

Dr. William D. McElroy will be officially installed as the fourth Chancellor

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Dr. William D. McElroy will be officially installed as the fourth Chancellor of the University of California, San Diego during an Academic Senate meeting scheduled for 3:00 p.m. Tuesday, November 28, on the campus.

The ceremony will be the first of three events planned for the day honoring McElroy and involving University faculty, staff, and students and the San Diego community.

McElroy, former head of the National Science Foundation, was selected July 16, 1971, by the UC Board of Regents to succeed Dr. William McGill who left UCSD to become President of Columbia University in New York City. McElroy began his duties as Chancellor last February.

The inaugural ceremony, to be held in Room 2722 of the Undergraduate Sciences Building on the Revelle College campus, will be informal without academic robes or procession and is scheduled to last only about one hour. Seating at the ceremony will be reserved for members of the Academic Senate and special guests from other UC campuses. There will also be a limited number of seats held for students and other visitors. An overflow room near the inaugural site will be served by closed circuit TV during the ceremony with seating open to all visitors.

University Regent Dean A. Watkins will head the list of five speakers scheduled to take part in the inaugural ceremony. Dr. H. William Menard, Professor of Geology at Scripps Institution of Oceanography and Chairman of the San Diego Division of the Academic Senate, will serve as Master of Ceremonies and will speak for the faculty. Miss Stephanie Harris, a Muir College sophomore and chairman of the Council on Student Life and Interest, will speak for the students. University of California President Charles J. Hitch will speak for the University and will formally install McElroy as Chancellor of UCSD.

The ceremony will conclude with remarks by Chancellor McElroy.

A campus-wide reception to which the entire UCSD family has been invited is scheduled to begin at 4:30 p.m. in two adjacent locations, the International Center and Conference Room A, on the Matthews Campus. Wherever possible classes will be dismissed and offices closed a half hour early allowing as many persons on the campus as possible to attend. The reception will also be informal with no reception line or speeches allowing the Chancellor and others in the inaugural party to personally greet those attending.

An invitational buffet, hosted by President and Mrs. Hitch, will be held from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. in University House, the Chancellor's residence on La Jolla Farms Road adjacent to the campus. Invitations have been sent to department and division heads on the UCSD campus, Chancellors and officers of the other UC campuses and statewide offices in Berkeley, and to members of the San Diego community who have been involved with UCSD through such groups as the alumni association, the Honorary Alumni, the Chancellor's Club, the Friends of the Library, the International Center, and Community Associates - School of Medicine.

McElroy is the fourth Chancellor to serve UCSD. Dr. Herbert F. York, currently Dean of Graduate Studies at UCSD, held the office from 1961 to 1964. He was succeeded by Dr. John S. Galbraith, Professor of History at

UCLA, who served from 1964 to 1968. Dr. McGill served as Chancellor from 1968 to 1970. Dr. York held the post of Acting Chancellor during 1970-71 until McElroy was named.

McElroy was born in Rogers, Texas, on January 22, 1917. He attended Pasadena Junior College and then transferred to Stanford University, where he played right end on the football team in 1938 and 1939, his junior and senior years.

He began graduate studies at Reed College in Oregon and received a Ph.D. in Biology at Princeton University in 1943. After two years with the U.S. Office of Scientific Research and Development, McElroy joined the faculty of Johns Hopkins University in 1946. He was named Chairman of the Department of Biology and Director of the McCollum-Pratt Institute ten years later, holding the post until 1969 when he was nominated by President Nixon to head the National Science Foundation.

Dr. McElroy has served as consultant for a number of governmental and private agencies including the President's Science Advisory Committee, the Atomic Energy Commission, and the Biochemistry Study Panel of the National Institutes of Health. He has been elected to membership in the National Academy of Sciences, the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, and Phi Beta Kappa, and is a member of several national scientific societies.

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Schedule for the inauguration of Dr. William D. McElroy as Chancellor of the University of California, San Diego.

Tuesday, November 28, 1972

3:00 p.m. Inauguration ceremony, Room 2722, Undergraduate Sciences Building, Revelle College, UCSD.

4:30 p.m. Campus-wide reception, International Center and Conference Room A. Matthews Campus, UCSD.

7:00 p.m. Invitational Buffet for campus and community members associated with UCSD, University House, 9630 La Jolla Farms Road, La Jolla.

Note to editors:

Because the inauguration will take place in a lecture hall and is a meeting of the Academic Senate, no flash photographs or television filming will be allowed during the short ceremony.

The participants in the ceremony - Regent Watkins, President Hitch, Dr. Menard, Miss Harris, and Dr. McElroy - will gather prior to the ceremony at 2:15 p.m. in the Revelle College Provost's office. The office is just south of Room 2722 in an adjacent building. The participants will be available to meet with members of the news media and for pictures during this period.

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