Community Group Update – October 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, which is prepared in response to campus enrollment and population projections. An interactive campus map illustrating major campus projects with brief descriptions is available at maps.ucsd.edu.

Capital Projects in Planning and Design
This month’s Community Group Update highlights four projects that are being envisioned as future UC San Diego projects. In addition to being one of the most prestigious and recognized public universities in the country, UC San Diego is in the process of transformation that is vibrant, collaborative and exciting.

The Triton Pavilion located in the heart of campus, fronting on Gilman Drive and in close walkable distance from the future Light Rail Transit Station, proposes to revitalize the University Center. The project envisioned to support enrollment growth will improve the student experience, and consolidate complementary programs and services, including Student Health and Wellbeing, Alumni and Welcome Center, UC San Diego Extension, Global Education, campus support, retail, and restaurant/food service. These programs and services benefit not only the student population but will promote access to life-long learning opportunities for alumni and the San Diego community.

Pepper Canyon West Housing located in Pepper Canyon on the west campus and adjacent to the future Light Rail Transit Station, proposes to provide approximately 1,400 new beds in response to the high demand for affordable on-campus housing for Upper Division Undergraduate students. Completion of the North Torrey Pines Living and Learning Neighborhood (anticipated fall 2020) will provide a permanent home for the existing Sixth College, which will relocate from its current location in Pepper Canyon. Following the relocation of Sixth College to the NTPLLN, demolition of 11 existing low-density residence halls will follow to enable this housing.

I-5 Switch Station located on the west campus in a portion of parking lot P510, adjacent to the Campus Services Complex, and north of Voigt Drive and west of Greenhouse Lane proposes a single-story building enclosure which includes enhancements to university energy systems by increasing electrical system reliability and efficiency while simultaneously providing uninterrupted power in the case of an emergency or catastrophic event. The proposed project replaces existing landscape and removes 9 parking spaces, simultaneously reconfiguring the parking lot and adding permeable pavement and new storm water improvements.
Future College Living and Learning Neighborhood – FCLLN located on the west campus, south of Revelle College and adjacent to UC San Diego’s Theatre District, proposes a vibrant mixed-use community. The project, as outlined in the campus’s 2018 Long Range Development Plan, is being planned on a 10.9-acre site to provide residential life and administrative space for a new college, with approximately 2,000 undergraduate beds, classrooms, an estimated 1,200 underground parking spaces, and conference and retail space. Additional student housing would accommodate recent enrollment growth and contribute to UC San Diego’s ultimate goal of providing a four-year housing guarantee for all undergraduate and graduate students. This proposed project presents a transformational opportunity for the campus to nurture a collaborative and interdisciplinary living and learning community and to provide dynamic spaces that allow students to live, learn and play all in one location—without the need to travel off-campus.

More at UC San Diego…

9,000 New Students Arrive to an Evolving Campus
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“I want to surround myself with like-minded people who are going to challenge me,” explained Eden Markel as she transferred her belongings from her parent’s car to a cart during move-in day. One of UC San Diego’s newest students, she joins over 9,000 first-year and transfer students who arrived on campus this September. “I chose UC San Diego because it is a globally prestigious institution. The professors who teach here, the students who go here, it’s a different caliber of education.”

Approximately 39,000 new and continuing students began the fall quarter on Sept. 26. More than 6,000 new first-year students and 3,000 transfer students enrolled; among the cohort, 34% are first in their family to attend a four-year university and 37% come from a low-income household. The campus continues to attract diverse students, welcoming 2.5% more underrepresented students than the previous year. Incoming first-year students bring an overall average GPA of 4.08 with a middle-fifty percent SAT score range of 1250 to 1470. Additionally, the average GPA for new transfers this year is 3.54.

“This fall, we are pleased to welcome UC San Diego’s new and returning students,” said Chancellor Pradeep K. Khosla. “The campus is evolving in exciting ways to provide a dynamic student experience, from the construction of new multidisciplinary learning spaces to novel areas of study that address critical issues in our world and a greater diversity in healthy dining options.”

All students will have the chance to explore more than a dozen new majors and minors that are being launched throughout the academic year. The new offerings include degrees in anthropology with a concentration in climate change and human solutions; human development sciences with a focus on healthy aging; and Latin American studies with a concentration in migration and border studies. Additionally, several minors are debuting, including political data/data analytics as well as climate change studies.

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