

The Regents of the University of California

**COMMITTEE ON GROUNDS AND BUILDINGS**

July 15, 1999

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

Members present: Regents Atkinson, Connerly, Davies, Hopkinson, O. Johnson, S. Johnson, Kozberg, Lee, and Pannor

In attendance: Regents Khachigian, Lansing, Montoya, Preuss, Taylor, and Vining, Regent-designate Kohn, Faculty Representatives Coleman and Dorr, Secretary Trivette, General Counsel Holst, Assistant Treasurer Young, Provost King, Senior Vice President Kennedy, Vice Presidents Broome, Darling, Gomes, Gurtner, and Hershman, Chancellors Berdahl, Bishop, Carnesale, Cicerone, Dynes, Greenwood, Orbach, Vanderhoef, and Yang, and Recording Secretary Bryan

The meeting convened at 9:45 a.m. with Committee Chair Lee presiding.

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

Committee Chair Lee commented on the proposed Core West Parking Structure for the Santa Cruz campus [see Item 2.E.]. He believed that it was necessary to build the structure to accommodate growth on the campus and alleviate parking problems.

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, the 1999-2000 Budget for Capital Improvements and the 1999-2002 Capital Improvement Program be amended to include the following projects:

- (1) San Diego: A. Engineering Building Unit 3A - Bioengineering - preliminary plans, working drawings, construction, and equipment -- \$36,732,000 total project cost, to be funded from grant funds (\$17,200,000), gift funds (\$12,200,000), external financing (\$6,945,000), and funds available to the Chancellor (\$387,000).
- (2) San Diego: B. Cogeneration Addition to the Central Utilities Plant - preliminary plans, working drawings, and construction

-- \$30,868,000 total project cost, to be funded from external financing.

**B. *Approval of Site and Amendment of Long Range Development Plan, Sports and Recreation Complex Expansion, Riverside Campus***

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

- (1) Approval of the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration.
- (2) Adoption of the Findings.
- (3) Amendment of the Long Range Development Plan, Riverside campus, to change the land use designation of the project site from *Parking and School of Education to Recreational Facilities/Outdoor Fields*.
- (4) Approval of the site of the Sports and Recreation Complex Expansion, Riverside campus.

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

**C. *Approval of Initial Study and Approval of Design, Natural Sciences Building, San Diego 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 Findings and Mitigation Monitoring Program.
- (3) Approve the design of Natural Sciences Building, San Diego campus.

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

**D. *Approval of Design, Center for Ocean Health Building, Joseph M. Long Marine Laboratory, Santa Cruz Campus***

The President recommended that, upon review and consideration of the environmental consequences of the proposed project as indicated in the 1999 Addendum and the Environmental Impact Report for the Long Marine Laboratory Master Plan certified by The Regents in November 1993, the Committee:

- (1) Adopt the Findings and EIR Addendum.
- (2) Approve the design of the Center for Ocean Health Building at the Joseph M. Long Marine Laboratory, Santa Cruz campus.

[The Findings and EIR Addendum were mailed to all Regents in advance of the meeting, and copies are on file in the Office of the Secretary.]

E. ***Certification of Environmental Impact Report and Approval of Design, Core West Parking Structure, Santa Cruz Campus***

The President recommended that, upon review and consideration of the environmental consequences of the proposed project as indicated in the Environmental Impact Report, the Committee:

- (1) Certify the Environmental Impact Report.
- (2) Adopt the Mitigation Monitoring Program and Findings.
- (3) Approve the design of the Core West Parking Structure, Santa Cruz campus.

[The Environmental Impact Report, 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.]

F. ***Approval of Design, University of California, Washington, D.C. Center, Office of the President***

The President recommended that the Committee approve the design of the University of California, Washington, D.C. Center.

Concerning Item F., Regent Montoya asked when unfinished areas of the first floor would be open for business and what had happened to the public events room with a view of the Washington Memorial that had been planned for the top floor. Senior Vice President Kennedy responded that the unfinished space on the first floor consists of an auditorium and a rotunda room that will be included in the bid as an add alternate to be finished when funds become available. President Atkinson believed that the top floor could be used most efficiently for apartment space, but he noted that interior design changes would be possible as the project evolved.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Committee approved the President's recommendations in Items A., B., C., D., and F. and voted to present them to the Board.

A discussion followed which addressed Item E., ***Certification of Environmental Impact Report and Approval of Design, Core West Parking Structure, Santa Cruz Campus***. President Atkinson noted that Regental procedure invites a representative of the University of California Student Association to comment on issues of interest to them. Mr. Eric Gonzales, Campus Organizing Director for the Student Union Assembly on the Santa Cruz campus, noted that the Santa Cruz campus has successfully maintained its natural beauty by ensuring that buildings adhered to a height code. UCSA is opposed to the construction of the Core West Parking Structure, not only for the sake of maintaining the beauty of the campus but also for economic reasons. The debt service for the parking structure over the years will prevent the campus from pursuing alternative transportation plans. Student parking fees will be increased to pay for the garage. UCSA believes that the money being spent on the garage should be used to enhance the quality of education on the campus.

