

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

September 18, 1997

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

Present: Regents Atkinson, Bagley, Brophy, Bustamante, Clark, Connerly, Davies, del Junco, Gonzales, Johnson, Leach, Lee, Levin, McClymond, Montoya, Nakashima, Preuss, and Soderquist

In attendance: Regents-designate Miura and Willmon, Faculty Representatives Dorr and Weiss, Secretary Trivette, General Counsel Holst, Provost King, Senior Vice President Kennedy, Vice Presidents Darling, Gomes, Gurtner, and Hopper, Chancellors Berdahl, Carnesale, Debas, Dynes, Greenwood, Orbach, Vanderhoef, Wilkening, and Yang, and Recording Secretary Nietfeld

The meeting convened at 9:15 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 agendas. The following persons addressed the Board concerning the items noted:

1. ***Item 102, Committee on Grounds and Buildings: Certification of Environmental Impact Report, Amendment of Long Range Development Plan, and Approval of Design, Student Recreation Center, Irvine Campus***
 - A. Mr. Louis Cheng, UC Irvine student, supported the construction of the Student Recreation Center because the current facility does not fulfill the needs of a growing student body. He reported that 30 percent of the students had turned out to vote on whether to fund the recreation center, with over 80 percent voting in favor of the fee.
 - B. Mr. Vincent Merrill, UC Irvine graduate student who served as a member of the East Campus Advisory Planning Committee, reported that the advisory committee had recommended construction of the Student Recreation Center in its proposed location.

2. ***Item 305, Committee on Educational Policy: Report on Implementation of the Recommendations of the Outreach Task Force***

- A. The Reverend Mr. Jesse Jackson, Rainbow Coalition, recalled that he had spoken against the adoption of SP-1, urging the maintenance of a conservative remedy for inclusion that was working. Following the passage of SP-1, there has been a dramatic drop in the numbers of Black, Latino, and Native American students enrolling at the University, which shows that the elimination of affirmative action has not been good for growth and inclusion. Mr. Jackson stated that he supported the idea of high standards but noted that not all schools can provide what is needed to attain these standards. He urged the Board to reconsider its decision on SP-1 because this policy will result in radical resegregation.
- B. The Reverend Mr. Amos Brown, Pastor of the Third Baptist Church and Member of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors, noted that there was an item on the day's agenda pertaining to the University's involvement in the Mars mission. He suggested that the University was not ready for Mars because society had not learned how to live on the earth in an inclusive manner. He believed that the Regents were wrong in thinking that there was a level playing field and that discrimination had been eliminated. He suggested that some Regents had misrepresented the writings of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., who supported the system of affirmative action.
- C. The Reverend Mr. Frank Pinkard, Rainbow Coalition, believed that the Regents were aware of the barriers that many inner-city young people must overcome as they seek to become productive members of society, regardless of their race. He asked that the Regents rescind their vote to implement a policy that tells inner-city youth that there is no place for them in the University.
- D. Mr. Thomas Kimball, United Methodist Church, urged the Regents to reconsider their vote on University admissions policies.

3. ***Item 302, Committee on Educational Policy: Authorization for Continued Planning for and Development of a Tenth University of California Campus***

Mr. Tim O'Neil, chair of the University Committee of Merced, observed that today's committee discussion and the vote to authorize the continued planning and development of the UC Merced campus will send a strong signal to the Legislature, policy makers, and the citizens of the state that the Regents are serious in their commitment to serve the state's most underserved region and serious about their mandate to make room for California's best and brightest students. The citizens of the valley understand that the privilege of having a University of California campus in their region comes with a responsibility to work through their elected representatives to ensure that the University of California has the resources to support and expand its programs throughout the state. Mr. O'Neil pledged the continued

support of the valley's citizens, whose children attend UC at less than half of the statewide participation rate and who often do not return to put their education to work at expanding the valley's economy.

Regent Bagley observed that, with the passage of Proposition 209, SP-1 is now moot. He suggested that the Regents would do a great service by rescinding SP-1.

Regent Bustamante believed that the action of the Board of Regents in adopting SP-1 had sent a negative message to the brightest students in California's minority communities, thereby creating a brain drain from the state as these students chose to attend college outside the UC system. He hoped that the Board would take the symbolic action of rescinding SP-1 in order to signal the University's commitment to a healing process. He stated that, if appropriate, he would move that SP-1 and SP-2 be rescinded. Chairman del Junco ruled that a vote to reconsider would have to be taken at a time when such an action had been duly noticed.

Regent Connerly stated that he would be interested in hearing from Reverend Jackson and the other ministers on what the University can do through outreach to assure that access to the University is provided. He believed that the Regents had adopted the moral principle not to make admissions decisions on the basis of race or ethnicity. The University is now moving forward under the mandate of SP-1 and Proposition 209. He urged the speakers to work with the University to find ways for students to achieve competitive admissibility.

Regent Brophy pointed out that there were ten Regents who voted against SP-1 and asked that speakers recognize this fact.

The meeting adjourned at 9:50 a.m.

Attest:

Secretary