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DID YOU KNOW?

For more than a half century, the University of California has studied the phenomena of global climate change from a wide range of scientific perspectives. To learn just a few of the ways UC researchers are developing technological solutions to curb global warming and mitigate its environmental, economic and health impacts, go to: <http://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/news/globalwarming.pdf>

From soldiering to engineering An academic preparation success story

Marcos Garcia went straight from rural Santa Paula High School into the army. Neither his parents – both laborers – nor his counselors encouraged him to go to college. After his service Garcia went to Ventura College, then transferred to UC Santa Barbara, where he earned his degree in mechanical engineering last June.



Garcia

Today Garcia is a product development engineer at Inovati, a high-tech protective coatings company. He says his academic success was due in large part to the Mathematics, Engineering, Science Achievement (MESA) programs at Ventura College and at UCSB. And to his delight, MESA and other UC academic preparation initiatives now have been established at his high school, providing support to students like him so they can go to college.

MESA, the Early Academic Outreach Program (EAOP), and the Regional Academic Initiatives (RAI) work jointly to establish a solid college-going culture for the entire school. With the help of these programs and the UCSB Academic Preparation and Equal Opportunity Office, Santa Paula—ranked among the state's bottom 30 percent in academic performance of schools—sent 46 students to UCSB in the last two years.

UC academic preparation programs, working mostly in California's lowest performing schools, are helping thousands of students like Garcia go to college. Sixty-six percent of graduates from EAOP, MESA and The Puente Project attend 2- or 4-year colleges and universities right after

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President Dynes testifies on U.S. competitiveness

President Dynes testified last week before the U.S. House Committee on Science and Technology about the University of California's Science and Math Initiative (SMI), which has become a model for federal legislation sponsored by committee chairman Bart Gordon (D-Tennessee) to improve American competitiveness by training more science and math teachers.

In his testimony, President Dynes explained that SMI is now in its second year and is being developed simultaneously on all nine general campuses. To date, more than 600 students have enrolled in SMI, which now involves 467 teachers and 174 schools in 41 districts across California. The unique public and private partnership also reflects support from the governor, legislative leaders and corporate funders, including Intel Corporation, whose chairman, Craig Barrett, was another hearing witness along with Norman Augustine, former chairman and CEO of Lockheed Martin Corporation.

Prior to the hearing, President Dynes participated in a press conference to present Chairman Gordon with an "American Innovation Proclamation," calling upon Congress to quickly pass "an innovation agenda that will ensure continued US competitiveness" and signed by more than 300 business and higher education leaders.

President Dynes' full testimony is available at: <http://science.house.gov/publications/testimony.aspx?tid=5101>



Dynes

President Dynes names staff diversity council

President Dynes earlier this month named 19 staff members from across the UC system to serve on a new Staff Diversity Council.

In a letter to the University community, President Dynes wrote, "The council will advise senior UC leadership and work alongside the UC Diversity Study Group in setting an agenda that promotes staff diversity throughout the system."

President Dynes explained that the council's focus will be on a broad range of staff diversity issues, including the recruitment and retention of a diverse workforce, leadership commitment to staff diversity at each location, and systems for threading diversity principles through the fabric of the UC employment experience. For a list of members and further details, please visit:

www.universityofcalifornia.edu/diversity

Regents approve fee increases, expand aid

The Board of Regents has approved student fee increases for the 2007-08 academic year to preserve the quality of UC's teaching and research programs and ensure that all students continue to have access to the classes they need to progress to timely graduation.

The fee increases are consistent with those recognized in Governor Schwarzenegger's 2007-08 state budget, and in line with the compact between UC and the governor, which includes a provision for regular annual fee increases. They include 7 percent increases for resident undergraduate and graduate students, and fees ranging from 7 to 10 percent for professional student students.

"It is regrettable that fee increases are necessary to address the University's needs, but I want to reassure students that we have a strong financial aid program in place to mitigate the impact of the increases on financially needy students," said UC President Robert C. Dynes. "In fact, 43 percent of our undergraduates would have their full fee increase covered by grant funds."

The fees will cover, among other needs, the enhancement of mental health services provided to students. Given the serious and urgent need for enhanced mental health services, the University will set almost half of the 7 percent increase in the registration fee – approximately \$4.6 million – to fund initial steps in enhancing mental health services. The other half of the revenue will be used to fund salary and other necessary cost increases. For more detail on UC's student fees, visit: www.universityofcalifornia.edu/news/2007/mar14.html

UC releases annual reports on senior management total compensation; outside board activities

The University has released its annual reports on total compensations and outside board activities for senior management. These reports are redesigned to provide more specific compensation information than ever before. The total compensation report also includes an addendum that provides detailed explanations, where applicable, by individual of the compensation elements behind the aggregated numbers in the report. To review these reports, visit: www.universityofcalifornia.edu/regents/regmeet/mar07/c9.pdf and www.universityofcalifornia.edu/regents/regmeet/mar07/c10.pdf

UC Riverside celebrates centennial of world-renowned citrus research center

Where did citrus fruit originate? What are the three types of citrus that provided the basis for all oranges, lemons, limes, grapefruit and tangerines? Who is credited with bringing the navel orange to California?