Regent Pannor acknowledged the concerns of students and the community. She noted that the Santa Cruz campus is moving towards a goal of housing 70 percent of its undergraduates and 30 percent of its graduate students on campus and that it will continue to expand quickly. She believed that spaces should be reserved only for students with disabilities and that the campus should invest in alternative methods of transportation for students rather than build the parking structure.

Chancellor Greenwood reported that the span from 1988 to 2001 represents an addition of 500,000 square feet of construction to the Science Hill area. The current parking use rate is 93 percent. She noted that the parking garage is integral to a series of buildings that are being or will be built in the area. She stressed that, although the campus is already rated highly for its alternative transportation system, the administration remains committed to providing alternative mechanisms for transportation. She believed that the majority of faculty and staff support the project.

Regent Montoya asked whether the students would be allowed to use the parking garage, whether the campus administration has considered the options suggested in a letter from Citizens for Sustainable Transportation, whether bike lanes and lockers are slated for improvement, and whether litigation can be anticipated if the project is approved. Vice Chancellor Vani explained that the campus has both remote and close-in parking. Undergraduates are not eligible for close-in parking. Two years ago, stacked parking created 400 virtual parking spaces in the remote area. He believed that the recommendations from the Committee on Sustainable Transportation are incorporated in the mitigations that were presented. Bike lanes continue to be improved, and the possibility of providing bike lockers is being considered. Chancellor Greenwood did not know whether litigation will follow approval of the proposal.

Regent Hopkinson commented that she had visited the proposed site and was impressed with the design and with the campus' commitment to providing alternative transportation programs. She cautioned against making decisions based on whether they may engender lawsuits.

Regent Connerly asked about a letter from the County of Santa Cruz Board of Supervisors questioning the EIR's adequacy. Chancellor Greenwood reported that she had consulted with General Counsel, whose preliminary advice was that the EIR is defensible. General Counsel Holst confirmed this view.

Ms. Greenwood commented that the issues of growth on campus are volatile in Santa Cruz. She reported that she is working with the community to promote understanding of the campus' future requirements and to gain support to the extent possible. Transportation issues affect the whole Santa Cruz area. The campus is only part of the problem and cannot be held responsible for the entire solution. The campus has put \$2.1 million into the local transportation system and has agreed to house on campus the largest percentage of students in the UC system.

Regent S. Johnson noted that public speakers felt that the planning process was not sufficiently inclusive. Mr. Vani reported that several meetings were held on campus with invitees from the campus community, including faculty, students, and staff. All the appropriate environmental hearings were held, and the matter was discussed widely by Academic Senate committees.

Regent Davies acknowledged that in the abstract the notion of a six-story parking garage is inconsistent with the nature of the campus, but he believed that its construction is better than the alternatives that were considered.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Committee approved the President's recommendation presented in Item E. and voted to present it to the Board, Regents Atkinson, Connerly, Davies, Hopkinson, O. Johnson, S. Johnson, Kozberg, and Lee voting "aye," and Regent Pannor voting "no."

[For speakers' comments, see the minutes of the July 15 morning session of the Committee of the Whole.]

**3. ADOPTION OF FINAL 1999-2000 BUDGET FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS**

The President recommended that, subject to the concurrence of the Committee on Finance, the 1999-2000 Budget for Capital Improvements, as modified by actions of the Legislature and the Governor, be adopted.

Vice President Hershman summarized the final \$215 million budget for capital improvement projects for the University. The final budget reflects several changes from the Regents' Budget approved in November 1998, including a net increase of \$5.5 million, and will allow the University to accelerate several projects.

Subsequent to the November 1998 Regents' Budget approval, the Berkeley campus received a Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) grant of \$41.96 million to fund part of the cost of seismic hazard corrections in four academic buildings (Latimer Hall, Barrows Hall, Hildebrand Hall, and Silver Laboratory). The State agreed to provide \$13,987,000 in the 1999 Budget Act as a matching share, and the campus will provide the remaining \$36,153,000 of the estimated cost. To make this possible, the Berkeley LeConte seismic corrections project and the Northern Regional Library Facility Phase 3 project have been deferred one year, releasing State funds in 1999-00 and 2000-01 for reallocation to the FEMA Program project. Because the LeConte project is located in the same area as two of the FEMA projects, its rescheduling will reduce construction conflicts between the projects.

The Davis campus has also received external funding that allows a component of the Life Sciences Alterations Phase 1 project to be implemented immediately as a separate project to allow reductions in the scope and budget of the current project. The State included a new project in the budget to address seismic deficiencies in the Santa Barbara campus' Broida Hall; these deficiencies were identified during design of a current renewal project for the building, and action at this time will allow the seismic corrections work to be implemented with the renewal work. Another seismic item, the Parnassus Services Seismic Replacement Building, was added for the San Francisco campus to accelerate action on an additional life safety project.

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

The meeting adjourned at 10:25 a.m.

Attest:

Secretary