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Regents Address Compensation Issues; Endorse Task Force Recommendations

At its regularly scheduled meeting in San Francisco on May 16-18, the UC Board of Regents endorsed the recommendations of a key task force and adopted several supporting actions, and UC President Robert C. Dynes unveiled an action plan to reform compensation programs at the University of California.

The actions taken are intended to improve controls over compensation decisions, enhance public disclosure of compensation actions, and yet allow the university to remain competitive for talented faculty and staff in the challenging higher education marketplace. The board also received the last of several audits intended to establish the facts of compensation provided to senior managers at the university over the last several years.

Among other actions at the meeting, the board endorsed the recommendations of the Task Force on UC Compensation, Accountability, and Transparency, an external

group commissioned to make policy recommendations to improve UC's compensation programs. The Regents also approved the creation of a "chief compliance officer" at the Office of the President, a position intended to function independently and objectively in assessing compliance issues and concerns within the university. In addition, Dynes unveiled his own five-point plan for reforming UC compensation practices, focusing on proper disclosure, adherence to the University's 1993 compensation principles, improved information systems, improved working relations with the Regents, and cultural renewal within the institution.

The Regents issued a statement affirming their support for Dynes' leadership, as well as its intention to hold him accountable for enacting needed reforms and to be more directly involved in the overall management of the university. The Regents' full statement can be found at <http://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/news/2006/may18a.html>

Corporate CEOs Visit Sacramento To Deliver Investment Message

Richard S. Ziman, chairman and chief executive officer of Arden Realty, Inc., Sharalyn Staglin, CEO of Staglin Family Vineyards, and Steven Laub, executive chairman of Teridian Semiconductor Corp., were in Sacramento on May 22 to visit legislators and testify before the Assembly Budget Subcommittee on Education Finance.



Steven A. Laub; Sharalyn K. Staglin; Senator Jack Scott; UCLA Vice Chancellor Michael C. Eicher; Richard S. Ziman

"Our message is simple," said Ziman. "The state must continue to invest its precious resources in the University of California. The return on the state's investment is significant to keep California a competitive force in this global economy."

The state-supported UC research budget was

reduced by 25 percent over a three-year period, beginning in 2002-03, for a total reduction of \$73 million. It is critical to the future of the state that the Legislature and the Governor begin now to restore funding to UC research.

Wyatt R. Hume Appointed Provost of UC System



Acting on the recommendation of University of California President Robert C. Dynes, the UC Board of Regents appointed Wyatt R. (Rory) Hume as provost and senior vice president for academic affairs, the second highest post in the UC system. The appointment was made during a special meeting of the regents on June 2.

"UC is tremendously fortunate to have a person of such great integrity, skill and devotion to the university," Dynes said. "As acting provost, Rory has proven to be tremendously adept at leading the academic enterprise of the university, working collaboratively and constructively with both the faculty and the administration."

Hume, 61, previously served as the executive vice chancellor at UCLA where he had management oversight for the UCLA College of Letters and Science and the UCLA Health System, including the School of Medicine, the faculty practice plans and the UCLA Hospital System. He also served as dean of the School of Dentistry at UCLA; as chair of the Department of Restorative Dentistry at UCSF; and in faculty positions at the University of Adelaide, University of Sydney, and UCLA, where he received the School of Dentistry's Outstanding Teacher Award for four years in succession.

Hume holds a B.S., B.D.S., Ph.D. in pharmacology, and D.D.S. from the University of Adelaide in Australia. He is the author of three books, more than 60 research papers, and more than 100 chapters and other publications.

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2006 Brings Record Admissions and Enrollment to UC

The University of California admitted a record number of freshman students for fall 2006. A total of 55,242 California freshman students were offered fall 2006 admission, an increase of 5,225 students, compared with 50,017 in fall 2005. Overall, 78.2 percent of fall 2006 California freshman applicants have been offered admission to the university, compared with 76.3 percent in fall 2005 and 73.3 percent in fall 2004.

