

Regents approved master plan for SSE

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The Regents of The University of California, meeting in Los Angeles today, approved the master site plan for The University's School of Science and Engineering.

The School will eventually accommodate an estimated 700 graduate students and 1300 undergraduates in the sciences and engineering on the La Jolla campus of The University and will represent a capital investment of at least 25 million dollars.

It will be located southwest of the junction of U.S. Highway 101 and Miramar Road on 60 acres of land voted to The University by the citizens of San Diego in 1956.

Also approved at the meeting were specific plans for the two buildings on the new site. One is a seven-story laboratory and office building which will contain over 150,000 square feet and will cost \$4,263,000. The other is a structure to house the central heating and refrigerating plant and other utilities for the entire School. All utilities will be underground. This building and associated projects will total \$1,687,000.

Funds for the construction of both buildings have been requested in the current State budget. If the budget is approved, ground will be broken for the two late in 1960 and they will be open for use in the fall of 1962. Meanwhile, faculty and students of the School will continue to be housed in buildings at The University's Scripps Institution of Oceanography.

Both the master plan and the building plans are the work of the architectural firm of Risley and Gould, Los Angeles, supervising architects of the La Jolla campus. Landscaping will be directed by Thomas Church, San Francisco.

Forecast in the master plan are seven buildings dedicated to teaching and research, two residence halls that will house 650 single students, a dining commons, and a recreation building, as well as playing fields and parking lots. The parking lots will accommodate 1,600 cars. The buildings will vary in height from one to seven stories.

Already in the planning stages are two more teaching and research structures which The University hopes to start building during the 1961-62 fiscal year. They should be ready for occupancy in the fall of 1963, according to J. W. Tippetts, Building Program Coordinator of the La Jolla campus. At that time the faculty of the School of Science and Engineering will have reached 80, there will be 450 graduate students and approximately 250 persons in other categories. By 1967, when the master plan will be essentially complete, student enrollment will reach the 2,000 mark, there will be 170 faculty members, and approximately 450 other persons working on the campus.

In addition to the nucleus of 11 new buildings, others are expected to be erected on the campus which will not be funded in the State budget.

The first new science building, approved today, will house the classrooms, laboratories and academic offices of the six initial disciplines of the School of Science and Engineering, Tippetts said. These are chemistry, the earth sciences, engineering, the life sciences, mathematics, and physics. In addition, the building will contain the

campus administration, service shops, food service, library, and scientific shops. The building is of flexible design, utilizing a central utility core and movable internal walls to facilitate easy adaptation to a wide range of teaching and research need.