

The Regents of the University of California

COMMITTEE ON GROUNDS AND BUILDINGS

January 14, 1999

The Committee on Grounds and Buildings met on the above date at UCSF - Laurel Heights, San Francisco.

Members present: Regents Atkinson, Davies, Espinoza, Johnson, Khachigian, Kozberg, Lee, Montoya, and Willmon

In attendance: Regents Bustamante, Leach, Miura, Preuss, and Sayles, Regent-designate Vining, Faculty Representatives Coleman and Dorr, Secretary Trivette, General Counsel Holst, Assistant Treasurer Young representing Treasurer Small, Provost King, Senior Vice President Kennedy, Vice Presidents Broome, Darling, Hershman, and Hopper, Chancellors Berdahl, Bishop, Cicerone, Dynes, Greenwood, Orbach, Vanderhoef, and Yang, Laboratory Director Tarter, and Recording Secretary Bryan

The meeting convened at 9:05 a.m. with Committee Chair Lee presiding.

1. **REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE ON GROUNDS AND BUILDINGS**

Committee Chair Lee reported that there were numerous exciting and important building projects that were being undertaken at various campuses. He noted that it will be necessary to preserve the character of each campus by ensuring that the designs that are approved are appropriate and of high quality. He invited any Regent who was interested to preview the designs with him and Committee Vice Chair Nakashima before Regents meetings and to share any concerns with the Committee's advisory group of experienced Office of the President staff. He stated that his goals were to save as much on costs as possible without affecting the size and efficiency of the projects.

2. **CONSENT AGENDA**

A. *Amendment of the Budget for Capital Improvements and the Capital Improvement Program*

The President recommended that, subject to the concurrence of the Committee on Finance, that the 1998-99 Budget for Capital Improvements and the 1998-2001 Capital Improvement Program be amended to include the following project:

Office of the President: A. University of California, Washington, D.C. Center – total project cost – preliminary plans, working drawings, construction, and equipment – \$25,286,000 to be funded from external financing (\$22,286,000) and funds available to the President (\$3,000,000).

B. *Approval of Mitigated Negative Declaration and Approval of Design, Pierce Hall Addition, Riverside Campus*

The President recommended that, upon review and consideration of the environmental consequences of the proposed project as indicated in the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration, the Committee:

- (1) Approve the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration.
- (2) Adopt the Mitigation Monitoring Program and Findings.
- (3) Approve the design of Pierce Hall Addition, Riverside campus.

[The Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration and the Mitigation Monitoring Program and Findings were mailed to all Regents in advance of the meeting, and copies are on file in the Office of the Secretary.]

Regent Montoya expressed some concerns about Item A. She asked whether students' wishes about the design of the facility and the services that would be provided to them were taken into account. Vice Provost Tomlinson-Keasey explained that the design of the students' quarters features flexible floor plans that can accommodate two to four students in each suite according to need. She believed that the location, design, and services will make the facility very desirable. The ground floor will feature conference space for visiting University staff and faculty and members of government. The rent will be comparable to that charged by similar facilities.

Regent Espinoza expressed similar concerns about the value to students of the facility and the live-learn environment. President Atkinson believed that the center will provide a very attractive place for students and visitors. He noted that a model of the building will be on hand when the design of the facility is presented at the March meeting.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Committee approved the President's recommendations and voted to present them to the Board.

The meeting adjourned at 9:35 a.m.

Attest:

Secretary