

## Welcome CAP Executive Board February 6, 2025

## **CAP** Chair and Vice Chair



#### Magaly Drant

Vice President, Developer Productivity ServiceNow



#### Shariqa Dowla

Director, Software Engineering Cubic Transportation Systems

#### Welcome





## **Virtual Attendees**

- $\rightarrow$  We will be recording this meeting
- → You will be muted
- → During the panel discussion Q&A, please use the chat box for your questions and inputs





## Safety Protocols

- → Please note the exit doors
- → Evacuation area is the Warren Mall
- → Find a UC San Diego staff or faculty



#### Agenda

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5:00-5:05pm	CAP Executive Board Chairwoman Welcome	Corporate Affiliates Pro
	Magaly Drant	
	Vice President of Developer Productivity, ServiceNow	
5:05-5:10pm	Student Organization Presentation	
	Biomedical Engineering Society	
5:10-5:30pm	Dean's Report	
	Al Pisano	
	Dean, Jacobs School of Engineering; Special Adviser to the Chan	cellor
5:30-5:50pm	Carbon Utilization & Recycling Engines (CURE)	
	Bernhard Palsson, Professor, Bioengineering	
	Michael Burkart, Professor and Chair, Chemistry & Biochemistry	
	Jonathan Shurin, Professor, Ecology, Behavior & Evolution	
	Adam Feist, Research Scientist, Bioengineering	
5:50-6:20pm	Faculty Panel & CAP Executive Input: Carbon Utilization & Recycling Engines (CURE)	
6:20-6:30pm	CAP Business	
	Wil Dyer	
	Director, Corporate Affiliates Program	
6:30pm	Adjournment	



#### Welcome New CAP Partner

# **Genentech** A Member of the Roche Group

**CAP Executive:** 

Scott Rosenthal Executive Director Head of Manufacturing Science and Technology (MSAT)



#### Welcome Guests

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Shariqa Dowla

Director, Software Engineering Cubic Transportation Systems

### Welcome New Vice Chair

- Director for Enterprise Software at Cubic Transportation Systems (CTS), which provides technology solutions for public transit companies across the world.
- Shariqa got her undergraduate degree from BITS Pilani (India).
   She is passionate about the role of public transit and its impact on sustainability in the future of our cities.
- Shariqa is a **mentor and advocate diversity in tech**, actively promoting initiatives that support the career development of women and underrepresented groups in STEM fields.
- As a proud mom of two current UC students, Shariqa is excited to **engage with UC San Diego's talented students and faculty** and drive potential research collaborations.



#### Welcome Biomedical Engineering Society



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# BIOMEDICAL ENGINEERING SOCIETY

#### 2024-2025

Annika O'Rourke: Bioengineering '25
 CAP Meeting
 February 6, 2025

# OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES







### **Translational Medicine**

- Translational Medicine is an interdisciplinary branch of biomedical science that seeks to "translate" research findings into novel diagnostics, medicines, and policies to ultimately improve individual and public health
  - Martin Wehling







#### Translational Medicine Day (TMD) Schedule: Wednesday, Feb. 19th, 2025 12PM - 5PM

- MD/PhD panel 12-1pm
- Networking Lunch 1-2pm
- Keynote Speaker 2-3pm
- Startups Panel 3-4pm
- Industry Demonstrations 4-5pm
- Closing & raffle 5pm







# Bioengineering May 28, 2025

Day

Largest Bioengineering event on campus with 400+ attendees

BE Day Includes:

- Senior-Design Project Showcase
- Keynote speech
- Industry demonstrations
- Networking lunch
- Final round of BMES Quizbowl!







# **Project Team**

#### **Student-led Project**

- Students work with peers on a medical device project to gain technical experience
- Develop mechanical, electrical, & software skills
- Focusing on mentorship and hands-on opportunities for new students!

