

16 San Diego schools of higher education form (HEASD)

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Sixteen San Diego accredited institutions of higher education have joined together in an agreement which pledges them to mutual cooperation and communication for "more efficient and effective delivery of higher education services to the San Diego region."

Through the agreement the schools have formed "The Higher Education Association of San Diego" (HEASD) whose purpose is "to promote coordination, cooperation, and communication among member institutions and to establish programs for the mutual benefit of such institutions."

The same group of schools, two years ago, formed the San Diego Greater Metropolitan Area Library Council. San Diego Metro, as it is called, was organized for better coordination of library services and collections in San Diego County. It has worked effectively to avoid duplication in research collections and to ensure that the area's libraries have all the resources necessary to meet the growing informational needs of a major metropolitan area.

Representatives of the schools have been meeting informally for some four years. The articles of association and bylaws of HEASD were signed by the members recently at a meeting at the University of California, San Diego as a formal declaration of their objectives and aims.

Member institutions of the association are: Grossmont College, the Grossmont Community College District, Imperial Valley College, Mira Costa College, Palomar College, Point Loma College, and the San Diego Community College District.

Also, San Diego City College, San Diego Evening College, San Diego Mesa College, San Diego Miramar College, San Diego State University, Southwestern College, United States International University, University of California, San Diego, and the University of San Diego.

Dr. William D. McElroy, Chancellor of UC San Diego, was elected to serve as the association's first chairman and Dr. Dale Parnell, Chancellor of San Diego Community Colleges, was elected as vice chairman.

"At a time when higher education nationwide is undergoing an often difficult period of reassessment of goals and priorities," McElroy said, "we in the San Diego area felt it was imperative that we analyze where we are now and how we plan to proceed for the future."

Membership in the association is not restricted and other accredited educational institutions which demonstrate the ability and the willingness to cooperate in the aims of the organization may become members upon the unanimous consent of the current membership. According to the bylaws, no dues or assessments will be charged of any member institution.

The association is scheduled to hold at least three meetings per year with special meetings called at the request of two or more members.

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