The answers all lead back to UC Riverside's Agricultural Experiment Station and Cooperative Extension, which this year is celebrating its 100th anniversary.



In the early 1900s, citrus growers and civic leaders in Riverside County, concerned over the disease and pest problems that threatened crops, began lobbying state legislators to establish research centers to develop scientific solutions. In 1905, the Legislature passed a bill authorizing the University of California to establish a laboratory and citrus experiment station in Southern California.

The Citrus Experiment Station was officially established on Feb. 14, 1907, and located at that time at the foot of Mount Rubidoux. The station moved to what is now the A. Gary Anderson School of Management in 1918 where it became the foundation for the University of California's Riverside campus, which opened in 1954.

Over the past 100 years, scientists at the Agricultural Experiment Station have established an international reputation in agricultural research and development, especially in semi-arid and arid horticulture and in natural resources. "Our faculty, extension specialists and students address a wide range of agricultural, urban, and natural resource problems that are critical to the future of California," said Don Cooksey, executive associate dean for the Agricultural Experiment Station and Cooperative Extension.

With its roots in citrus research, the station develops new varieties of the fruit and advances new production techniques. On several occasions, it solved pest and disease problems that could have wiped out California's citrus industry.

Very early in its history, the station's mission expanded to include research on other fruit and vegetable crops, as well as graduate education in the agricultural sciences.

Today, researchers working in campus laboratories at the 500-acre experiment station and field sites away from campus undertake extensive studies in the plant sciences, environmental and natural resources, and pest and disease management. The research serves as the basis for new, improved plant varieties – including a newly released asparagus variety – as well as new, more sustainable agricultural practices to combat insect and disease infestations and to enhance crop productivity. More than 50 different crops are grown annually for research, including citrus, turf grass, grapes, avocados, date palms, corn, small grains, ornamental trees and shrubs, and cover crops.

UCR experts also can lend perspective from the worlds of research and hands-on experience to elected officials grappling with appropriate responses to this winter's freeze. Read more at:

www.info.ucr.edu/cgi-bin/display.cgi?id=1495

The year-long centennial celebration for the Agricultural Experiment Station and Cooperative Extension continues through April 2007.

UC planning for growth in university health science programs

Recently, UC regents were presented with a summary of findings and recommendations from the President's Advisory Council on Future Growth in the Health Professions. Among the council's recommendations: a 34 percent increase in medical student enrollments between now and 2020; a 75 percent increase in master student enrollments for nursing; and a nearly 100 percent increase in pharmacy doctoral student enrollments by 2020.

We recently spoke with UC executive director of Academic Health Sciences Cathryn L. Nation to talk about the next critical step after the completion of the Advisory Council's report.

Q: Now that the council has issued its report to President Dynes, what's the next step in growing our health sciences programs?

A: President Dynes is carefully reviewing the findings and recommendations of the council. From there, the Office of the president will begin to put in place a strategy of growth to take before the regents. We've already begun work in a number of areas. Under the upcoming budget for UC we have asked for our PRIME-LC program (see <http://www.ucihs.uci.edu/som/meded/primelc/>) to grow by 12 students. Another thing we're excited about is our new nursing programs that have just been launched at UC Irvine and UCLA and that will help generate a significant number of bachelor's-level nursing graduates, as well as masters and doctorate-level nurses. An expansion of entry-level master's programs is also planned at UC San Francisco and UCLA.

Q: How important is it for the University of California to grow its health science education programs?

A: It's extremely important for a number of reasons. The University of California plays a unique and critical role in health sciences education; more than two-thirds of all medical students in California are enrolled in UC medical schools and nearly half of all medical residents in the state are trained in UC-based and UC-affiliated programs.

With the exception of the new UC San Diego School of Pharmacy, which admitted its first class of 25 students in 2002, and the new PRIME-LC program at the UC Irvine School of Medicine, which admitted eight new first-year students in 2004, there has been essentially no growth in UC health professions programs for nearly 30 years. Meanwhile, California's population has increased by more than 68 percent, or more than 15 million.



Q: Why did President Dynes appoint the council?