#### Project Cycles (Research)

- Research opportunities through a lab
- Wet lab and biotech skills
- Formal application process

# We welcome industry projects!







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#### **Heart Simulation Model**

**Objective:** Create a model of a heart that simulates physiological pressures and flows

**Skills involved:** Robotics, controls, heart physiology, fluid dynamics, biomechanics, sensor interaction

**Outcome:** A prototype complete with flow/pressure sensors that emulates the conditions of the heart





# THANK YOU

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#### Sponsorship Package

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# Albert P. Pisano

Dean, Jacobs School of Engineering Special Adviser to the Chancellor

Looking Back and Forging Ahead



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### AGENDA

- 1. Looking Back at 2024
- 2. Forging Ahead: 2025 and Beyond
- 3. Carbon Utilization & Recycling Engines (CURE)

### **Jacobs School Supporting Wildfire Response**



Video: ALERTCalifornia cameras monitoring a fire in real time

https://cameras.alertcalifornia.org/

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ALERTCalifornia is a multidisciplinary UC San Diego program working to understand natural disasters and determine short and long-term impacts on people and the environment to inform management decisions.

Jacobs School of Engineering Principal Investigator:

#### Falko Kuester

Professor

Computer Science & Engineering Structural Engineering

# Looking Back at 2024



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Renewed my appointment as **Dean of the Jacobs School**, and began my new role as **Special Adviser to the Chancellor** for Campuswide Strategic Initiatives

## **Rising up the Rankings**



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#11 Engineering
School, #7 Public, and
#1 Public Engineering
School for Academic
Paper Citations

## Research Expenditures Breaks Records! UC San Diego

#### \$316M - up 23%, with 47% from industry & private funding

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Jacobs School Research Expenditures



## **Banner Year for Fundraising**



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**\$56.8M** in philanthropic gifts to the Jacobs School, including:

- ★ \$21M department support
- ★ \$6.4M student support
- ★ 18 new endowed chairs

## **Welcomed 11 New Faculty**



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Approaching 300 total faculty; 180+ in the last 11 years



## Taking the Lead towards Fusion Energy



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Launched the **new Fusion** Engineering Institute to prioritize the most difficult scientific and engineering challenges holding back the promise of **safe**, affordable clean energy from fusion power plants.

## fei.ucsd.edu

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## Translating Engineering & Computer Science for the Public Good

- Brain recording device gets FDA approval for clinical trials
- Al algorithms to determine newborn nursing abilities
- Robots for helping people with mild cognitive impairment
- Fingertip wrap to monitor sweat for health monitoring

...and many more!





# Forging Ahead: 2025 and Beyond



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## Faculty are Hitting their Stride in 2025...



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Eight Jacobs School faculty received the Accelerating Innovation to Market (AIM) awards

AIM focuses on **expediting** groundbreaking university technologies into market-ready solutions through resources and funding.



## ...Receiving Global Recognition...



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Six Jacobs School faculty named IEEE Fellows representing three engineering departments, highlighting the interdisciplinary nature of our research



## ...Accelerating Interdisciplinary Research

Six new Jacobs School faculty join the Early Career Faculty Acceleration Program, to help early-career faculty build interdisciplinary research collaborations to the point that they are competitive for multi-year research funding.



# Meeting the Increasing Demand for Engineering Talent



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• **9,600+** engineering students, largest in the west coast

• Steady increase year-over-year

- **29%** Female, **25%** Underrepresented Minority
  - Designated as a Minority-Serving Institution
  - Qualified for Hispanic-Serving Institution designation in 2027

# Unanimous UC Regents Approval of Fusion Engineering





UC Regents approved creation of **UC Pacific Crest Fusion,** which is a Special Purpose Entity to help ensure that the State of California, and the US overall, emerges as the leader in practical fusion energy.

