

UC Regents approve design for new UCSD engineering building

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UC REGENTS APPROVE DESIGN OF NEW ENGINEERING BUILDING AT UCSD

RIVERSIDE -- The University of California Board of Regents Friday approved the design of a new engineering building for the University of California, San Diego campus.

The action came during a board meeting held at UC Riverside.

Engineering Building Unit 2 will be constructed on a 1.5 acre site at the intersection of Old Miramar Road and Voigt Drive. It sits at the east end of the Warren College Mall, looking toward the Central Library at the west end of the mall.

The new building will provide 80,098 assignable square feet of space to house offices, laboratories, computer and teaching facilities for the Department of Applied Mechanics and Engineering Sciences and the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering.

The design by Zimmer Gunsul Frasca Partnership of Newport Beach calls for a diamond-shaped structure surrounding a central outdoor courtyard that will be connected to the Warren Mall by a major portal. The courtyard would be flanked on two sides by four-level laboratory wings and on the other two sides by five-level office wings that face west onto the mall. The portal would double as a bridge between the office wings.

The exterior finish of the laboratory wings will be cast-in-place concrete. The office wings will have a concrete base to match the lab wings, but the upper levels will be finished in an exterior epoxy plaster. The entry portal will be finished with stone tile.

The site is currently a parking lot and is surrounded by athletic fields on the northwest, Warren College Apartments on the northeast and the new Instruction and Research Building on the southeast. Engineering Building Unit 1 is situated to the northwest along the Warren Mall.

Prior to construction of the new building, the segment of Voigt Drive that transects the site will be relocated to the northeast, leaving all of Warren Mall to pedestrian traffic.

Total cost of the project is approximately \$32 million.

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