Community Group Update – November 2019

Projects
The location of instructional, research and campus support facilities, such as housing and parking, is directed by UC San Diego’s Long Range Development Plan, designed to respond to changes such as campus enrollment and population projections. An interactive campus map illustrating major campus projects with brief descriptions is also available at maps.ucsd.edu.

Design and Innovation Building
This 74,000 square-foot collaborative facility aims to encourage new ideas, products, and services that contribute to UC San Diego’s entrepreneurial spirit. Specifically, the goal is to encourage more collaboration between Jacobs School of Engineering, Visual Arts, Cognitive Science, the Office of Innovation and Commercialization, the Alumni Association and other campus departments. This goal will be accomplished through multipurpose building space that can be easily reconfigured for various programs, meetings and studio learning.

The new facility will become a center for design and innovation activities, which currently are distributed across the campus. Adjacent to the new Light Rail Transit (LRT) station, the Design and Innovation Building will provide a unique entrance experience to the University and serve as a beacon for students, faculty, staff, and visitors.

The Design and Innovation Building recently broke ground, the first project to begin development on what will be the campus’s new "grand entrance." The collaborative workspace will be the home base for design and innovation activities to encourage new ideas, products, and services that contribute to campus’ entrepreneurial spirit.

The Pepper Canyon Station of the UC San Diego Blue Line Trolley extension, will act as an inviting "foyer," welcoming everyone to campus. The multipurpose space is expected to be finished in the spring of 2021, months before when first riders will get to travel on the UC San Diego Blue Line Trolley extension.

The facility will contain workshops and maker space studios with equipment and laser cutters to work with wood, foam, and more. Riders of the trolley will be able to view creative works that come to life through the glass exterior of the Design and Innovation Building.

For additional information on the groundbreaking, please visit the following website: https://plandesignbuild.ucsd.edu/projects/transforming/dib.html
UC San Diego Economic Impact Report

UC San Diego recently released its Economic Impact Report, which quantifies the economic, research, medical, and social impacts associated with the campus. A few key economic findings include:

- UC San Diego generates $16.5 billion in combined economic impact annually for the state, which is more than the total revenue of the state of Arizona;
- UC San Diego supports more than 100,000 jobs throughout the State;
- State and local government revenue attributable to UC San Diego totaled over $940 million;
- In fiscal year 2018, the economic impact of research conducted by faculty, staff, and students totaled $2.3 billion, supporting 13,244 jobs throughout the state.
- UC San Diego faculty, staff, and students provide nearly $80 million annually in community impact through donations and volunteer time to local non-profits;
- UC San Diego Health supports more than $400 million in low- or no-cost health care programs and services.

UC San Diego is ranked as one of the top public universities in the nation, which is attributed to high graduation rates, strong job placement, and low student debt. UC San Diego is also ranked first for the highest population of low-income students from the bottom income percentile.

The university has more than a $1 billion research portfolio, is the number four public intuition for startup creation in the nation, and is ranked seventh in the nation for patents issued, which highlights the University’s focus on research and innovation.


Electric Vehicle Charging Stations at UC San Diego

In order to meet the University of California’s Carbon Neutrality Initiative, UC San Diego is expanding its electric vehicle (EV) charging infrastructure on campus, which will enable the university to have the largest and most diversified EV infrastructure of any university worldwide. The university also provides multiple options for students, faculty, staff, and retirees to own a new or used battery EV or a plug-in EV at the lowest possible price.

UC San Diego has also initiated the Intelligent Electric Vehicle Integration (INVENT) Large Scale Seamless Vehicle Grid Integration Project, which is a collaboration between the university and a Nuvve Corp, a San Diego-based technology company. The purpose of the project is to demonstrate the benefits of advanced Vehicle Grid Integration (VGI) applications for EVs. The project will build on the university’s existing EV charging network and would install an additional 50 charging stations on and around campus through 2020.

For more information on UC San Diego’s EV Program, visit: [http://rmp.ucsd.edu/strategic-energy/ev/index.html](http://rmp.ucsd.edu/strategic-energy/ev/index.html).

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