UC San Diego, and its **newly established Fusion Engineering Institute**, will lead efforts to organize the research and education as well as workforce development areas within UC Pacific Crest Fusion.
### **Our 5 Strategic Programs**



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- 1. The Institute for Healthcare Engineering
- 2. TODAY: Carbon Utilization & Recycling Engines (CURE) Center
  - Overview
  - Faculty Lightning Talks
  - Panel Q&A
- 3. Fusion Engineering Institute
- 4. Laboratory for Emerging Intelligence
- 5. Heterogeneous Integration of Semiconductors



# Faculty Presentations









Bernhard Palsson Professor Bioengineering Michael Burkart Professor & Chair Chemistry & Biochemistry Jonathan Shurin Professor Ecology

Adam Feist Research Scientist, Bioengineering

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# Faculty Presentations



# **Bernhard Palsson**

Professor, Bioengineering

### **CURE:** Biosustainability & Biomanufacturing



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# CURE: Biosustainability and Biomanufacturing

Bernhard Palsson Bioengineering and Pediatrics Presentation to CAP Feb 6th 2025





#### UCSD/JSOE a site of an international Center





Automation Computational Design & Analytics Lachlan Munro DNA Foundry Viji Kandasamy Recon-struction Patrick Phaneuf ALE Adam Feist X ---🖓 🖬 Integrated ermentatio Platform Genome Design & Analytics Tools Daniel Zielinski Analytics

- 2011-2025
- >\$650M in research
- >\$30M direct@UCSD
- >30 spinouts
- >\$480M raised
- 120,00 sqft building





### **Knowledge-enriched data analytics**



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The Palsson Lab

### Need large data bases & analytics for production hosts:

Table needs to be filled out and made available to all

Industrial	Bitomics	Allelomics	Pangenomics	GEMs	Structural	Transcriptomics	Databases
Bacteria					Proteomics		
E. coli	<u>Nucleic Acids</u> <u>Res. 2020</u>	<u>PNAS 2023</u>	BMC Genomics. 2022, Synth Syst Biotechnol. 2022, pankb.org	<u>Nucleic</u> <u>Acids Res.</u> <u>2016</u>	Bioinformatics 2018	<u>Nat Commun.</u> 2019	Nucleic Acids Res. 2019 & 2020 pankb.org
B. subtilis	automated generation	pankb.org	<u>mSystems. 2021,</u> <u>pankb.org</u>	<u>JBC 2007</u>	automated generation	<u>Nat Commun.</u> 2020	Nucleic Acids Res. 2019 & 2020 pankb.org
P. putida	automated generation	pankb.org	<u>pankb.org</u>	Environ Microbiol. 2020	automated generation	mSystems 2024	Nucleic Acids Res. 2019 & 2020 pankb.org
V. natriegens	automated generation	pankb.org	<u>pankb.org</u>	automated generation	automated generation	Cell Reports 2023	Nucleic Acids Res. 2019 & 2020 pankb.org
C. glutamicum	automated generation	pankb.org	pankb.org	automated generation	automated generation	Microbiol. Res. 2023	Nucleic Acids Res. 2019 pankb.org
Lactobacillaceae	automated generation,	<u>pankb.org,</u> bioRxiv. 2023	Food Microbiol. 2023, pankb.org	<u>mSystems</u> 2024	automated generation	<u>Microbial</u> Biotech. 2024	pankb.org
Streptomyces	automated generation	pankb.org	pankb.org	automated generation	automated generation	Advanced Science 2024	Nucleic Acids Res. 2019 pankb.org
Software	Bitome	GitHub	PyPhylon	COBRAPy	QSPACE	PyModulon	





### Vision/Goals/Asks

#### • Vision

- Get UCSD to the >\$100M scale
- Get a dedicated 120,000 sq.ft. building
- Develop a Genome Science and Engineering program by the end of the decade
- Asks: Near- & mid-term
  - \$20-30M over 5 years to enforce a dominant position in data analytics + computational biology
  - 4-6 core faculty slots to drive research and educational development in this area
- Goals: exciting new research directions
  - CURE–Develop new feedstocks: food waste, plastics, biological fibers (cellulose, lignin,..)
  - Metabolic Atlas of catabolic pathways for versatile degradation (pangenome-scale)
  - New biomanufacturing modalities: electrosynthesis as a disruptive manufacturing modality, new bioreactor designs







