

County Hospital transferred to UCSD School of Medicine

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San Diego County Hospital will be operated by the University of California, San Diego, starting July 1, 1966 under terms of a final agreement signed today in a ceremony at the hospital.

Frank A. Gibson, Chairman of the Board of Supervisors, and John S. Galbraith, UCSD Chancellor, completed the official documents.

Dr. William W. Stadel, Director of Medical Institutions for San Diego County, who developed the basic plan eight years ago participated in the ceremony. Others who attended included County Supervisors Henry Boney, Robert C. Dent, DeGraff Austin, and Robert C. Cozens; T. M. Hegglund, County Chief Administrative Officer; and F. J. Morey, Assistant Administrative Officer.

Robert H. Biron, UCSD Vice Chancellor - Business and Finance; Dr. Joseph Stokes III, Dean of the UCSD School of Medicine; and John H. Clark, Assistant Vice Chancellor - Business and Finance, also attended today's ceremony.

Under the new agreement, the University will be ceded parcels of land on which various teaching and research functions will be developed. Approximately 31 acres will be available immediately. An additional 12-1/2 acres, including the Vauclain building will be transferred if training and research activities develop to a point which justifies such action. A south wing may be added to the hospital when more ambulatory clinics, faculty offices, laboratories, and other special teaching and research facilities are needed.

Galbraith said UCSD will build some temporary laboratories and renovate offices for occupancy by July 1, 1966. The clinical faculty will utilize these facilities until the south wing is added to the hospital and the UCSD Torrey Pines Mesa campus is completed.

UCSD and county officials emphasized that changes at the 623-bed hospital will be evolutionary rather than revolutionary.

The University will assume responsibility and authority for all activities at the hospital except eligibility determination, processing accounts receivable, Community Mental Health activities, the laundry, power plant, and maintenance departments. All employees in these areas will continue in county employment. Others who have attained permanent civil service status will have a choice of transferring to the University or remaining with the county.

Employees designated as temporary, provisional, interim, or unclassified will be transferred to University employment.

Those who elect to remain county employees will, on change of status by promotion or advancement, be transferred to University employment, Dr. Stadel said.