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

November 16, 2000

The Regents of the University of California met on the above date at Covel Commons, Los Angeles campus.

Present: Regents Atkinson, Bagley, Bustamante, Connerly, Davies, Fong, Hopkinson, O. Johnson, S. Johnson, Khachigian, Kohn, Kozberg, Lansing, Lee, Miura, Montoya, and Preuss

In attendance: Regents-designate T. Davis, Morrison, and Seymour, Faculty Representatives Cowan and Viswanathan, Secretary Trivette, Interim Treasurer Bowman, Provost King, Senior Vice President Mullinix, Vice Presidents Broome, Drake, Gurtner, and Hershman, Chancellors Berdahl, Bishop, Carnesale, Cicerone, Dynes, Greenwood, Orbach, and Yang, Vice Chancellor Desrochers representing Chancellor Tomlinson-Keasey, and Recording Secretary Nietfeld

The meeting convened at 8:50 a.m. with Chairman S. Johnson presiding.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairman Johnson 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 open session agendas. The following persons addressed the Board concerning the items noted.

1. Item 1-GF, Committee on Grounds and Buildings and Committee on Finance: Approval of University of California 2001-02 Budgets for Current Operations and Capital Improvements

   A. Ms. Irene Yun, vice chair of the University of California Student Association, noted that the support provided for graduate students by the University is comparatively low, and she urged the Regents to increase the level of support for graduate students in the 2001-02 budget in order to attract high-quality graduate students to UC’s campuses.

   B. Mr. Eli Ilano, president of the Graduate Student Association at the Berkeley campus, spoke in support of the 2001-02 budget, observing that it is a budget that everyone in the UC community can support. The budget includes $6 million for student services and funds graduate student outreach. He expressed appreciation to President Atkinson and Vice President Hershman for taking students’ needs into consideration when framing the budget.
Item 302, Committee on Educational Policy: Report on Graduate Education Initiatives

A. Mr. Martin Griffen, president of the Graduate Student Association at the Los Angeles campus, stressed how crucial graduate students are to the mission of the University, particularly as UC strives to respond to increased undergraduate enrollments. He noted that approximately 15 percent of graduate students at UC are international students whose contributions are important to the mission of the University; their role should be considered separately from that of international undergraduate students.

B. Ms. Kinshasa Curl, external vice president of the Graduate Student Association at the Los Angeles campus, urged the Regents to consider increasing the $6 million in the budget for student services because they are a vital component of students’ education.

The meeting adjourned at 9:03 a.m.

Attest:

Secretary