# Faculty Presentations



# Michael Burkart

Professor & Chair, Chemistry & Biochemistry

CURE: Renewable and biodegradable plastics from biomass UC San Diego

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## Renewable and biodegradable plastics from biomass

Michael Burkart, PhD

Department of Chemistry & Biochemistry Center for Renewable Materials California Center for Algae Biotechnology

University of California San Diego





### What We Do Well

- 1. Isolate abundant metabolites from biomass (microalgae)
- 2. Develop monomers using scalable chemical processes
- 3. Formulate **materials** (biodegradable plastics)
- 4. **Prototype** development with commercial partners

**Metabolism – Chemistry – Polymers – Formulation – Manufacturing** 

# From Microalgae into Performance Materials 2014-2024





Nannochloropsis salina algae biomass















# Outcomes (2014-2024)

- 6 Licensed patents
- 21 peer-reviewed publications
- \$15M in grant funding (DOE)
- 2 startup companies













<u>Algenesis Materials</u> \$15M Seed \$15 Non-dilutive (SBIR) \$100M DOD DIBC (pending)

Products/partnerships: Patagonia, Herman Miller, IKEA, Blueview (self-branded)





















# Faculty Presentations



# Jonathan Shurin

Professor, Ecology, Behavior & Evolution

### CURE: Environmental Impacts of Microplastics



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# What are the fate and impact of microplastics in the environment?

Jonathan Shurin Lab, Dept of Ecology, Behavior and Evolution, UCSD



ALGENESIS

- Typical thermoplastic polyurethanes (TPUs) cause algae blooms in experimental ponds
  - Algae blooms produce toxins, pathogenic bacteria and hypoxia that kill fish and other animals
- Plastic pollution causes algae blooms by killing herbivorous zooplankton that eat algae
- Two biodegradable TPUs developed at UCSD had smaller effects on algae and zooplankton



#### Zooplankton biomass vs. plastic concentration



### Where should I put my algae farm?

#### Three-year field experiment





#### **Model predictions**



Lots of variation independent of climate (light and temperature)



# **Faculty Presentations**



# Adam Feist

Research Scientist, Bioengineering

### **CURE: Strain Design and Optimization**



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### **Strain Design and Optimization Powers Biomanufacturing**

## CURE CENTER

### Optimized Strains Drive Applications



#### J. Ind. Microbiol. Biotechnol., Volume 50, Issue 1, 2023

### THE FEIST LAB

- Focused on Evolutionary Engineering of Microbes
- Best-In-Class Technology Platform
  - Broad Applicability
  - Efficient Operation
- Laboratory Automation
- High-Quality Data Capture
- Biofoundry Concept

### **Evolutionary Engineering - What is it?**



### The Platform Driven by Automation and Bioinformatics

First-in-Class Lab Automation – 3<sup>rd</sup> Gen Robot



Evolved Cellular Components – Identified at the Genetic Level





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Reproducibly Occurring Mutations -Power of Multiple Experiments

### **Application – Addressing Plastic Waste**

#### Seven Resin Identification Codes (RICs)



**RSC Education** 

- Polyurethane specialty elastomer with good elasticity / resistance to stresses (uses include: automotive parts, electronics cases, sporting goods and footwear)
- Polyurethane can be collected under "category 7"
- Only 0.3% of collected plastics in this category is recycled in the US\*

\*Resour. Conserv. Recycl., 167, 105440 (2021).

