

THE REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA
MEETING AS A COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
June 13, 2001

The Regents of the University of California met on the above date at McCune Conference Room, Humanities and Social Sciences Building, Santa Barbara campus.

Present: Regents Bagley, Davies, S. Johnson, and Montoya

In attendance: Regents-designate Morrison, Seymour, and T. Davis, Secretary Trivette, Vice President McTague, and Recording Secretary Bryan

The meeting convened at 3:00 p.m. with Chairman S. Johnson presiding.

1. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

There were no persons wishing to address The Regents.

2. FACULTY AND STUDENT RESEARCH PRESENTATIONS, RESEARCH CENTER FOR VIRTUAL ENVIRONMENTS AND BEHAVIOR

The Co-Directors of the Research Center for Virtual Environments and Behavior, Professors James Blascovich and Jack Loomis, aided by Mr. Andrew Beall, Director of Systems Development, discussed immersive virtual environments and their use in behavioral sciences to study, among other things, social interactions. Regents were invited to don headgear and enter virtual environments.

The meeting recessed at 4:30 p.m.

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The meeting reconvened on June 14, 2001 at 9:00 a.m. with Chairman S. Johnson presiding.

Present: Regents Bagley, Davies, Fong, Hopkinson, S. Johnson, Kozberg, Marcus, and Montoya

In attendance: Regents-designate Morrison, Seymour, and T. Davis, Faculty Representatives Cowan and Viswanathan, General Counsel Holst, Secretary Trivette, Senior Vice President Darling, and Recording Secretary Bryan

3. PUBLIC COMMENT SESSION

Chairman S. 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 day's agenda and University-related matters not on the agenda. The following people addressed the Board concerning the items cited:

- A. Mr. George Yatchisin, a program lecturer representing the American Federation of Teachers and speaking on behalf also of Ms. Sally Willson and Ms. Allegra Heidelinde, stated that 40 percent of undergraduate courses at the University are taught by lecturers, who he believed were overworked and underpaid. He noted that the high turnover in their ranks hurts academic quality. He requested that more funds be directed toward supporting teachers in undergraduate education.
- B. Mr. Murray Morgan, a former researcher at the Davis campus, believed that after he blew the whistle on colleagues he thought were manipulating their research and fabricating data, his civil rights were violated and an example was made of him in order to dissuade other whistleblowers from coming forward.
- C. Mr. John Patton, representing the County of Santa Barbara, stated that he would continue to work with campus representatives and planners to facilitate the building of faculty housing on the north campus and to improve the town of Isla Vista.
- D. Mr. Dennis Divins, a member of the Council of University of California Staff Assemblies, described some of the problems of concern to employees, including a lack of affordable housing, an inadequate transportation system, and the postponing of consideration to provide tuition waivers.
- E. Mr. Harry Nelson, a Santa Barbara faculty member, believed that the road configuration leading to the campus was designed and built with safety in mind. He was opposed to the proposed decommissioning of Highway 217 and stated his intention to continue working with the County to find an alternative.
- F. Mr. Scott Cooper, a Santa Barbara faculty member and chair of the Faculty Housing Advisory Group, believed that there was solid opposition on campus to the proposed decommissioning of Highway 217 based on concerns about student safety and emergency preparedness. He hoped a solution could be found that would benefit both the County and the campus.
- G. Mr. Bob Poole, representing the Goleta Valley Chamber of Commerce, observed that the campus and local government need to move forward together to find solutions to the controversial highway proposal and the revitalization of old town Goleta. He was optimistic that with the participation of Caltrans, the process would be facilitated.

- H. Mr. Daniel Gross, representing Students for a Free Tibet and speaking also on behalf of Mr. Leron Kattan and Mr. Matt Plomell, believed that oil interests in Tibet were ravaging the environment and that further development by China was being forced on Tibetans. He reported that the Associated Students of the University had passed a resolution asking the University to demand that PetroChina withdraw from Tibet and that the University adopt a socially responsible investment platform.
- I. Ms. Jonny Wallis, representing the Goleta Old Town Project Area Committee, pledged that the committee would continue to work with the campus and the community to find solutions to the proposed town revitalization plan and changes to the highway.
- J. Ms. Jean Blois, a UC graduate and member of several local boards, supported the offer of Caltrans to mediate the dispute between the community and the campus over the highway proposal, the lack of agreement on which has stalled town revitalization efforts.

4. **LONG RANGE DEVELOPMENT PLAN UPDATE**

Chancellor Yang described some highlights of the Santa Barbara campus and provided a brief history of its developments and a list of its faculty affiliations. He commented that the campus is ranked highly in many fields by prominent academic journals and is the recipient of many highly-valued research grants both from the National Science Foundation and from partnerships with industry. He reported that the campus is expecting \$45 million in private gifts this year.

Chancellor Yang reported that the campus had 17,000 applicants in 1994 and 34,000 in 2001 and that the GPA and test scores of its applicants had risen dramatically. The diversity of its student body has also increased dramatically, particularly in the past four years.

