Update for Community Groups – September 2011

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 19th, with instruction starting on Thursday, September 22nd, 2011.

PROJECTS

Location of instructional and research facilities, as well as necessary campus support facilities, such as housing and parking, is directed by UCSD’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 each project link leads to a detailed project information sheet.

MARINE ECOSYSTEM SENSING, OBSERVATION, AND MODELING (MESOM) LABORATORY PROJECT

Construction has just begun on the MESOM project. The 1.2 acre project site is located at UCSD’s Scripps Institution of Oceanography and is bound to the north and west by Biological Grade, to the south and west by Isaacs Hall and associated trailers and to the east by La Jolla Shores Drive. The proposed project consists of a three-story facility, approximately 10,000 feet of laboratory space and 30,000 feet of office, conference, and support space. Approximately 60 to 64 employees would staff the MESOM laboratory. The proposed project aims to integrate and consolidate existing students, faculty, staff and research equipment, and other associated academic resources into one building.

The project was approved by the California Coastal Commission in April 2011.

Anticipated completion of the project is in October 2012.

UNIVERSITY HOUSE

Located in La Jolla Farms, University House serves as both the Chancellor’s official residence and as an important venue for campus and community meetings and social events. This project will rehabilitate the existing 11,400 gross square feet University House to correct facility and code deficiencies so that it may once again serve its important dual function. Necessary upgrades will be performed while maintaining the historic structure and respecting the archaeological and cultural values of the site. For additional information on the project visit http://physicalplanning.ucsd.edu/PDF/ProjectSheets/University%20House.pdf

The University House Project was unanimously approved by the California Coastal Commission at their August 2011 meeting. Plans are underway to begin construction on the slope stabilization aspect of the project later this month.

NEWS

UCSD COMMUNITY PLANNING NEWSLETTER AND WEBSITE INFORMATION

The Spring 2011 issue of the newsletter with a focus on Student Affairs, 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 see http://ucsdnews.ucsd.edu/
UC SAN DIEGO TOP UNIVERSITY FOR PUBLIC SERVICE

The University of California, San Diego’s commitment to community service has been recognized by the Washington Monthly as the nation’s top college in rankings measuring “what colleges are doing for the country” for the second consecutive year. UC San Diego is lauded in the publication’s September 2011 issue for promoting research, service and social mobility.

“It’s an honor for UC San Diego to be recognized again for our tradition of service to the community and the nation,” said Chancellor Marye Anne Fox. “We are rightfully proud that the spirit of civic engagement and the principle of ‘giving back’ serve as the foundation of our greatest achievements.”

UC San Diego holds the top spot in the magazine’s 2011 rankings, followed by UC Los Angeles and UC Berkeley. According to the Washington Monthly College Rankings, six of the eight campuses in the UC system land among their best-ranked universities, a testament to the institutions that combine world-class research and access for low-income students.

UC San Diego is often acknowledged for its public service by rankings organizations and public officials, including U.S. presidents. In April, the campus was the host University for the Clinton Global Initiative University (CGI U) meetings. Community service is at the core of the mission of the conference. President Clinton said he chose UC San Diego for its ongoing and consistent dedication to community service and mentioned the Washington Monthly rankings in various appearances on campus.

Washington Monthly praised UC San Diego for the number of alumni who have participated in the Peace Corps. This year, UC San Diego jumped eight spots to 14th on the annual list of “Peace Corps Top Colleges and Universities” with a total of 678 alumni who have served as volunteers in the program.

In addition to the Washington Monthly ranking, the university has also been named for two consecutive years to President Obama’s Community Service Honor Roll with distinction.

“Giving back” is a philosophy embraced by Chancellor Fox. Last year, during the university’s 50th Anniversary milestone celebration, she launched Volunteer50: The Chancellor’s Call to Service. The initiative encouraged 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. The goal of at least 50,000 hours set for the group was exceeded—Volunteer50 ended the academic year with more than 60,000 hours logged as of June 30, 2011.

UC SAN DIEGO SULPIZIO CARDIOVASCULAR CENTER OPENS TO PUBLIC

The region’s first cardiovascular center, the UC San Diego Sulpizio Cardiovascular Center (SCVC) officially opened its doors to the public on Monday, August 8 after the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) certified the SCVC for patient care.

“The opening of the SCVC is a milestone development for UC San Diego Health System,” explained Tom Jackiewicz, CEO of UC San Diego Health System. “In the next five years, we will open Jacobs Medical Center, the Clinical and Translational Research Institute (CTRI), and the Center for the Future of Surgery. Our journey continues today, as we welcome patients, neighbors and supporters to the one place in San Diego where cardiovascular care is fully integrated.”

“The SCVC is at the forefront of modern efforts to combat heart and vascular diseases, the most common causes of disability and mortality within our population. As leaders and teachers in this field, we offer advanced diagnostics, novel treatments and access to a number of clinical trials not available anywhere else in the San Diego region,” said Kirk L. Peterson, MD, director, Sulpizio Cardiovascular Center and Professor of Cardiology and Medicine at the UCSD School of Medicine. “We also want to take this opportunity to thank the Sulpizio Family again for its generous contribution and continuing support of our efforts to deliver the very best in cardiovascular care and treatment,” said Peterson. “We believe that their gift, and all our donors’ support, will translate into improved, lifesaving care for cardiovascular patients who come to UC San Diego from near and far.”

According to the American Heart Association, heart disease and stroke are the number one and number three causes of death, and a leading cause of disability, among Californians. Compared to the nation, California has slightly above average rates for coronary heart disease and stroke mortality.

With the SCVC open, patients now have access to a spectacular facility with 54 new inpatient beds, four new cardiovascular ORs, four new cardiac catheterization laboratories, a new non-invasive cardiovascular laboratory, and outpatient clinics. Nearly 100 new employees have been hired including nurses, telephone operators, technicians, security and a nutritionist.