

UCSD to shorten workday by one-half hour to conserve energy resources

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The San Diego campus of the University of California will shorten its workday by one half hour beginning Monday, February 4, on a trial basis in an effort to conserve energy resources.

UCSD Chancellor William D. McElroy announced that the workday, currently 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., will be modified to run from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. At the same time the normal lunch hour will be cut in half and will last from 12:30 to 1:00 p.m. The change will continue through March 31 and, according to McElroy, the advantages and disadvantages will be continually reviewed and evaluated.

If at any time it is determined that the revised schedule is unsatisfactory, the campus offices will revert to the one hour lunch period, McElroy said.

The modified hours will not change the class scheduled for students. UCSD is the only campus in the nine-campus UC system to try the modified workday schedule.

One major factor for the change is an attempt to cut down on the use of private automobiles by UCSD employees during the lunch hour. It is expected that most employees will eat lunch on the campus and will save any errands requiring use of a car until they are on their way home from work.

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