

## **Division of Engineering at UCSD becomes the School of Engineering**

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UCSD'S ENGINEERING "DIVISION" BECOMES A "SCHOOL"

The Division of Engineering at the University of California, San Diego no longer exists; long live the School of Engineering.

The new designation has been approved by the Board of Regents of the University of California, following the recommendation and approval by the UCSD Academic Senate.

According to Dean M. Lea Rudee, the name change will not affect any academic or professional programs in engineering.

"The name change will make absolutely no operational difference," he said.

Rudee, who has served as the Division's dean since its opening in May 1982, said the change will help eliminate some confusion about UCSD's commitment to engineering.

"There are other universities and colleges who call their engineering unit a Division, but they are much smaller than us," he said. "They are really glorified departments, so this was a misnomer on our campus."

Rudee, who has announced his intention to step down as Dean at the end of the academic year, said the term Division originally was adopted at UCSD because of its unique organization which revolves around five separate colleges.

"Once you got outside UCSD, the name was certainly never an advantage," said Rudee. "In most cases, it didn't matter. But there were a few cases that led to confusion about what level of interest UCSD was making in engineering."

UCSD's School of Engineering currently employs about 100 faculty members, with an undergraduate enrollment of about 2,000 students and a graduate enrollment of about 500 students. The school has achieved national prominence in several engineering areas, including computing, bioengineering, materials science, structural engineering, magnetic recording research, fluid mechanics and combustion, to name a few.

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