Update for Community Groups – September 2013

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

The University of California, San Diego fall quarter begins on Monday, September 23rd and ends on Saturday, December 14th.

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.

PROJECTS UNDER CONSTRUCTION

Clinical and Translational Research Institute - CTRI — 330,000 GSF with anticipated completion in July 2015. This project provides new clinical research space including dry and wet laboratories, human subject research space, administrative support spaces, and faculty physician offices for the cardiovascular center, expanding the “bench to bedside” translational research on the East Campus.

Jacobs Medical Center — 510,000 GSF with anticipated completion in April 2017. The project provides an expansion of hospital facilities at the UCSD Medical Center in La Jolla. The new hospital tower will have 245 inpatient beds that will enable this facility to offer a full spectrum of primary and specialty services, emergency and urgent care services, expanded cardiac and oncology services and new inpatient perinatal services. The project also includes a helipad, 69,000 renovated GSF of existing hospital space and construction of a new central utility plant to support the hospital.

Central Research Services Facility — 40,500 GSF with anticipated completion in October 2013. The project provides support space for centralized cage wash operations, office and administrative support space for the Animal Care Program, Animal Welfare Program, Health Sciences staff and other campus research support units.

Health Sciences Biomedical Research Facility II — 196,000 GSF with anticipated completion in January 2014. The project provides research and support space for Health Sciences needed to advance major interdisciplinary programs, including Medical Genomics.

SIO Research Support Facilities Project — 24,500 GSF with anticipated completion in March 2014. The project provides three new prefabricated steel buildings to support SIO’s sea-going research programs. The access road into Seaweed Canyon and utilities infrastructure will be improved.

Theatre District — with anticipated completion in October 2013. The project includes landscape enhancements that would restore and renovate two acres of the Grove Reserve within the Theatre District.

University House — with anticipated completion in November 2013. This project focuses on the rehabilitation of the House which serves as both the Chancellor’s official residence and as an important venue for campus and community meetings and social events.

Venter Institute — 45,000 GSF, ground lease project with anticipated completion in November 2013. The project is dedicated to the advancement of the science of genomics; the understanding of its implications for society; and the communication of those results to the scientific community, the public, and policymakers.

NEWS

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.
WASHINGTON MONTHLY RANKS UC SAN DIEGO NATION’S BEST UNIVERSITY FOR FOURTH CONSECUTIVE YEAR

The University of California, San Diego has been ranked as the top university in the nation for the fourth consecutive year by Washington Monthly. The magazine’s annual “College Rankings” considers how universities are “acting on behalf of the true public interest,” measuring institutions based on three criteria: social mobility, research and civic engagement.

The ranking comes just one week after President Barack Obama announced the rollout of a new initiative designed to keep colleges accountable for outcomes such as graduation rates, and affordability and access—each aspects of Washington Monthly’s criteria. UC San Diego was ranked high by the publication for social mobility, based on the number of students who receive federal Pell Grants (need-based grants to low-income students) and their graduation rates. At UC San Diego, approximately 65 percent of students receive need-based financial aid and nearly 44 percent of students receive the Pell Grant.

“We are honored to receive this recognition by Washington Monthly for a fourth consecutive year. This ranking is a testament to UC San Diego’s efforts to remain accessible and affordable, and to offer opportunities of upward social mobility for students from all backgrounds,” said UC San Diego Chancellor Pradeep K. Khosla. “We are committed to being a student-centered, research-focused, service-oriented public university that provides opportunity for all.”

According to the editor of Washington Monthly, Paul Glastris, “This year’s college guide is an alternative ranking … that rewards schools for, among other things, recruiting and graduating students of modest means.”

Among the various UC San Diego initiatives that are designed to promote social mobility is the Chancellor’s Associates Scholars Program. The scholarship, which was announced in spring 2013, is designed to help make a UC San Diego education a reality for students from three local high schools that work with historically underserved communities: Gompers Preparatory Academy, Lincoln High School and The Preuss School UCSD.

Recipients of the Chancellor’s Associates Scholarship, just one of the university’s initiatives to promote social mobility. Scholarship recipients must be eligible for the University of California’s Blue + Gold Opportunity Plan, which covers tuition and fees for California residents whose families earn less than $80,000 a year. The $10,000-per-year Chancellor’s Associates Scholarship covers additional costs including books, transportation and living expenses—essentially providing a full ride scholarship to attend UC San Diego.

In addition to social mobility, the Washington Monthly ranking was also based on civic engagement, measured by community service participation, students who serve in the ROTC, alumni who go on to serve in the Peace Corps and more. UC San Diego currently ranks 13th in the nation for Peace Corps service, with 70 alumni currently serving in the field.

In the research category, Washington Monthly took into account the number of undergraduate alumni who go on to receive a Ph.D., faculty awards and research expenditures, among other criteria. During the most recent fiscal year, UC San Diego received $985 million in research funding, positioning it among the nation’s top 10 universities for annual research funding.

In addition to UC San Diego’s top honor, the University of California as a whole received praise by Washington Monthly: “Campuses in the UC system represented six of our top 25 institutions, reflecting the University of California’s historical commitment to pairing public access with world-class research.”

UC President Mark Yudof recently stated that, “Nearly half of UC students graduate with no loan debt, and the average debt upon graduation for those who do borrow is roughly $7,000 below the national average. UC’s graduation rates and time to degree rank high among public universities.”

For more information on the Washington Monthly college guide, go to washingtonmonthly.com/college_guide.