A record number of freshman students have indicated their intention to register at University of California campuses this fall. More than 37,000 students have stated their intent to register at UC in fall 2006, though final enrollments are still subject to change. The university continues to offer a place on one of its campuses to every California resident applicant who meets UC eligibility requirements, and underrepresented minority students account for 19.8 percent of the class intending to register this fall, compared with 18.9 percent last year. Data on the incoming freshman class are available at www.ucop.edu/news/factsheets/2006/fall2006sir.html. Admissions data is available at www.ucop.edu/news/factsheets/2006/fall_2006_admissions_summary_e.pdf

Positive Outcomes for UC Student Academic Preparation Programs

The University of California's student academic preparation programs are making strong progress in helping educationally disadvantaged students prepare for college, according to a new report that evaluates the programs using a more rigorous methodology than ever before. The programs are helping more students complete a college preparatory curriculum in high school, prepare for and take the standardized tests required for college admission, pass the state's high school exit exam, and enroll in college after graduation, according to the report.

"This report demonstrates the importance of UC-led programs focused on preparing more California youth for the rigors of a college education," said UC President Robert C. Dynes. "California's continued success in the global economy depends largely on our ability to bring the next generation of students into higher education and give them the knowledge and skills to be energetic contributors to our state. These programs make a vital contribution, and this report provides an important measure of accountability for the public's investment in the programs."

In April 2005, guided by recommendations from a committee representing the university, the Legislature, and the state Department of Finance, UC adopted a new and more rigorous accountability framework for the programs. **Because of their importance to the state, UC is strongly urging the continuation of \$17 million in state funding for academic preparation programs in the 2006-07 state budget.** The university also provides \$12 million in ongoing internal funding to support the programs. The programs have used this \$29 million in combined funding to leverage an additional \$40 million in support from the federal government and private sources, according to the report.

The full report is available at www.universityofcalifornia.edu/news/academicprep_report04-05.pdf and a summary is at www.universityofcalifornia.edu/news/academicprep_summary04-05.pdf.

UC President's Task Force on Faculty Diversity Meets and Hears Report

The University of California President's Task Force on Faculty Diversity presented its findings and recommendations on the challenges related to recruiting and retaining a diverse faculty population at the President's Summit on Faculty Diversity in Oakland on May 23. Faculty diversity is a critical issue for the University of California as it will foster an academic community that reflects a diverse range of interests, abilities, life experiences and world views that will enhance the academic mission of the University of California.

The task force found that the under-representation of minorities in faculty careers is a national problem, not unique to UC. However, the task force noted that the University of California can make a significant contribution to increasing the national pool of under-represented minority faculty by focusing attention on the diversity of graduate students at UC. The Faculty Diversity Task Force Report can be viewed at www.universityofcalifornia.edu/facultydiversity/report.html

Budget May Revision and Conference Committee Items

The May Revision issued May 12 makes small adjustments to the governor's January state budget proposal for the University of California. The principal changes are a proposed augmentation of \$1 million, on a one-time basis in 2006-07, for faculty recruitment and start-up costs supporting an expansion of undergraduate and graduate nursing programs; and a \$3.8 million reduction in the 2005-06 budget related to final enrollment levels.

UC's priority issue at this point in the budget process is to restore \$10.34 million eliminated from the governor's proposed budget for UC caused by using an outdated formula to calculate the marginal cost of education (the cost of adding each additional student as enrollment grows). UC and CSU are both urging strongly that the restoration of these funds be approved. The reduction for CSU would be \$13.7 million.

Other priority issues include restoration of state funding for academic preparation programs, a community college joint transfer initiative proposed by Assembly Speaker Fabian Núñez, salary increases for lower-paid workers, capital outlay issues, including the Education and Social Sciences Building at UC Santa Barbara and the Helios Project at Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, and proposed supplemental budget language concerning a UC Office of the President performance review.

2006 University-Sponsored Legislation

UC is sponsoring **SB 1520 (Ducheny)** to ensure that the UC Health System can effectively implement the new hospital finance waiver – the waiver was enacted last year to provide federal funds to California hospitals that care for a disproportionate share of poor and uninsured patients. The bill is now being considered in the Assembly, after passing out of the Senate. Meanwhile, UC continues an effort started last year on competitive bidding sponsored legislation, **SB 667 (Migden)**. The bill would allow UC to select the lowest responsible bidder for a construction project by using the best combination of price, qualifications, relevant experience, and demonstrated management competency. Currently, the bill awaits consideration in the Assembly Business and Professions Committee. Finally, UC seeks **California Subject Matter Projects** reauthorization and **Assumption Program of Loans for Education** expansion to assist students who plan to become math, science, and special education teachers.

