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

July 17, 1997

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

Present: Regents Atkinson, Bagley, Brophy, Connerly, Davies, del Junco, Gonzales,

Johnson, Khachigian, Leach, Lee, Levin, McClymond, Montoya, Nakashima,

Parsky, and Soderquist

In attendance: Regents-designate Miura and Willmon, Faculty Representatives Mellichamp and

Weiss, Secretary Trivette, General Counsel Holst, Provost King, Senior Vice President Kennedy, Vice President Gomes, Chancellors Berdahl, Carnesale, Debas, Dynes, Greenwood, Orbach, Vanderhoef, Wilkening, and Yang, and Recording

Secretary Nietfeld

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

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Chairman del Junco explained that the Board had been convened as a Committee of the Whole in order to permit members of the public an opportunity to address matters on the morning's agenda. The following persons addressed the Board concerning the items noted:

## Item 302, Committee on Educational Policy: Approval of Outreach Task Force Recommendations

Ms. Mary Jane Brinton stated that she had provided seventy scholarships to students in the School of Education at the Berkeley campus over the past ten years. These students were willing to teach in poverty areas where the need is great. She saw the termination of affirmative action as premature and in conflict with the program that she has supported and questioned whether she should continue to donate to the campus.

## Item RE-10, Special Committee on Regents' Procedures: Procedures for Public Comment

- A. Ms. Jani Quintero, incoming chair of the Council of UC Staff Assemblies (CUCSA), addressed current procedures for staff input at Regents meetings. Although the chair and vice chair of CUCSA regularly attend Regents meeting, they are not able to contribute to discussions of issues that affect the staff. CUCSA believes that a staff delegate to The Regents would provide information for more balanced discussion.
- B. Ms. Doris Willingham, a Berkeley resident, asked the Board to change its procedures for public comment in order to permit speakers to address matters not on the agenda.

- C. Ms. Nancy Delaney, a Berkeley resident, spoke in support of changing the procedures for public comment in order to allow speakers to pool their time for a seven-minute period. She also supported the concept of allowing people to speak on matters not on the agenda. Ms. Delaney made several suggestions with respect to improving the procedures: that copies of agenda items be made available to the public; that votes be posted in at least one newspaper and also mailed upon request; and that workshops be held to educate the public about the Board of Regents.
- D. Ms. Pamela Sihvola, a Berkeley resident, supported the suggestions contained in RE-10 regarding public comment. She believed that public input would be important prior to approval of the new the contracts with the Department of Energy for management of the Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory.
- E. Ms. Janice Thomas, a Berkeley resident, supported the suggestion that the public be allowed to address the Board on subjects not on the agenda.

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 a.m.

Attest:

Secretary