

Regents approve construction of new athletic facilities

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REGENTS APPROVE CONSTRUCTION OF NEW ATHLETIC FACILITIES AT UCSD

The University of California Board of Regents today (May 15) approved \$4.19 million to be spent to construct additional athletic and recreation facilities at the University of California, San Diego.

The new facilities, to be built between John Jay Hopkins Drive and Old Highway 101 north of the San Diego Supercomputer, will include a nine-lane, all-weather track, and two multi-use fields for intercollegiate and intramural soccer, softball and other field sports. The fields would also meet competition standards for the National Collegiate Athletic Association.

The funding approved by the Regents would come from \$4,190,000 in Variable Rate Demand Revenue Bonds to be repaid with student registration fees. Another \$410,000 would come from the chancellor's unrestricted funds.

The new facilities were first proposed in a sports and recreation master plan developed by the campus in 1985, and would alleviate scheduling and overcrowding problems.

Existing fields at UCSD were constructed to support a student population of 6,500, but enrollment has grown past the 14,000 mark in recent years and is expected to continue growing.

Construction is scheduled to begin this summer.

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