UC Opposes AB 2951 Capital Facilities

UC remains strongly opposed to **AB 2951**. If enacted, the bill would cost the university at least \$8.5 million, and possibly far more, in additional utility charges annually. AB 2951 would amend existing law to repeal portions of a 1988 legislative compromise that dictates how public utilities may collect capital facilities fees from government agency customers, including state agencies, public colleges and universities, school districts, counties, and cities. The bill passed the Assembly and will next be considered in the Senate.



Bonnie Kim; Diana Reyes; Asm. Karen Bass; Daysi Alonzo; Amy Mazariago

Student Leadership Conference Draws Students to Sacramento

As part of a first annual Student Leadership Forum, some 150 students from the Early Academic Outreach Program (EAOP), Mathematics, Engineering Science Achievement (MESA), and The Puente Project participated in two days of leadership training in Sacramento to May 23 and 24. Students learned how to effectively communicate to legislators, as well as acquire nuts-and-bolts information on how state government works.

Assembly members Fabian Núñez, Karen Bass, Joe Coto, and Jackie Goldberg attended as did UC Regent Eddie Island and nationally acclaimed artist Simon Silva.

EAOP, MESA, and The Puente Project are part of UC's Student Academic Preparation and Educational Partnerships programs that provide services to educationally disadvantaged students so they are prepared to go to college. These programs and others are slated for elimination in the 2006-07 state budget; UC is working to support continuation of these funds.

Infrastructure Bond on November Ballot

In a heralded bipartisan effort, legislators approved an infrastructure bond package for the November 2006 ballot. At the University of California, this funding would be used to accommodate growing numbers of students, to renew aging infrastructure, and to keep up with the changing technology that is critical to instruction and research in so many fields.

The education bond includes \$345 million per year, for two years, for UC facilities. It also includes a total of \$200 million over the two-year period for capital improvements to support expansion of UC medical education programs. The university expects to use this latter funding to provide facilities and state-of-the-art equipment for increased enrollments in PRIME (UC's Programs in Medical Education), which are aimed at improving health care for currently underserved populations and communities in California.

The University of California's reputation as a research powerhouse is built not only upon the strengths of its faculty researchers and scholars, but is due in large measure to the achievements of its graduate and undergraduate students, and collaborative public and private partnerships.

Earthquake Science and Research Highlighted in Centennial of 1906 San Francisco Quake



On the 100th anniversary of the 1906 San Francisco earthquake, UC researchers are contributing to the understanding of how and when earthquakes happen, and what can be

done to minimize damage. Please visit www.universityofcalifornia.edu/everyday/earthquake/ for additional information and details about UC earthquake related programs.

UCB—UC Berkeley Chancellor Robert J. Birgeneau announced a major new multidisciplinary campus initiative to improve the quality of life for impoverished people by helping them develop their full economic potential. The **Richard C. Blum Center for Developing Economies** will educate UC Berkeley students about the world of foreign assistance, its potential and challenges; draw on UC Berkeley faculty expertise from a wide range of disciplines including governance and law, affordable technology, agriculture, health care services, infrastructure and general economic development. The center will



be financed through a \$15 million gift and \$5 million challenge grant from Blum, a San Francisco philanthropist and UC regent. blumcenter.berkeley.edu/

UCD—Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger visited UC Davis to celebrate a \$1 million grant establishing the country's first center of excellence in energy efficiency. The new center is dedicated to speeding the transfer of new energy-saving products and services into the homes and lives of Californians. The **UC Davis Energy Efficiency Center** is expected to bring together leaders in academia, industry, and the investment community to advance innovation in energy efficiency – the state's most critical energy resource. The center also will reinforce California's standing as a national and international leader in energy efficient practices that benefit the environment and the California economy. The **California Clean Energy Fund (CalCEF)** awarded the grant to UC Davis because of what CalCEF officials said is the campus' exceptional commitment to developing and bringing energy efficient technology to the marketplace. www.ucdavis.edu/spotlight/0406/energy_center.html

