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

Fall Quarter begins on September 21, 2009 with instruction beginning on September 24th 2009.

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.

**Public scoping for Environmental Impact Report extends to September 10, 2009.**

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.

PROJECTS

**SOUTH WEST FISHERIES SCIENCE CENTER**

The groundbreaking for the Southwest Fisheries Science Center is planned for September 15, 2009.

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) proposes to develop, construct and operate a new research facility for use by the NOAA Southwest Fisheries Science Center (SWFSC). The new building will be located on an undeveloped parcel on the UCSD/Scripps Institution of Oceanography (SIO) campus, across La Jolla Shores Drive from the existing SWFSC site.

The project is slated for completion in December 2011 and will provide safe and modern accommodations for SWFSC and support the research collaborations between SIO and SWFSC.
MARINE ECOSYSTEM SENSING, OBSERVATION & MODELING (MESOM) LABORATORY
The groundbreaking for the MESOM Laboratory will be held early in conjunction with the NOAA Project on September 15, 2009.

The proposed 30,200 gross square feet project is to be located in the SIO Hillside Neighborhood and will construct space for research and education in marine ecosystems, climate variability and change, and marine ecosystem forecasting at the Scripps Institution of Oceanography. The project will facilitate coordination of interrelated marine ecosystem research from various disciplines in one centralized location.

The project is currently in the Preliminary Design Phase and will be going through the process seeking project approvals as necessary.

RADIATION ONCOLOGY LINEAR ACCELERATOR FACILITY
Completed in June 2009, this project expands the services of the Department of Radiation Oncology located in the Moores Cancer Center. Radiation treatment provided to cancer patients includes both x-ray and electron beam therapy. The Moores UCSD Cancer Center is a National Cancer Institute (NCI)-designated comprehensive cancer center, which brings together the most advanced research and the highest quality clinical care.

This 14,700 gross square feet modular facility houses two linear accelerators contained in large radiation-shielded vaults. Additional program elements include control rooms, exam rooms, clinical support, research operations and support, administrative areas, a reception area and waiting rooms.

NEWS
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 RANKED 7TH BEST PUBLIC UNIVERSITY IN U.S. NEWS & WORLD REPORT 2010 NATIONWIDE SURVEY
University of California, San Diego ranked as the seventh best public university in the nation in the 2010 America's Best Colleges guidebook issued August 2009 by U.S. News & World Report, and 35th among the 262 ranked national universities, both public and private.

The list of the “Top 50 Public National Universities” was led by UC Berkeley, first; UCLA and University of Virginia, tied at second; University of Michigan-Ann Arbor, fourth; University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, fifth; College of William and Mary, sixth, and UC San Diego and Georgia Institute of Technology, tied at seventh, ahead of the University of Illinois-Urbana and the University of Wisconsin-Madison.