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

March 14, 2002

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

Present: Regents Atkinson, Davies, T. Davis, Hopkinson, Johnson, Kozberg, Lansing, Lee, Montoya, Moores, Morrison, Parsky, Pattiz, Preuss, Saban, and Seymour

In attendance: Regents-designate Ligot-Gordon, Sainick, and Terrazas, Faculty Representatives Binion and Viswanathan, Associate Secretary Shaw, General Counsel Holst, Treasurer Russ, Provost King, Senior Vice Presidents Darling and Mullinix, Vice Presidents Broome, Gurtner, and Hershman, Chancellors Berdahl, Bishop, Cicerone, Dynes, Greenwood, and Vanderhoef, Acting Chancellor Warren, and Recording Secretary Nietfeld

The meeting convened at 8:45 a.m. with Chairman Moores presiding.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairman Moores explained that the Board had been convened as a Committee of the Whole in order to permit comment pertaining to issues on the morning's open session agendas and University-related issues that are not on this month's agenda. The following persons addressed the Board concerning the items noted.

1. Item 101A, Committee on Grounds and Buildings: ***Certification of Environmental Impact Report, Amendment of Long Range Development Plan, and Approval of Design, Conference Center, Hotel, and Graduate School of Management Building Davis Campus***

   A. Ms. Lois Wolk, Yolo County Supervisor, reported that the Board of Supervisors was unanimous in its support of the Davis campus project, which will provide taxes to the County that will enable it to provide services to UC Davis students, faculty, and staff throughout Yolo County. It will also be the first union-built and operated hotel in the County.

   B. Mr. Ken Wagstaff, Mayor of the City of Davis, discussed the project from the City's perspective, noting that it has the potential to divert business from local hotels and from the downtown.

   C. Ms. Sue Greenwald, Davis City Councilmember, expressed concern that the project would be located in close proximity to the City but on county lands, therefore benefitting the County of Yolo. She believed that, by undermining the interests of the City, the project would damage the campus as well.

D. Mr. Ted Puntillo, Davis City Councilmember-elect, informed the Committee that he had run on a platform that advocated improving the relationship between the campus and the City. The newly elected officials support the campus plans for a hotel and conference center, which will attract visitors to downtown Davis.

E. Mr. Dennis Lindsay, Chairman of the Davis Chamber of Commerce, reported that the campus administration and representatives of the Davis hotel industry had overcome their differences over the proposed conference center. The Chamber of Commerce recognizes the positive effects that the hotel will have on the campus, the City, and the region, and it encourages The Regents to support the project.

F. Ms. Harriet Steiner, City Attorney of Davis, expressed the City's opposition to the project in its current form; the City's concerns were conveyed to the campus in its response to the Draft Environmental Impact Report. She asked that The Regents' approval be delayed until the City's concerns can be taken into account.

G. Mr. Jeff Adamski, a member of the Davis Downtown Business Association, reported the association's unanimous support for the project.

2. The following persons spoke in favor of extending University of California Retirement Plan benefits to domestic partners:

A. Ms. Shane Snowden, Chair of the UC Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Intersex (UC LGBTI) Association.
B. Dr. Thomas Coates, a professor of medicine at the San Francisco campus and director of the UCSF AIDS Institute.
C. Ms. Cindy Lima, a staff member at the San Francisco campus.
D. Dr. James Dilley, a clinical professor of psychiatry at the San Francisco campus.
E. Dr. Patricia Robertson, a professor in the Department of Obstetrics, Gynecology, and Reproductive Sciences at the San Francisco campus.
F. Dr. Marylin Dodd, a professor and associate dean in the School of Nursing at the San Francisco campus.
G. Mr. Jonathan Winters, a staff member at the Berkeley campus and the secretary of the UC LCBTI Association.
H. Dr. Suzanne Dibble, an adjunct professor in the Institute for Health and Aging at the San Francisco campus.
I. Mr. Arthur Murphy, director of planning and administration for the library at UCSF.

3. Mr. Peter Donahue, a consultant to the Coalition of University Employees, reported that the University has an annual turn-over rate of 54 percent for CUE-represented employees. As a result, the average cost of merit pay for these employees is low.

4. Mr. Clayton Smith of Associated Builders and Contractors in Fresno spoke in opposition to the use of a project labor agreement for the construction of the Merced campus.

The meeting adjourned at 9:20 a.m.

Attest:

Associate Secretary