

**THE REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA
MEETING AS A COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

May 14, 2003

The Regents of the University of California met on the above date at UCSF–Laurel Heights, San Francisco.

Present: Regents Connerly, Davies, Hopkinson, Johnson, Kozberg, Lee, Ligot-Gordon, Lozano, Marcus, Montoya, Moores, Preuss, Sainick, Sayles, and Terrazas

In attendance: Regents-designate Murray and Seigler, Faculty Representatives Binion and Pitts, Secretary Trivette, General Counsel Holst, Provost King, Senior Vice Presidents Darling and Mullinix, Vice Presidents Broome, Drake, Gurtner, and Hershman, Chancellors Berdahl, Bishop, Carnesale, Cicerone, Córdova, Dynes, Greenwood, Vanderhoef, and Yang, University Auditor Reed, and Recording Secretary Bryan

The meeting convened at 8:40 a.m. with Chairman Moores presiding.

1. PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairman Moores explained that the Board had been convened as a Committee of the Whole in order to permit members of the public an opportunity to comment on University-related matters. The following persons addressed the Board concerning the subjects noted.

- A. Ms. Fran Holzer, a UC Riverside employee, encouraged the Regents to offer an early retirement program in order to avoid layoffs, particularly in the College of Natural and Agricultural Resources, and to be creative in their response to budget cuts.
- B. Mr. Murray Morgan, a former UC employee, believed that the University's researchers have conflicts of interest that are being overlooked by the administration.
- C. Ms. Norah Foster, representing the Coalition of University Employees, believed that clericals had been forced to accept a miserly contract. She called upon the administration to begin improving the financial picture for the University's lowest-paid workers.
- D. Ms. Hannah Strange, representing the Council for Responsible Public Investment, objected to the way in which proxy voting on investment matters is handled and urged the Regents to develop consistency in their votes against tobacco interests.

- E. Mr. Sulé Gordon, representing the UC Free Burma Coalition, asked to discuss with the Committee on Investments the University's investment strategy with regard to companies doing business with Burma.
- F. Ms. Mary Higgins, representing the Coalition of University Employees, stated that the union was against student fee increases and advocated spending unrestricted funds to alleviate the University's budget problems and making information available on how taxpayers' money was being spent.
- G. Ms. Darwin Bond-Graham, a student, believed that the Department of Energy Laboratories were in violation of international law by producing new nuclear weapons under the auspices of stockpile stewardship.
- H. Ms. Maggie Souder spoke on behalf of Mr. David Bell, Vice Chair of the Council of UC Staff Assemblies, providing an overview of the functions of the Council and commenting that the Council would welcome future collaboration with the Regents.
- I. Mr. Jonathan Kaplan commented that the University's agricultural and natural resources functions were slated to receive budget cuts of a magnitude that would cripple programs such as cooperative extension. He believed that research on developing sustainable agriculture would be severely impaired as a result.

The following people spoke to ***Item 1-EF, Joint Meeting of the Committees on Educational Policy and Finance: Proposal to Oppose California State Ballot Initiative: CRECNO (Classification by Race, Ethnicity, Color, or National Origin)***:

- J. Ms. Genevieve Espinoza, a UCLA student representing the California Statewide Affirmative Action Coalition Against CRECNO, believed that tracking ethnic data was helping the underclasses to receive State services such as health care and was an important function of the University.
- K. Ms. Elyna Céspedes, a student, believed that CRECNO posed a direct threat to the University's mission to teach, discover, and advance knowledge. She also believed that the initiative was divisive and illegal.

The following people spoke to ***Item 502, Committee on Finance: Proposed Increases in Student Fees for 2003-04***:

- L. Mr. Francisco Lopez, a UC student, believed that raising student fees would unfairly disadvantage illegal aliens in their pursuit of a college education.
- M. Mr. Yousef Tajsar, a UCLA student, stated that increasing student fees would cause student services to be cut and would affect diversity, turning the

University into an elitist institution. He requested that the vote be taken on a campus, where undergraduates could attend.

- N. Mr. Duane De Witt believed that foreign students have a better chance than American veterans of receiving financial aid and that they should be charged higher fees. He was of the opinion that the State should help Californians first.
- O. Mr. Jose Neidermeier, a UC Santa Cruz student, was opposed to increasing student fees and advocated holding the meeting during which the issue was voted upon on a campus when students would be present.
- P. Mr. Matt Kaczmarek, representing the UC Council on Student Fees, believed that, in order to maintain access to the University, the Governor's budget concerning student fees should be rejected.
- Q. Ms. Liz Burrell, a student, stated that the fee increase would be unfair to students, causing them to spend more time working at the expense of participating in University activities.
- R. Mr. Larry Ssettuba, a UC Riverside student, stated that the Regents should not meet out of public view and should ask the public to participate in solving the budget problem. He believed that Regents should be elected rather than appointed.
- S. Mr. Leon Arillano, a UC Davis student, believed that financial aid would be insufficient to make up for the anticipated increase in student fees. He asked the Regents to advocate on the behalf of students of color.

The Committee recessed at 9:25 a.m.

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The Committee reconvened at 9:45 a.m.

2. **INTRODUCTION OF NEW ALUMNI REGENTS**

Regent Sainick introduced Mr. Gary Novack, incoming Treasurer of the Alumni Associations of the University of California, who has been selected to serve as an alumni Regent. Mr. Novack, a UC Santa Cruz graduate, is founder and president of the pharmaceutical and drug consulting company Pharma•Logic Development, Inc.

Regent Terrazas introduced his successor, Mr. Mark Ornellas, the president of the UC Berkeley Alumni Association, an attorney who practices in Stockton. He noted that Mr. Ornellas has been very successful at raising scholarship money for students who have been admitted to the University but would not be able to attend without that help.

3. PRESIDENT'S OVERVIEW

Provost King presented the overview on behalf of President Atkinson, whose prepared remarks addressed the budget crisis and its impact on student fees as well as other matters. The President had noted that an upcoming "impact report" would detail in quantitative fashion the ways in which the University contributes to the economy, health, and quality of life in California and would demonstrate the significant return on investment that the state receives for every public dollar it invests in the University. Provost King noted that the National Science Board had named President Atkinson as the recipient of the 2003 Vannevar Bush Award for lifetime contributions to the nation in science and technology.

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

Attest:

Secretary