Mr. Robert Kuntz, Associate Chancellor for Budget and Planning, continued the presentation. Mr. Kuntz recalled that the campus has agreements with both the City and County of Santa Barbara, the Isla Vista Homeowners Association, Citizens for Goleta Valley, and the Citizens Planning Association. The Mitigation Implementation Agreement addresses enrollment caps and traffic mitigations. The Cooperative Relations Agreement focuses on housing and Isla Vista. He reported that the student enrollment is about 900 students below its enrollment cap, which will be reached probably by 2004. By 2010, the campus expects to have 22,000 students and has a targeted growth specified in its Long Range Development Plan (LRDP) of 2,500 undergraduate and graduate FTE, which will be accommodated primarily during summer session and off-campus programs. He reported that the Chancellor has appointed a Coordinating Committee on Year-Round Enrollment to focus on increasing summer enrollments. A 23 percent increase in the number of students is projected for 2001 summer sessions, and there will be an increase of 36 percent in the

number of units that students will take. Ladder faculty will teach 50 percent more courses, and there will be an almost 100 percent increase in the number of participants.

Mr. Kuntz provided an update on the 1990-2005 Long Range Development Plan. He noted that a new LRDP is being prepared, to be ready next spring, the underpinnings of which will be a new academic plan being formulated by the Academic Planning Coordinating Committee. The 1990 LRDP projected an increase of 2,000 students, with a ratio of 15 percent graduate students and 85 percent undergraduate students, by 2005-06; an additional 200 faculty and 655 staff to be employed; and campus growth of 1.2 million square feet, 649 housing units or 2,000 beds, and 100 faculty housing units. He emphasized that all campus development must be approved by the California Coastal Commission. The actual increases since 1990 have been 122 additional faculty, 198 additional staff, 1,064 students, and 400,000 square feet of space.

Mr. Kuntz reported that planning principles are being updated and will trigger the preparation of the next LRDP. These principles stipulate that all instruction and research will be on the main campus, that environmentally sensitive areas will be preserved and protected, and that new sites for housing will be identified. He noted that most new development will be in-fill. The Coastal Commission has placed building restrictions of 65 feet in the campus core and 35 feet on the perimeter. A new set of plans has been begun for three areas of campus – the east side, west side, and Storke areas.

Mr. Kuntz discussed briefly the planning changes for Isla Vista, which has required the campus to work closely with the county, the Isla Vista Recreation and Park District, and the community of Isla Vista on a new master plan for the town to cover the next 20 or 30 years. He also discussed completed and anticipated construction projects on campus, including a new recreation center, life sciences building, and marine sciences research building.

Student housing must keep up with a requirement that 21.5 percent occupancy be maintained in housing owned or operated by the University. It is planned to expand the west campus family student housing by 144 units. Mr. Kuntz observed that faculty housing is a challenge for the campus, which competes nationally and internationally for new faculty. Housing prices continue to rise in the community, and the supply of homes is not increasing because development is discouraged. A faculty group has been examining proposals and has recommended moving forward with the development of two parcels on the north campus surrounding the Ocean Meadows Golf Course.

Mr. Kuntz discussed the fiscal and economic impact of the campus on its surrounding area and the state. He reported that the campus is the largest employer and second largest generator of sales tax in the county. Its annual expenditures, which are nearly \$1 billion in the local economy, will increase with new enrollments and expanded summer sessions. Technological spinoffs are numerous and benefit both the county

and the state. The campus has paid nearly \$2 million for environmental mitigations for road improvements. He reported that revenues and direct payments and the provision of services by the campus have kept the campus from being a drain on the local economy.

5. **TOUR OF CAMPUS**

The Regents toured the Humanities and Social Sciences Building, the University Art Museum, and the College of Creative Studies Art Gallery.

6. **CAMPUS PRESENTATIONS**

The Regents heard presentations on the following:

- The California NanoSystems Institute by Professor Evelyn Hu, Scientific Co-Director and Professor JoAnn Kuchera-Morin, Director of the Center for Research in Electronic Art Technology, which was created by Governor Davis to engage in scientific discovery and fuel innovation.
- Educational outreach projects of the Institute for Quantum Engineering and Science Technology and NSF Materials Research Laboratory, by Dr. Fiona Goodchild, Education Director.
- *Enlace y Avance*, a collaborative outreach and research program to assist students and their families the goal of which is to produce more Latino/Hispanic college graduates by increasing their academic preparation for college enrollment and their college graduation rates, by Professors Denise Segura and Manny Casas, project co-directors for Campus Outreach Initiatives and Engaging Latino Communities for Education.
- Faculty efforts to provide pre-college programs and teacher training to K-12 schools, by Professor Walter Yuen, Director of the Center for Faculty Outreach.

Then, following a luncheon break and a campus driving tour, the Regents heard presentations on the following:

- Interactive research by resident and visiting scholars at the Institute for Theoretical Physics, a center funded by the National Science Foundation for the purpose of contributing to the progress of theoretical physics, by Professor David Gross, Director.
- Activities related to advancing the state of ecological knowledge through research projects and the dissemination of ecological data, by Professor James Reichman, Director of the NSF National Center for Ecological Analysis and Synthesis.

Assemblymember Hannah-Beth Jackson, 35th district, a member of the Higher Education Committee, offered remarks concerning the University's role in addressing the issue of housing in the community surrounding the Santa Barbara campus.

The meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Attest:

Secretary