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

March 19, 1998

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

Present: Regents Atkinson, Bagley, Chandler, Clark, Davies, Davis, Hotchkis, Johnson, Khachigian, Leach, Lee, Levin, McClymonds, Montoya, Nakashima, Ochoa, Sayles, and Soderquist

In attendance: Regents-designate Espinoza and Miura, Faculty Representatives Dorr and Weiss, Secretary Trivette, General Counsel Holst, Treasurer Small, Provost King, Senior Vice President Kennedy, Vice Presidents Broome, Darling, and Gomes, Chancellors Berdahl, Carnesale, Debas, Dynes, Greenwood, and Vanderhoef, and Recording Secretary Nietfeld

The meeting convened at 2:45 p.m. with Chairman Khachigian presiding.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairman Khachigian 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 afternoon’s agendas. The following persons addressed the Board concerning the items noted:

1. Item 101B, Committee on Finance: Approval of Design for University Village Redevelopment, Step 1, Berkeley Campus

   1. Ms. Shirley Dean, Mayor, City of Berkeley, noted that the present plan for the redevelopment of student housing at University Village in Albany will eliminate three youth playing fields that are used extensively by the communities of Berkeley and Albany. The cities are working in partnership to create a sports complex that would involve two fields in University Village as well as adjacent property owned by the University. Because of issues relating to financing, construction, parking and access, the cities are convinced that the playing fields must be planned as a single, contiguous unit.

   2. Mr. Bruce Mast, Mayor, City of Albany, reported that the playing fields are used by three athletic programs which serve approximately 2,000 children. The community understands the need to balance the needs of these programs with the University’s goal of replacing student housing; however, the present redevelopment plan does not take into account the needs of the community.
3. Mr. Doug Fielding, Chair of the Citizens Advisory Committee on Fields, stated that the playing fields represent a major political issue in the community because loss of the fields will destroy the Albany girls’ softball program. He believed that the campus administration had not been forthcoming in its relationship with the community.

4. Mr. Robert Smith, Albany Little League, stated his understanding that the land which is currently being used for a playing field will be used for commercial development, resulting in the eviction of the Albany Little League. The University has offered Dowling Park as a replacement, but it will be expensive to develop this land into a viable site.

5. Mr. Phil Catalfo, Manager of the Albany-Berkeley Soccer Club, reported that many of the families involved in soccer are students, faculty, and employees of the University; the club wants to work with the University’s staff to make the playing fields a priority in the redevelopment of the Village.

2. **Item 502, Joint Meeting, Committees on Educational Policy, Finance, and Investments: Adoption of the Uniform Management of Institutional Funds Act**

1. Mr. David Redo, a member of the UC Berkeley Foundation Investments Committee, reported that the Foundation was recommending that The Regents set an annual expenditure policy for the General Endowment Pool in order to balance the needs of the campus and the total returns after inflation from the endowment. The Foundation also recommends that a cost recovery means be developed to support the efforts of the campus Development Office, noting that the Berkeley endowment grew from $86 million in 1992 to $240 million in 1996.

2. Mr. John Woodward, a member of the UC Santa Cruz Foundation, expressed the Foundation’s support for adoption of the spending policy, noting that the Chair of the Committee on Finance had devoted hours to meeting with representatives of the campus foundations to discuss the proposal. The UC Santa Cruz Foundation believes that the policy is vital to its efforts to raise funds without compromising the Foundation’s fiduciary role as a steward for the gifts.

3. **Item 2, Special Committee on Regents’ Procedures: Appearances Before the Board by the Council of UC Staff Assemblies (CUCSA)**

Ms. Jani Quintero, Chair of CUCSA, commended the President for considering two new procedures to enhance communications between CUCSA and the Board of Regents: an opportunity for CUCSA to address the Regents in open session meetings of Committees for up to ten minutes, and an annual informational report to the Board. She noted CUCSA’s strong belief that a staff representative to The Regents would provide a more balanced discussion and suggested that the President’s proposal represents a step forward toward this
goal. She expressed appreciation to senior administrators and Regents for their willingness to consider staff involvement at the level of the Board of Regents.

The meeting adjourned at 3:10 p.m.

Attest:

Secretary