Update for Community Groups – September 2010

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 Monday, September 21st, with instruction starting on Wednesday, September 23rd, 2010.

PROJECTS

MARINE ECOSYSTEM SENSING, OBSERVATION AND MODELING LABORATORY (MESOM)

The proposed Marine Ecosystem Sensing, Observation and Modeling Laboratory (MESOM) at Scripps Institution of Oceanography (SIO) is an approximately 40,000 square foot building for research and education in marine ecosystems, climate variability and change, and marine ecosystem forecasting. The project will facilitate coordination of interrelated marine ecosystem research in various disciplines in one centralized location.

The primary source of funding for the $26.5 million project is a grant from the U.S. Department of Commerce National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST). NIST funding is supplemented by UCSD/SIO funds and debt financing.

The MESOM project is scheduled for review by the California Coastal Commission in October 2010. Construction is planned to start in late 2010 and be completed in mid-2012.

A presentation regarding the project will be made at the La Jolla Shores Association meeting on Wednesday, September 8 at 7:00 p.m. at Building T-29 at Scripps Institution of Oceanography. Project information, including photo simulations of the building, is available at http://commplan.ucsd.edu/MESOM

PROJECT REACHING COMPLETION

HEALTH SCIENCES GRADUATE HOUSING

Slated for completion later this month, this student housing project located in the School of Medicine Neighborhood will provide 452 beds in unfurnished apartment units for graduate and professional students. Each apartment unit will have two bedrooms with a living-dining-kitchen area, shared bathrooms and a storage area. Common spaces such as student meeting space, vending, laundry, mail areas and administrative offices will be included in the project. The Health Sciences Graduate Housing Project 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.

PROJECTS UNDER CONSTRUCTION

In addition to the Health Sciences Graduate Housing Project the following projects are under construction. A snapshot of the projects can be found by clicking on the links below. Available also on the Community Planning website at http://commplan.ucsd.edu/UCSDprojects.htm is the Capital Improvements Status Map which is an interactive map where each project link leads to a detailed project information sheet.

SANFORD CONSORTIUM FOR REGENERATIVE MEDICINE (SCRM)
SOUTHWEST FISHERIES SCIENCE CENTER (SWFSC)
STRUCTURAL MATERIALS AND ENGINEERING BUILDING

Student housing projects

NORTH CAMPUS HOUSING PHASE 2
REVELLE COLLEGE APARTMENTS
MUIR COLLEGE APARTMENTS
SULPIZIO CARDIOVASCULAR CENTER
TELEMEDICINE AND PRIME HEQ FACILITY
NEWS

**UCSD Community Planning Newsletter and Website Information**

The Spring 2010 issue of the newsletter with a focus on Health Sciences, together with project information sheets and 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/

**Volunteer50: Chancellor’s Call to Service** is a key component of UC San Diego’s 50th Anniversary celebration. Chancellor Marye Anne Fox is challenging the entire UC San Diego community – alumni, faculty, staff, students and university friends – to perform 50 hours of service during the milestone anniversary celebration from September 2010 to June 2011. For more information, online registration, and volunteer ideas, visit 50th.ucsd.edu and click on “Volunteer50.”

**Washington Monthly Ranks UC San Diego 1st in the Nation for Commitment to Service**

As the University of California, San Diego celebrates its 50th Anniversary this year, the university’s legacy of community service has been recognized by the Washington Monthly as the top college in the nation according to new rankings measuring “what colleges are doing for the country.” The publication announced in its September “College Guide” that UC San Diego is ranked first in the nation for service. Washington Monthly notes “public institutions that serve a diverse population of students fare much better by our measures. Thirteen of our 20 highest-ranked universities are taxpayer supported, including the top-ranked University of California, San Diego.”

UC San Diego was honored by Washington Monthly for its cutting-edge research that drives economic growth, provides upward mobility to people from low-income communities and molds the characters of tomorrow’s leaders.

“It’s an honor for our university’s dedication to service to be recognized,” said Chancellor Marye Anne Fox. “UC San Diego strongly upholds our commitment to community engagement and public service as we move forward to advance the health and well-being of our region, state, nation and the world.”

UC San Diego was recognized as the top university by the Washington Monthly based on three criteria: social mobility, research and service—which include how many students participate in the Peace Corps. UC San Diego and the Peace Corps, both turning 50 this year, have partnered to bring 630 UC San Diego alumni as overseas volunteers. Currently, 46 alumni serve in the Peace Corps, playing a vital role in solving real-world problems and improving the lives of people around the world through advanced healthcare, continuing education and public programs.

“Giving back” is a philosophy embraced in Fox’s Volunteer50: The Chancellor’s Call to Service, a key component of the university’s 50th Anniversary celebration. The initiative encourages the entire campus community, including students, faculty, staff, alumni and university friends, to perform 50 hours of volunteer service during the 2010-2011 academic year. Fox has set a goal of reaching at least 50,000 cumulative volunteer hours during this milestone year.

The contributions of UC San Diego’s students to local, national and global communities on issues range from poverty to homelessness and environmental justice. UC San Diego has more than 500 student organizations—with nearly 14,000 students engaged in a form of community service in 2009. “Our service programs have grown significantly over the years,” said Emily Marx, director of the campus Center for Student Involvement. “We currently have 92 student organizations dedicated to service, which is more than any other category and the campus continues to expand our community service initiatives.”