Improving Student Life at UCSD

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Mission

- Encourage involvement in student life,
- Build community on campus,
- Strengthen student pride and affiliation with UCSD,
- Foster the development of students outside of the classroom,
- Meet the daily needs of students,
- Advocate the needs of students.
Major growth in campus enrollments

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<th>UCSD Enrollment</th>
<th>1998</th>
<th>2003</th>
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<th>2007</th>
<th>2008</th>
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<td>Undergraduate</td>
<td>15,837</td>
<td>19,872</td>
<td>20,339</td>
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<td>22,048</td>
<td>22,518</td>
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<td>Graduate *</td>
<td>2,496</td>
<td>3,465</td>
<td>3,559</td>
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<td>3,910</td>
<td>3,952</td>
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<td>Medicine/Pharmacy</td>
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<td>1,370</td>
<td>1,380</td>
<td>1,381</td>
<td>1,578</td>
<td>1,682</td>
<td>1,729</td>
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<td>Total Campus Enrollment</td>
<td>19,370</td>
<td>24,707</td>
<td>25,278</td>
<td>25,964</td>
<td>26,857</td>
<td>27,682</td>
<td>28,200</td>
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* includes Teacher Education Program.
Student satisfaction with their academic experience

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% Responded "Somewhat Satisfied", "Satisfied", or "Very Satisfied" 83% 79%

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### Table 111b

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<th>Satisfaction: overall social experience</th>
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<th>San Diego</th>
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<td>% Responded &quot;Somewhat Satisfied&quot;, &quot;Satisfied&quot;, or &quot;Very Satisfied&quot;</td>
<td>76%</td>
<td>61%</td>
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What contributes to student satisfaction with their social experience?
Feeling engaged in campus life
Success developing close friendships with other students
Campus climate is that is caring and friendly.
Access to faculty and small classes
What diminishes student satisfaction with their social experience?
Feeling isolated from campus life
Large classes and little access to faculty
Too much competition among students for grades
Impersonal campus climate
Campus climate is uncaring
Initiatives to enhance student life
Price Center & Student Center Expansions

- More locations to hold student events
- More places to socialize
- Larger community centers
  - Women’s Center, Cross Cultural Center, LGBTRO
- More places to study
- More access – open 24 hours, Sunday - Thursday

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Commuter Lounge
Price Center East, Level 1

- Open 24 hours
- TV, Music
- Shuttle LCD
- VideoConnect
- Board Games
- Magazines
- Couches
- Vending Machines
- Kitchenette
- 16 additional commuter lounges

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Commuter Events

- Quarterly Cooking Class
- Midterm Munchies
- Ice Cream Social
- Bagels for Breakfast
- Free passes for weekly movies
- Landlord Tenant Clinic
- Off-Campus Housing Workshop
- Commuter Appreciation Week
- College Commuter Lounges and Commuter Student Organizations

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New student engagement programs

- Expanded Welcome Week and New Student Convocation
- Mailings to all incoming new students of *Get Involved* magazine

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- Launched Student Flyers, the email newsletter about events and involvement opportunities just for students.

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Triton Transfer Connect

- Meet a Roommate
- Make New Friends
- Tour of UTC
- Tenant Workshop
- Housing Fair
- Resource Fair
- Learn about daily campus life from current transfer students

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More Places for Students to Socialize

- Since fall 2008 more than 12,000 students have attended shows held at the Loft.
- For the first time on campus, events just for students are offered regularly on the weekends.

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Expanded Programs

- Associated Students passes referendum in January 2009 to increase funding for student organizations and A.S. programs by $1 million each year.

- Express to Success program expanded to offer interpersonal skills workshops and public speaking workshops to more students.
Expanded Programs

- Expanded wellness programming
- Merged Campus Recreation with Student Health Services and Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS)
- Increased the number of counseling psychologists in CAPS
Faculty Engagement Programs

- Academic Enrichment coordinates a dozen programs including undergrad research programs.
- Dine with a Prof program
- International Center Global Seminars program
- First-Year Seminars

UC San Diego Academic Enrichment Programs

UCSanDiego International Center Programs Abroad Office

"Rooftops of Tuscania, Italy"
More traditions

- College traditions
- Bear Gardens
- Expanded Homecoming, Spirit Week, SunGod Festival
- Senior Spring
- Danceathon
- All-Campus Commencement

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More campus housing

- **Transfer student housing project**
  - Phase 1 adds 1,060 beds scheduled to open fall 2009, phase 2 add 805 beds
- **Muir and Revelle housing projects**
- **Graduate student housing projects**
Improved Off-Campus Housing Resources

- On-Line Off-Campus Housing Directory
  - Roommate listings
  - Full-vacancies
  - Close to campus
  - Exclusive listings for UCSD
  - Free

- Local rental and room rates
- Neighborhoods and bus lines
- Tenant rights and responsibilities
- Good Neighbor and CAPP regulations
Expanded transportation

- Decrease sales of parking permits to students.
- Increased ridership of campus shuttles including City Shuttle
- Expanded hours and stops of campus shuttle and MTS buses
More student input

- Service on campus committees
- Use of assessment tools such as Student Voice