UCI— Researchers at the UC Irvine **Center for the Study of Health Effects of Exercise in Children** have received a \$7.2 million, five-year National Institutes of Health grant to study the impact of physical activity on childhood health. The information gained will

be used to find how exercise can be best used to prevent asthma and childhood obesity, and to enhance the process of growth and development in children with chronic disease and disability; www.ucihealth.com/News/Releases/06/MayExerciseChildren.htm

UCLA—Researchers at the UCLA Center for Civil Society analyzed more than 30,000 public-serving charities and found that while the nonprofit sector continued to grow at a slow pace during California's continued fiscal crisis, the difficult funding environment may have caused the region's nonprofits to fall behind in their collective capacity to respond to the needs of an expanding population. The research findings are published in "New Horizons: The State of the Nonprofit Sector in Los Angeles," a 2006 report issued by the **UCLA School of Public Affairs Center for Civil Society**, www.newsroom.ucla.edu/page.asp?RelNum=7015

UCM—In a recruiting triumph for the University of California, Merced, **Professor Raymond Chiao** of the UC Berkeley physics department accepted a joint faculty appointment in the fledgling university's schools of Natural Science and Engineering. He plans to pursue a new line of research in gravitational radiation at his new post. Chiao is an award-winning atomic, molecular and optical physicist. His research into the behavior of photons – the particles that make up light – and related particles has made Chiao a renowned expert in his field. www.ucmerced.edu/news_articles/12142005_renowned_berkeley_physicist_raymond.asp

UCR—A high-level delegation from the **China Agricultural University in Beijing** visited **UC Riverside** in April for tours, dinners and talks. The result was the signing of an agreement to expand a partnership between the universities to operate a **CAU/UCR Center for Biological Sciences**, on the premises of CAU, and to focus on plant sciences. www.newsroom.ucr.edu/cgi-bin/display.cgi?id=1302

UCSD—The Corporation for Education Network Initiatives in California (CENIC) announced that the **first production of a 10 gigabit Ethernet campus connection** in the United States was installed from the University of California, San Diego to CENIC's high-performance backbone network, CalREN. Upgrading from their one gigabit connection, this new link provides unprecedented wide area network capacity to UCSD's students, faculty and staff. UCSD pursued this connection as its researchers need larger data transfer and more powerful distributed collaboration, particularly in the biomedical and ocean sciences. Currently, other major research universities in California are connected at one gigabit. www.ucnewswire.org/news_viewer.cfm?story_PK=4450

UCSF—A new **light-adjustable intraocular lens** is showing promise for **clearer vision for cataract patients**, according to results from early clinical trials. Based on technology developed by researchers at the University of California, San Francisco and California Institute of Technology, the lens is made of photosensitive silicone that can be precisely and non-invasively adjusted after cataract surgery, reducing the refractive errors that are common after the surgical procedure. www.ucsfhealth.org/adult/health_library/news/2006/03/63929.html

UCSB—A **genetic switch that links growth and cancer laboratory discoveries** by biologists at UCSB and the University of Minnesota may lead to **new directions in cancer therapy drugs**. Researchers have discovered that a genetic switch involved in growth and development of an animal is the same one used to prevent normal cells from becoming cancerous. www.ia.ucsb.edu/pa/display.aspx?pkey=1435

UCSC—Researchers at the University of California, Santa Cruz, have received major funding from the National Institutes of Health to develop **new sensor technology for biomedical applications**. Potential applications for the new device include highly sensitive testing for medical diagnostics. It could also be a powerful tool for basic research in molecular biology. www.ucsc.edu/news_events/press_releases/text.asp?pid=842

These stories and more on Science Today, www.ucop.edu/sciencetoday.

Student Activism Results in Sudan Divestment

Due to the tenacious activism of UC students and UC Student Regent, Adam Rosenthal, the University of California Board of Regents voted on March 16 to divest from foreign companies that help make it possible for the Sudan government to continue acts of genocide in Darfur. The regents voted to divest all UC shares, including those combined in index funds, of nine companies held within separately managed equity portfolios of the university's pension and endowment funds. The divestment action prohibits future investment in these companies until there is compelling information that a company has materially improved its operation and is no longer contributing to the suffering in Darfur. Details at www.universityofcalifornia.edu/regents/aar/marff.pdf

UC Retains Outstanding Record As Patent Holder

For the 12th consecutive year the University of California has topped the list of universities receiving the most patents for inventions in 2005. "America's economic strength and global leadership depend on continued technological advances," said Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property Jon Dudas. "Groundbreaking discoveries and patented inventions generated by innovative minds at academic institutions have paid enormous dividends, improving the lives and livelihoods of generations of Americans."

