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

As of November 2nd the Volunteer50 Initiative: Chancellors Call to Service has 1021 registered volunteers having given 5802 hours of service. (Volunteer50: Chancellor’s Call to Service, has been launched as part of UC San Diego’s 50th Anniversary activities, encouraging all members of the UC San Diego community to perform at least 50 hours of volunteer service during this anniversary celebration. Visit http://volunteer50.ucsd.edu to sign up.)

PROJECTS

Construction Continues on the Sanford Consortium For Regenerative Medicine (SCRM)

SCRM is a 501(c)3 non-profit, public benefit corporation formed by the Burnham Institute for Medical Research, the Salk Institute for Biological Studies, The Scripps Research Institute, and UC San Diego. This 135,000 gross square foot facility, located in the North Torrey Pines Area, will serve as a hub of innovative multidisciplinary, basic, translational, and preclinical research programs, and outreach programs that will advance stem cell research and education. The Sanford Consortium for Regenerative Medicine combines the intellectual resources of four of the world’s leading biomedical research institutions to enable San Diego’s brightest researchers to work side-by-side to harness the regenerative power of stem cells to develop means to diagnose, treat and ultimately cure degenerative diseases and injuries.

The project designed by Lankford and Associates is slated for completion I November 2011

Also available also on the Community Planning website at http://commplan.ucsd.edu/UCSDProjects/Default.htm is the Capital Improvements Status Map which is an interactive map where each project link leads to a detailed project information sheet.

NEWS

UCSD Community Planning Newsletter and Website Information

The Fall 2010 issue of the newsletter http://commplan.ucsd.edu/PDF/Newsletter/Fall%202010%20Newsletter.pdf with a focus on UC San Diego’s 50th celebration and activities, 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/
UC SAN DIEGO RECOGNIZED FOR SUSTAINABLE OPERATIONS

For a second consecutive year UC San Diego received the “A” grade from the “College Sustainability Report Card 2011” for its sustainable campus operations and endowment practices. The complete survey responses are available online at www.greenreportcard.org. The ranking involved 322 colleges and universities, representing all 50 U.S. states and eight Canadian provinces. Each institution was evaluated in nine categories, ranging from climate change and energy to green building and investment priorities.

“Our high ranking in this national, independent evaluation of college and university sustainability efforts is a testament to the ceaseless efforts of our students, faculty and staff, even at a time when the university faces financial uncertainties,” said Gary C. Matthews, Vice Chancellor of Resource Management and Planning at UC San Diego. “This award and other recent national recognitions for our sustainable operations also have significant impact on our students, who see their university leading by example.”

In addition, UC San Diego has been recognized by other organizations in 2010 for its sustainability efforts:

- The American College & University Presidents’ Climate Commitment gave its 1st Annual Climate Leadership Award for Institutional Excellence in Climate Leadership to UC San Diego.
- The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency gave a 2010 Energy Star CHP Award to UC San Diego in recognition of its high-efficiency, low-emission combined heat and power (CHP) plant that provides 85 percent of the campus’ annual electricity needs.
- Greenopia named UC San Diego one of the seven greenest campuses in the country based on its green building design, waste program, food selection, campus vehicle fleet, water conservation measures, climate performance, renewable energy usage, and the overall environmental transparency.
- The American Institute of Architects, California Council gave a merit award for architecture to UC San Diego’s Price Center East, in recognition of its architectural design, which successfully integrates concepts of community space and sustainability into the physical structure.
- Sierra magazine named UC San Diego one the nation’s top 20 “coolest” schools for its efforts to stop global warming and operate sustainably.
- San Diego Gas & Electric named UC San Diego an “Energy Champion” during the 5th Annual SDG&E Energy Showcase for the university’s outstanding energy efficiency efforts in the previous year.
- The 2010 California Higher Education Sustainability Conference awarded three “best practices” awards to UC San Diego for its Sustainability Resource Center, which uses a direct current lighting system that integrates solar panels, LED lights, lighting controls, day-lighting and photo luminescent exit lighting; a campus-wide water-efficiency and conservation initiative; and its low-cost Toby’s Spot program involving reusable plates, bowls, glasses and silverware that reduced wastes by 47 tons compared to a baseline period.

For additional information visit http://ucsdnews.ucsd.edu/newsrel/general/10-27SustainableOperations.asp

DONATION FROM SEMPRA ENERGY FOUNDATION ENERGIZES UC SAN DIEGO’S BIRCH AQUARIUM AT SCRIPPS

The Sempra Energy Foundation has given $600,000 to the University of California, San Diego as lead sponsor of Birch Aquarium at Scripps Institution of Oceanography’s “Boundless Energy” exhibit and education program. This gift is the largest ever made by the Foundation to a nonprofit institution.

“We are proud and pleased that Sempra Energy and the Sempra Energy Foundation are partnering with us for this important educational exhibit,” said Nigella Hillgarth, executive director of Birch Aquarium at Scripps. “We are honored to be the recipient of such a generous donation, which enables us to continue our outreach efforts and spread the message that clean energy is an essential pillar of sustainability.”

“Boundless Energy,” designed to complement the Aquarium’s award-winning exhibit on climate change, will present a collection of interactive outdoor exhibits and experiences showing how harnessing the power of the wind, sun and waves reduces dependence on fossil fuels and produces energy that is free of carbon dioxide and particulate emissions. More than two million visitors are expected to visit “Boundless Energy” during its five-year run. “Our goal with this donation is to help provide crucial information about the many alternatives to fossil fuels, and to encourage visitors to the exhibit to explore ways to limit carbon-dioxide emissions,” said Debra L. Reed, chairwoman of the Sempra Energy Foundation.

The anticipated opening of the exhibit is July 2011. For additional information visit http://ucsdnews.ucsd.edu/newsrel/campaign/10-26SempraEnergy.asp