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# **UC San Diego Foundation Welcomes Three New Trustees**

Composed of distinguished community members, university administrators and faculty and alumni representatives, the UC San Diego Foundation Board of Trustees works as a team to connect the university with community partners and discover resources needed to launch innovative programs. To ensure the continued success and growth of the campus, three new trustees will join the 2015-16 Foundation board.

The Foundation is governed by 36 trustees and eight emeriti chairs who help advance the university's fundraising efforts in support of research, teaching and public service. The Foundation accepts, administers and invests all private gifts to the university and manages the funds either as endowments or as funds available for current expenditure. The Foundation's net position at June 30, 2015 was \$733 million, of which the endowment constitutes approximately \$548 million.

In fiscal year 2014-15, UC San Diego celebrated record-breaking private support. The campus raised 20 percent more during fiscal year 2014-15 compared to the previous year, with over 43,000 gifts and grants totaling \$177.5 million.

"The UC San Diego Foundation Board plays a critical role in the growth and success of the campus by advancing the flow of private support," said Chancellor Pradeep K. Khosla. "We are pleased to welcome this year's new trustees, who provide an important link between the campus and community and help cultivate support for our programs."

In addition to the new trustees, the Foundation welcomes a new chair, Carol Chang. Chang has contributed in a variety of capacities at UC San Diego, including serving on and chair of the Moores Cancer Center Board, UC San Diego Town and Gown, Chancellor's Associates, UC San Diego Health Sciences Leadership Council and many more.

"I am honored to serve as the chair of the Foundation Board of Trustees at a time when UC San Diego stands on the precipice of unprecedented growth," Chang said. "Never has there been a more critical time to strengthen our collaborative efforts with our community of supporters, alumni, students, faculty and our academic leaders."

This year's incoming trustees include:

#### • Sol Lizerbram, D.O., Chairman and Co-Founder, HealthFusion

New to the UC San Diego Foundation Board is Dr. Sol Lizerbram, a San Diego osteopathic physician and surgeon. He is co-founder and chairman of the board of HealthFusion, a web-based cloud computing software for physicians, hospitals and medical billing services. He has served as health advisor to California Governor Edmund G. (Jerry) Brown, Jr.; a member of the advisory committee for the California State Insurance Commissioner; medical director of Prudential Insurance Company, San Diego; and a member of the National Board of the Jewish National Fund.



### • Tina Nova, Ph.D, President and CEO, Molecular Stethoscope, Inc.

Tina Nova, Ph.D., also a new UC San Diego Foundation board member, is president and CEO of Molecular Stethoscope, Inc. Most recently, she was senior vice president and general manager of Illumina's Oncology Business Unit. From 2000-2014, Nova cofounded and served as director, president and CEO of Genoptix Medical Laboratory, which was purchased by Novartis Pharmaceuticals in 2011. Nova also serves as a member of the Board of Directors of Arena Pharmaceuticals, Inc. and vice chairman of the Board of Directors for Rady Children's Hospital Pediatric Genomics and Systems Medicine Institute.



This year the Foundation Board also welcomes a new faculty representative, Professor Gordon Hanson.

#### Gordon Hanson, Ph.D., Professor, UC San Diego School of Global Policy and Strategy

Joining the UC San Diego Foundation this year as a faculty representative, Gordon Hanson, Ph.D., is the Pacific Economic Cooperation Chair in International Economic Relations and director of the Center on Global Transformation at UC San Diego's School of Global Policy and Strategy. Hanson specializes in the economics of international trade, international migration and foreign direct investment. He also serves as a research associate at the National Bureau of Economic Research and as co-editor of the Journal of Economic Perspectives.

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