PATENT RANKINGS

Rank in 2005	Patents 2005	University	Rank in 2004	Patents 2004
1	390	University of CA	1	424
2	136	Massachusetts Institute of Technology	3	132
3	101	CA Institute of Technology	2	135
4	90 (TIE)	Stanford University	6	75
		University of Texas	4	101

National Academy of Sciences Elections Recognize 14 UC Faculty

The National Academy of Sciences (NAS) recently announced the election of 72 new members. The nation's leaders have often turned to the National Academies for advice on the scientific and technological issues that frequently inform policy decisions. Among the 72 newly elected members are 14 distinguished UC scientists hailing from six campuses: Berkeley (5), Davis, Irvine (2), Los Angeles, Santa Cruz (2), and San Diego (3). The new class of members reflect outstanding accomplishment in a wide variety of disciplines. The total number of active members is 2,013, including 371 foreign associates. www.universityofcalifornia.edu/news/2006/apr27.html

HEALTH CARE AT UC

UC continues to provide high quality health care to Californians, while making significant strides toward improving overall medical care. This spring UC physicians and scientists continued to focus on patient care and unlocking medical mysteries.

- Researchers from the **UCLA School of Dentistry** developed the first standardized saliva RNA test for oral cancer. Now ready for further clinical testing, this new tool for detecting cancer will provide enormous clinical value in reducing the mortality and morbidity of oral cancer patients and improving their quality of life. www.newsroom.ucla.edu/page.asp?RelNum=6982
- UCSF inaugurated the new home of the **UCSF Fetal Treatment Center** – a center already world-renowned for its expertise and innovation in treating a host of complex and potentially fatal congenital defects in utero. pub.ucsf.edu/today/cache/news/200603288.html
- Researchers at the **UCSD School of Medicine** discovered that so-called flesh-eating "strep" bacteria use a specific enzyme to break free of the body's immune system. This finding has the potential to drive new treatments for serious infections in human patients. health.ucsd.edu/news/2006/02_21_Nizet.htm
- **The UC Davis Center for Health and Technology** received the President's Award for the Advancement of Telemedicine from the American Telemedicine Association at its 11th annual international meeting. The award recognizes the center's overall leadership and innovation in using the latest in telecommunications technology to improve the delivery of health care. ucdmc.ucdavis.edu/cht/
- **UC Irvine Medical Center** recently began diagnosing cardiac patients with a highly advanced computed tomography (or CAT) scanner. The new scanner creates high accuracy, three-dimensional, full-color images that can reveal blockages in blood vessels and other cardiac problems not easily detectable by more invasive tests. UCI has one of only two centers in the nation that trains physicians in the use of this leading-edge technology. www.ucihealth.com/News/UCI%20Health/06Spr64SliceCTScanner.htm

IN MEMORIAM

Alfred Alquist – Senator Alfred Alquist was a friend of the University of California. He was a great supporter of education and championed the creation of the Extended Opportunities Programs and Services, which serves more than 100,000 disadvantaged college students annually. He also was the father of the Senate Fiscal Retreat, aka the Alquist Retreat, co-sponsored by the Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Committee and the University of California.

Marco Firebaugh – Marco Firebaugh was an outstanding alumnus, special friend of the University of California and dedicated public servant. Marco held a political science degree from UC Berkeley and a juris doctorate degree from UCLA. Although his professional life revolved around the political arena, Marco remained a devoted supporter of UCLA as visiting professor and policy fellow at the UCLA School of Medicine and Center for the Study of Latino Health and Culture.

RESOURCES

FEEDBACK TO PRESIDENT DYNES

www.universityofcalifornia.edu/president/desk.html

BUDGET NEWS

www.universityofcalifornia.edu/news/budget

EMPLOYEE BENEFITS

atyourservice.ucop.edu/

UNION NEGOTIATIONS

atyourservice.ucop.edu/employees/policies/labor_relations/index.html

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