

Establishment of the UCSD Energy Center approved by Regents

May 20, 1974

A center that will provide an interdisciplinary approach to the study of the production, conversion and use of energy has been approved by the UC Board of Regents and will be in operation this coming fall at the University of California) San Diego.

Establishment of the UCSD Energy Center was approved. by the Regents during the May meeting in Los Angeles. An interdisciplinary group of faculty from the Departments of Economics, Physics, Applied Physics and Information Science, Chemistry, Sociology, and Applied Mechanics and Engineering Sciences, together with members of the Scripps Institution of Oceanography and the Institute of Geophysics and Planetary Physics suggested the establishment of the organized research unit.

It will be designed to serve educational, research, and public-service functions in the critical area of energy resources which require a team approach not provided for by other research or educational units presently on the campus.

Educational and research emphases will be on the study of energy production, conversion and consumption, and the implications of its use. Through the Center, UCSD will be able to make use of similar work being done on other area campuses such as San Diego State University. It will also seek to work closely with local industrial and governmental. groups in solving regional energy problems.

By increasing the number of courses offered in this field, the Center is expected to stimulate the opening of new educational opportunities for undergraduate and graduate students. It is also expected that the Center will attract a number of distinguished visitors to the campus interested in participating iii such an activity.

(May 20, 1974)