Generation Incentive Program for the installation of an innovative fuel cell energy generation and storage system. This is the largest project of its kind in the world and is also the largest amount ever awarded by the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) for a renewable energy project and is the nation’s first advanced energy storage project to receive state incentive funds.

The planned 2.8-megawatt fuel cell (using excess methane gas from the City of San Diego’s Point Loma Wastewater Treatment Plant, purified and compressed on-site and delivered to the UC San Diego campus by BioFuels Energy). at UC San Diego, funded at $7.65 million, will be paired with an additional 2.8-megawatt advanced energy-storage system, funded at $3.4 million, which will allow the university to store off-peak power and discharge the energy during peak-demand hours. Integrating clean, renewable generation with advanced energy storage is an important strategy for transforming California’s electricity system into a sustainable “smart grid,” according to the CPUC.