A: The council's appointment comes on the heels of the work of a 14-member Universitywide Health Sciences Committee (HSC), which found severe statewide shortages in several major health professions. In order to assist President Dynes with mapping out

UC's priorities for growth, the Council was formed. Co-chaired by Provost Hume and Regent Sherry Lansing, the council was charged with reviewing the work of HSC and developing a new system-wide health sciences enrollment plan through the year 2020.

Q: There's been a lot of focus on medicine and nursing, but what about the other programs? What does the advisory council say about public health, veterinary, and pharmacy?

A: The council would like to see a nearly 100 percent increase in pharmacy doctoral student enrollments by 2020 (currently we have 596 students in our programs); more than 180 percent increase in master student enrollment by 2020 for our public health programs at UCSF and UC San Diego; approximately 30 new veterinary medical students per year, nearly 120 new students across all four years, beginning as early as 2008, if possible. They also support the school's planned enrollment increase of 20 new veterinary residents per year. That increase is expected to also begin in 2008.

Regents name new Executive Vice President, Secretary and Chief of Staff for the Regents

The Board of Regents recently filled two critical senior positions as part of the ongoing effort to reflect changing demands both at the Office of the President and in the functions and roles of the governing board.



Lapp

Katherine N. Lapp, who recently stepped down as executive director for the New York Metropolitan Transportation Authority, has been named UC's executive vice president for business operations. The newly-established position will be responsible for leading improvements in the effectiveness and accountability of the University's many administrative support operations.

Lapp will have specific responsibilities in such key areas as facility construction and maintenance, real estate management, human resource administration, information technology support and procurement. She will also contribute to administrative oversight for the University's compliance and audit activities, which have been enhanced by the Board of Regents.

The Regents also appointed Diane M. Griffiths as the new secretary and chief of staff for the board.

Griffiths, a two-time UC alumna, is currently chief counsel of the California State Assembly Rules Committee. With her appointment, the position's title and role have been greatly expanded beyond the traditional duties of planning and coordinating regents' meetings, fulfilling UC's public transparency requirements, and handling board correspondence. New responsibilities for Griffiths will also include independent policy research and analysis in support of the regents' decision-making, long-range planning and problem-solving related to significant challenges facing the 10-campus system.



Griffiths

For more information and background on Lapp and Griffiths, visit: www.universityofcalifornia.edu/news/2007/mar15a.html and www.universityofcalifornia.edu/news/2007/mar15.html

Regent Parsky named by Gov. Schwarzenegger to chair pension commission

Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger last month named UC Regent Gerald L. Parsky to chair a 12-member commission created with legislative leaders to study the state government pension system.

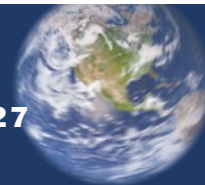


Parsky

Parsky, who stepped down as chairman of the Board of Regents last January, has long been a leader on UC pension issues. He provided critical leadership in the effort to ensure the continued safety of the university's pension funds, which led to the adoption in 2000 of revised investment policies and practices to improve the university's pension funds' accountability, to increase diversification and to reduce volatility. He testified before the Legislature last year in opposition to pension plan reforms that would "put [UC] at a noncompetitive disadvantage for hiring faculty."

Parsky currently serves as chair of the Aurora Capital Group, a Los Angeles-based investment firm. From 1977 to 1992, he was senior partner and a member of the executive and management committees with the Los Angeles law firm of Gibson Dunn & Crutcher. Prior to going into private practice, Parsky served as assistant secretary of the U.S. Treasury Department in charge of international affairs and capital markets from 1974 to 1977. He has served as a Regent since 1996.

UC Day Reception MARCH 27



In Appreciation of Alumni, Advocates & Friends

5:00 p.m.-6:30 pm • Sheraton Grand Sacramento Hotel, Magnolia Room

Join us at the reception where the recipients of the Advocate of the Year award will be honored. The Alumni Associations of the University of California (AAUC) acknowledges outstanding individuals who have helped shape the future of higher education in California. The 2007 award recipients are California State Senator Denise Ducheny, Assembly Member Mervyn Dymally, Mr. John DeLuca, and Mr. Robert Hertzberg.

Please RSVP by March 26 at <https://cougar.ucop.edu/alumni/register.html>

or E-MAIL: events@ucop.edu or PHONE: 888-810-0007

Please provide name, address, daytime phone number, e-mail address, UC campus and alumni membership number. Special needs assistance available upon request.

For more info about this and other UC Day events, go to www.ucday.org

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high school, compared to the statewide average of 46 percent. And 33 percent of Latino American, African American and American Indian freshmen at UC relied on EAOP, MESA and Puente to help them prepare for college.

"We have a large number of students who go to college as a result of MESA and other academic prep programs," said Garcia, who still volunteers at Santa Paula. Preserving state funding of \$19.3 million for these programs is a top budget priority for UC this year.

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