

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

November 15, 2001

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

Present: Regents Atkinson, Bagley, Bustamante, Davies, T. Davis, Hertzberg, Hopkinson, O. Johnson, S. Johnson, Kozberg, Lansing, Lee, Lozano, Marcus, Montoya, Morrison, Parsky, Preuss, Sayles, and Seymour

In attendance: Regents-designate Ligot-Gordon and Terrazas, Faculty Representatives Binion and Viswanathan, Secretary Trivette, General Counsel Holst, Provost King, Senior Vice President Darling, Vice Presidents Broome and Gurtner, Chancellors Dynes, Greenwood, Tomlinson-Keasey, and Vanderhoef, and Recording Secretary Bryan

The meeting convened at 2:10 p.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 afternoon's agenda and on University-related matters. The following persons addressed the Board on the subjects noted:

1. Joint Meeting, Committees on Educational Policy and Finance, Item 1-EF, *Service of Notice for January 2002 Action Regarding Amendment of Standing Order 110.2 – Matters Related to Residency: Proposal to Establish New Policy on Tuition Exemptions to Conform to AB 540*:
 - A. Ms. Rita Garcia, a student at UC Berkeley, spoke in support of AB 540, which would allow undocumented students like herself residency status for tuition purposes.
 - B. Mr. Gabriel Hernandez, a high school student, believed that education is most important for undocumented students, whose parents likely pay state taxes.
 - C. Ms. Daniella, a high school student, believed that deserving undocumented students should not be limited to attending community and state colleges but should have the chance to attend UC.
 - D. Ms. Liz Guillen, representing the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund, urged adoption of a new admissions policy to conform to AB 540 as it was signed.

- E. Mr. Mark Silverman advocated the adoption of the standards contained in AB 540, noting that the state had likely invested twelve years in the undocumented high school students who apply to the University. He believed there was no effective underlying legal challenge to the policy.
2. University-related matters:
- A. Mr. Daniel Gross, who spoke also for Ms. Sarah Athanas, and the Venerable Lobsang Tsering, who spoke also for Mr. Ben Olasov and Mr. Aaron Joseph, stated their opposition to investing in Tibet.
- B. Ms. Shane Snowden, speaking on behalf of the University's alliance of lesbians, gays, bisexuals, and transgenders, advocated paying death benefits to the surviving same-sex partners of University employees.
- C. Mr. Chris Stetsko, representing the Associated Builders and Contractors (ABC), supported open and fair bidding for construction projects at UC Merced and was opposed to a Project Labor Agreement (PLA) for the new campus.
- D. Mr. Gary Hanks, representing ABC, reported that the use of a PLA would prevent 82 percent of the local workforce from bidding for UC Merced projects.
- E. Mr. Clayton Smith, representing ABC, believed that the use of a PLA would result in workers' coming in from other areas and taking the money out of the central valley. He asserted that the central valley could offer a workforce well-qualified to build the tenth campus.
- F. Ms. Kelly Jones, representing Fresno-Modesto Assemblyman Dave Cogdill, was opposed to the use of a PLA for UC Merced, believing it to be exclusionary and discriminatory, and stated that it would result in increased construction costs.
- G. Mr. Murray Morgan asked the Regents to lend him \$400,000 to prevent his becoming homeless and protested the treatment he has received concerning issues pertaining to his former employment at the Davis campus.
- H. Mr. Eric Shrader-Frechette, a UC San Diego medical student, thanked the Regents for their efforts to keep student fees low. He believed that increasing fees for the University's professional schools would cause students to incur a level of debt that could prevent their going into jobs that care for society's medically underserved.

The meeting adjourned at 2:40 p.m.

Attest:

Secretary