CI announces 2025 Capital Expansion Plan to address projected enrollment increase

Camarillo, Calif., June 13, 2014 – CSU Channel Islands (CI) announced today a new initiative to prepare the University for a projected doubling of its enrollment to 11,500 students by the year 2025. CI has signed an agreement with advisory firm Jones Lang LaSalle (JLL) to help develop a plan that addresses current and future structural solutions, leverages funding opportunities, and maintains the University’s high standards in terms of innovation and environmental sustainability. JLL has supported similar growth initiatives at more than 100 U.S. colleges and universities.

“With less state funding and increasing demand for qualified workers in California, we need to look at innovative ways to provide for students and faculty, and to accomplish the magic of learning,” said CI President Richard R. Rush. “We need to plan ahead to serve prospective students – including underserved populations – and enable our outstanding faculty to continue doing what they do best in teaching, research and hands-on academic experiences.”

JLL’s role is to apply their extensive knowledge and experience assessing CI’s current state in order to inform the development of a creative plan to leverage existing assets. This will enable the University to add programs and facilities in concert with the growth of the campus. Their work will include: studying campus programs, evaluating alternative financial structures, identifying opportunities for partnerships and pursuing new funding opportunities to finance development components. The plan is targeted for completion this fall.

“We have relied on partnerships from the very beginning,” said Rush. “The community has been generous and forthcoming. In turn, CI is preparing a workforce that will enhance economic development and enrich quality of life in this entire region. As the community helps us, we are helping them, and the steps we take together as this plan unfolds will benefit us all.”

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CSU Channel Islands (CI) is the only four-year, public university in Ventura County and is known for its interdisciplinary, multicultural and international perspectives, and its emphasis on experiential and service learning. CI’s strong academic programs focus on business, sciences, liberal studies, teaching credentials, and innovative master’s degrees. Students benefit from individual attention, up-to-date technology, and classroom instruction augmented by outstanding faculty research. CI has been designated by the U.S. Department of Education as a Hispanic-Serving Institution and is committed to serving students of all backgrounds from the region and beyond. Connect with and learn more about CI by visiting CI’s Social Media.