

Preliminary Long-Range Development Plan for the campus of UCSD (attached to copy is "Academic Master Plan")

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The preliminary long-range development plan for the University of California's San Diego campus was presented today to the Grounds and Buildings committee of The Regents of the University, meeting on the San Diego campus.

The committee recommended that the plan be approved in principle as a guide to further development of the campus, and that Robert E. Alexander and Associates, master planning and supervising architect, be authorized to proceed with the plan.

The committee's recommendation will go to the full Board of Regents in their meeting here tomorrow (February 15).

The plan was approved by the committee with the understanding that the costs of state-funded buildings will not exceed the standards established for other campuses of the University.

Planned to accommodate eventually 27,500 students, the San Diego campus would be divided into three clusters of four colleges each. Each college would have an enrollment of around 2,300 students. Each cluster, according to the proposed plan, would have about 9,000 students.

The three clusters would be grouped about a nucleus containing the central administration building, library, auditorium and theater, and possibly some large lecture halls and laboratories.

One cluster, the first element of which is now under construction (School of Science and Engineering) would be located at the south edge of the campus., just west and southwest of present Highway 101 and Miramar Road.

North of this cluster would rise the central administrative core of -the campus-- the library, administration buildings and a large auditorium. North of these there would be placed another cluster of four colleges.

The third cluster would be located east of the administrative center. All clusters will be within walking distance of each other.

The medical school would be located southeast of the administrative center.

Each college is planned to have its own classrooms, teaching laboratories, research laboratories, faculty offices, residence halls, dining, facilities and shops. Each would have distinctive leanings in its courses. However, the basic core of courses would be sufficient for a student to be able to take at least two-thirds of his entire course in his college and the remainder in colleges within his cluster.

Each college would have essentially the same distribution of lower-division, (25 percent); upper-division, (39 percent); and graduate work (28 percent). Each would be headed by a "master."

The organization of the campus plan will permit some functions to be completely decentralized in colleges, others to be centralized at three points to serve the three clusters, and some to be centrally located to serve the entire University.

Students have been attending a new graduate School of Science and Engineering in temporary quarters since 1960. It is anticipated that the first undergraduate students would be admitted in 1964. Enrollment is expected to reach 2,300 around 1968.

Other features of the proposed long-range development plan:

ACCESSIBILITY-- The plan is so arranged that the pedestrian will take precedence over the automobile on the campus. Major vehicular traffic will be routed around the campus, buildings will be arranged so that students can conveniently walk from one to another within a cluster during the 10-minute class break. Parking for faculty and staff will be a maximum of four minutes walking time away from their offices. Parking for others will be arranged so that they are a maximum of 10 minutes away from their destination.

PARKING-- Parking will be peripheral. Space will be provided for 15,000 cars plus 4,500 for the medical school. Since parking areas must be self-supporting, surface parking (cheaper to staff and students than multistory parking garages) will be used wherever possible.

BUILDING HEIGHT-- The maximum height of an undergraduate academic building shall be four stories (three stories plus basement).

RECREATION AREAS-- There will be 2-2/3 acres per college, plus 2 acres per cluster, Plus 35 acres centralized. Major sports events will be held in a stadium located east of Highway 101.

LANDSCAPING-- Existing trees will be saved where possible. New trees will be limited in type to provide unity to the campus.

COMMUNITY RELATIONSHIPS-- Continuing liaison will be maintained with officials of San Diego and with community organizations such as the La Jolla Town Council to help resolve development problems of mutual concern.

DESIGN-- Unity within each college and differentiation between colleges on the campus shall be encouraged. Each college shall have its own unity within a strong framework which unifies the campus as a whole.

SPACE REQUIRED-- About 500,000 gross square feet of academic space are required for each college. Some facilities (for example, gymnasiums) will serve a cluster rather than a single college.

HOUSING-- Each college will include housing for 800 students and a general services building, including cafeteria for residents and non-residents.