

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

May 17, 2001

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

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

In attendance: Regents-designate T. Davis, Morrison, and Seymour, Faculty Representatives Cowan and Viswanathan, Secretary Trivette, General Counsel Holst, Provost King, Senior Vice Presidents Darling and Mullinix, Vice Presidents Broome, Drake, Gomes, Gómez, Gurtner, and Hershman, Chancellors Berdahl, Bishop, Carnesale, Cicerone, Dynes, Greenwood, Orbach, Tomlinson-Keasey, and Yang, and Recording Secretary Bryan

The meeting convened at 8:45 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 comment on matters on the morning's open session agendas and on University-related matters not on the agenda. The following persons addressed the Board on the subjects noted:

Item 1-UC, Special Committee on UC Merced: Update on Planning for UC Merced

- A. Mr. Kevin Dayton, speaking on behalf of the Association of Builders and Contractors, a group of 60 central valley contractors, urged the Regents not to allow the Merced campus to negotiate project labor agreements that would shut out non-union contractors.
- B. Mr. Eric Christen, representing the Coalition for Fair Employment in Construction, the members of which are mainly non-union companies, believed that construction projects at UC Merced should be put out to open bidding that will allow both union and non-union organizations to apply. He believed that project labor agreements would exclude 85 percent of the workforce.

Item 505, Committee on Finance: Update on the 2001-02 State and Federal Budgets

- C. Ms. Nora Foster, representing the Coalition of University Employees, pointed out that the salaries of University clerical workers are 21 percent below those of market rate and those of library assistants are 28 percent below their colleagues at California State University. She urged The Regents to fund its labor relations teams appropriately and to commit to augmenting wages.

Problems at the University of California, Riverside

- D. Ms. Barbara Hicks, a UC Riverside student, stated that she was disappointed in her educational experience there. She believed that money was being wasted on new buildings that would not enhance the environment for students and that too many classes were not being taught by professors.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 a.m.

Attest:

Secretary