

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

July 18, 1997

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

Present: Regents Atkinson, 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, Treasurer Small, Provost King, Senior Vice President Kennedy, Vice Presidents Darling, Gomes, and Gurtner, Chancellors Berdahl, Carnesale, Debas, Dynes, Orbach, Vanderhoef, and Wilkening, and Recording Secretary Nietfeld

The meeting convened at 9:50 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 *Status Report on Planning for a Tenth University of California Campus*. The following persons addressed the Board:

1. Mr. Bob Carpenter, former chair, UC Merced Committee, reported that the UC Merced Foundation had been formed as a 501(c)(3) charitable foundation to allow individual and corporate contributions until the University's campus foundation is established. The County has been actively planning for the ultimate arrival of the tenth campus; a major study has identified surface transportation needs for the Merced area, including the University of California site. Included in that study is the UC Merced campus parkway project, which will provide access from Highway 99. Both the City and County of Merced have adopted amendments to their general plans which recognize the 10,000 acre University community urban reserve. In addition, a \$1.3 million water plan was formulated which will guarantee the campus water well into the next century. The leadership and citizens of Merced County remain supportive of the project to build the tenth campus.
2. Mr. Tim O'Neill, present chair, UC Merced Committee, noted the potential for joint development by the community and the University of the area surrounding the UC Merced campus site. The site is located on 2,000 acres of the Virginia Smith Trust, northeast of the current City of Merced. The Virginia Smith Trust owns a total of 7,000 acres in the area, and the Cyril Smith Trust owns an additional 4,000 acres. These trusts are charitable educational organizations which provide scholarships to worthy local students. Because of the unique ownership configuration, there is an opportunity to plan a 10,000-acre campus community.

Due to the commercial development undertaken by the University, the two trusts will be able to award more scholarships to be used in the State. Interest on the funds will produce annual scholarship revenues of between \$30 million and \$50 million per year.

The meeting adjourned at 10:05 a.m.

Attest:

Secretary