Update for Community Groups – November 2011

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

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.

SIO RESEARCH SUPPORT FACILITIES PROJECT

The public review period for the SIO Research Support Facilities Project’s IS/MND extends through November 10, 2011. The Draft IS/MND is available on the Physical and Community Planning website at http://physicalplanning.ucsd.edu

Located in Seaweed Canyon this state funded project replaces dilapidated structures used for storage and staging for SIO’s sea going programs that require specialized equipment, instrumentation, calibration and support materials.

The project will also improve access for emergency vehicles and upgrade utilities infrastructure, including the addition of two new fire hydrants to enhance fire safety/protection in and around Seaweed Canyon. These improvements will enable SIO faculty and students to continue their research activities in a more safe and efficient manner, while also dramatically improving the appearance of Seaweed Canyon.

REVELLE AND MUIR HOUSING

Newly completed apartments at Revelle and John Muir College, two of UC San Diego’s six undergraduate colleges provide an additional 785 beds to the on-campus housing.

Revelle’s Charles David Keeling apartments are projected to be Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) platinum certified, a first for any structure on campus. The Keeling apartments’ sustainable features pay homage to their namesake, the first scientist to record the rise of carbon dioxide in the Earth’s atmosphere. The energy-efficient apartments house 510 beds and feature solar panels that allow residents to bathe with water heated by sunlight instead of gas or electricity, and control heat through shading and through naturally assisted kitchen and bathroom exhausts.

All of UC San Diego’s new housing, features drought-tolerant landscape, natural ventilation, solar panels and recyclable building materials, helping the new buildings earn LEED gold certification or higher. The projects are consistent with UC San Diego’s long-range goal of housing 50 percent of all of its students. No State of California money was used in the projects.

The new apartments at Muir College consist of two towers housing 275 beds. Muir College is regarded as an exceptionally intact example of the modern architectural movement in the ‘60s in San Diego. The original designers, Robert Mosher and Dale Naegle, were highly regarded architects of their time. The new housing will enable all second-year Muir College students to live on campus and enhance their opportunity to participate in the academic and extracurricular life of the Muir College community. With the completion of the Muir and Revelle projects, UC San Diego is able to offer a three-year guarantee of on-campus housing to this year’s incoming freshmen; only one other UC campus is able to extend this offer.
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.

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VISITOR’S PROGRAM OFFERS SPECIAL ARCHITECTURAL TOURS OF CAMPUS
Unique look at noted buildings…Starting in January, UC San Diego will offer a special free "Architectural Tour" of the campus and Scripps Institution of Oceanography on the fourth Sunday of every month. The hour-and-a-half tour will depart at 2 p.m. from the Gilman Information Pavilion, led by a Visitor’s Program volunteer guide. The tour is based on Dirk Sutro's book, "The Campus Guide, University of California San Diego -- An Architectural Tour." A prior reading of the book, which is available in the campus bookstore and elsewhere, would provide visitors with an excellent preparation for the tour.

Reservations can be made by calling 858-534-4414. For additional information visit http://ucsdnews.ucsd.edu/tours/

UC SAN DIEGO FOUNDERS’ CELEBRATION USHERS IN A NEW ERA OF TRADITION, INNOVATION AND FUN
“UC San Diego’s Founders’ Celebration will have something for everyone,” said Chancellor Marye Anne Fox. “During our ‘Era 51’, the events will celebrate our heritage, showcase our visionary leaders and innovations that make us a top 10 public university, and honor some of the extraordinary people who have made UC San Diego’s mission possible.”

Founders’ Celebration will kick off with the Founders’ Symposium on Thursday, Nov. 17. Called “Flash Forward from 50: A Sneak Preview of UC San Diego’s New Directions in Research and Discovery,” the no-cost event will highlight the university’s innovative spirit and show how new transformative, interdisciplinary initiatives are shaping the campus’s future in education and research. The symposium begins at 5 p.m. and will take place in the new Medical Education and Telemedicine Learning Building on the UC San Diego campus.

Following on the heels of the Founders’ Symposium will be Founders’ Day on Friday, Nov. 18 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m in Town Square. One of the university’s newer traditions, Founders’ Day is a free event commemorating the day the campus was officially founded in 1960 and will highlight UC San Diego’s history as well as celebrate the university’s future.

That evening, the Founders’ Day fun will continue with “Hullabaloo,” a student-oriented festival that celebrates 51 years of UC San Diego’s commitment to creating a vibrant student life. “Hullabaloo” boasts a dance stage featuring both student talent and nationally touring acts; large-scale carnival rides; cuisine by local food trucks; and student organization-run games and booths. For more information on “Hullabaloo,” visit http://hullabaloo.ucsd.edu

Founders’ Celebration activities will conclude on Saturday, Nov. 19 with the Founders’ Dinner honoring the 2011 Chancellor’s Medal awardees. One of the highest honors given by UC San Diego, the Chancellor’s Medal recognizes exceptional service in support of the university’s mission. Visit foundersdinner.ucsd.edu to register.

All Founders’ Celebration and related events and activities are free and open to the public unless otherwise noted. For more information, please visit www.learnlive.ucsd.edu/founders