### **Degradable Biocomposite (BC) Thermoplastic Polyurethane (TPU)**

### What if we integrate **spore-forming TPU-degrading bacteria** into TPU?



#### **3. Advanced Mechanical Properties**



4. Programmable & Faster disintegration



### **Programmed & Facilitated Biodegradation of BC TPU**

**Biodegradation Conditions - Autoclaved compost:** Less microbially active environment simulating TPU in/on land **Biodegradation:** Spores in BC TPU germinated given the nutrients/moisture in compost and facilitated the degradation of TPU



### Synthetic Biology -Rationally Programming Biological Function into Biocomposites

Fluorescence, bright-field and merged images (left to right) - confocal laser scanning microscopy (CLSM)

- Control: Absence of fluorescence signal from just TPU and BC TPU<sup>HST</sup> (no GFP plasmid)
- BC TPU<sup>HST/GFP</sup> incubated in LB and CE exhibited strong GFP
- Result indicates the programmed plasmid could be retained and protected along with chromosome within HST spores

Biocomposite TPU<sup>HST/GFP</sup> In phosphate buffer saline (PBS), LB, or compost extract (CE) GFP Bright-field Merged



PBS



nature communications

Article





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# **Faculty Panel**









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## **CAP** Business





Wil DyerAlice GrgasDirectorAssociate DirectorCorporate Affiliates ProgramCorporate Affiliates Program - Talent Programs

#### **CAP** Updates





### **CAP Talent Programs: Recruiting Continues!**



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Send us the description(s) and we'll

take care of the rest!

- Team Internship Program (TIP)
- Cooperative Education (Co-op)
- Individual Internships
- Full-time/Part-time jobs
- Alumni for experienced roles



Students meet engineers & tour Intuit

Contact Alice Grgas at agrgas@ucsd.edu

### CAP Talent Programs: Customized Engagement UC San Diego

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- Tailored & exclusive events for your company
- Info Sessions, Tech Talks, Resume Reviews
- Micro Career Fair / Targeted Networking
- Mock Interviews or On-Campus Interviews
- Speed Recruiting
- Site tours at your company



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# Senior (Capstone) Design Projects

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Why Senior Design

**Projects?** 

- Team of 3-6 students
- Student skills & fresh ideas in action on your technology
- Mentor students
- IP assigned to sponsor

Department	Format	Deadline to Submit Proposal
Bioengineering	1 year project	May 1, 2025
Chemical Engineering	Winter & Spring Quarters (consecutive)	Dec 2, 2024
Electrical & Computer Engineering	Winter Quarter & Spring Quarter	Dec 2, 2024
Mechanical & Aerospace Engineering	November - March or February - June	Oct 15, 2024 (Fall/Winter) Jan 15, 2025 (Winter/Spring)
NanoEngineering	Winter & Spring Quarters (consecutive)	Jan 6, 2025



# RESEARCH EXPO 2025

Wednesday, April 30th

✓ CAP Executive Judges
✓ CAP Sponsorships
✓ Ph.D Recruiting

**REGISTER AT JACOBSSCHOOL.UCSD.EDU/RESEARCH-EXPO/JUDGES** 



### From Last CAP Board Meeting: Announcing Generative AI Research Summit



- February 20-21, 2025
- Atkinson Hall
- Sessions about the GenAl frontier and its impacts on:
  - Science
  - Society
  - Creativity

Contact: Wil Dyer, wdyer@ucsd.edu

https://genaisummit2025.ucsd.edu/



### **CAP Executive Guest Invitations to Research Reviews**



Supply Chain Research Forum April 8-9, 2025



Networked Systems Research Review May 8-9, 2025



Visual Computing Research Retreat June 5, 2025



## **Current Slate of Important Dates**

June 5	Spring CAP Executive Board Meeting	
June 5	Center for Visual Computing Research Review	
May 8-9	Center for Networked Systems Research Review	
April 30	43rd Annual Jacobs School Research Expo	
April 7-9	Institute for Supply Chain Excellence & Innovation 25th Annual Forum	
March 11-14	Kyoto Prize Symposium at UC San Diego	
February 20-21	UC San Diego Generative AI (GenAI) Summit	



## Thank you! Next CAP Executive Board Meeting: June 5, 2025