

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

May 15, 2002

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

Present: Regents Atkinson, Blum, Davies, T. Davis, Johnson, Kozberg, Lansing, Lee, Lozano, Marcus, Montoya, Moores, Morrison, Pattiz, Preuss, Sayles, and Seymour

In attendance: Regents-designate Ligot-Gordon, Sainick, and Terrazas, Faculty Representatives Binion and Viswanathan, Secretary Trivette, General Counsel Holst, Treasurer Russ, Provost King, Senior Vice President Mullinix, Chancellors Berdahl, Bishop, Carnesale, Cicerone, Dynes, Greenwood, Tomlinson-Keasey, Vanderhoef, and Yang, Acting Chancellor Warren, and Recording Secretary Nietfeld

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

Regent Morrison welcomed Ms. Barbara Bodine of the Santa Barbara campus, who will assume the position of Treasurer of the Alumni Associations on July 1, 2002, and thus become a Regent-designate.

1. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

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

A. Item 303, Committee on Educational Policy: *Admissions Testing*

- (1) Mr. David Benjamin of Students First in California, speaking also for Ms. Ellen Weiss and Ms. Sherrill Leaf, expressed confidence in the plans formulated by the College Board to create a new SAT. He did not believe that there should be a separate test designed specifically for the University of California.
- (2) Professor Matt Malkan of UCLA reported that at the previous day's meeting of the faculty there had been general consensus that the University should adopt a national standardized test rather than one that is specific to UC. He believed that the College Board was making major improvements to the SAT.
- (3) Mr. Hoku Jeffrey, a member of the Coalition to Defend Affirmative Action by Any Means Necessary, called for the elimination of the SAT.

B. Item 601, Committee on Investments: *Investment Transactions and Portfolio Analyses*

The following persons spoke in favor of divestment from corporations with interests in Burma: Mr. Richard Anderson, Ms. Julia Zolinsky, Mr. Danny Yaffe, and Mr. Eric Blocher

C. Item 502, Committee on Finance: *The University of California Retirement Plan - Asset/Liability Study*

- (1) Ms. Norah Foster, Coalition of University Employees, addressed the financial hardships faced by the University's clerical employees due to low wages.
- (2) Ms. Mary Higgins, Coalition of University Employees, drew the Board's attention to the situation of temporary workers who are being laid off, she believed, in order to prevent them from becoming career employees.
- (3) Ms. Claudia Horning, a UCLA employee, believed that the University had sufficient funds to provide salary increases to its clerical employees.

2. **OVERVIEW OF THE PRESIDENT**

President Atkinson welcomed Ms. France Córdova, Chancellor-designate of the Riverside campus, who assumes her new position at Riverside on July 1. He drew the Regents' attention to several items on the agenda. Representatives of ACT, Inc. and the College Board will describe their proposals for developing a new standardized admissions test. In addition, there will be a status report on the Eligibility in the Local Context program, which has expanded access to the University for highly qualified students from across California. The Regents will consider the issue of retirement benefits for domestic partners of UC employees.

The State budget is another major subject, and Vice President Hershman will report tomorrow about the Governor's May Revision. The University will face some significant fiscal challenges in the next several years. At the same time the President expressed optimism about the long-term outlook for the University of California. The California Institutes for Science and Innovation will play a key role in fostering future economic growth in California, and it is fortunate that Governor Davis and the Legislature recently approved legislation providing the second, third, and fourth years of capital funding for the four Institutes using lease-revenue bonds. In addition, the Governor and State lawmakers have placed education bond measures on the ballots in 2002 and 2004. The bond legislation includes approval of the Governor's economic stimulus package, which accelerates funding for seven UC building projects. Taken together, the various elements of the bond package

would provide the University with \$345 million per year for four years to construct facilities. The Regents will be asked to endorse the bond measures tomorrow.

President Atkinson discussed ways in which the University of California contributes to the prosperity, health, and well-being of California, which was the theme of UC Day in Sacramento, where members of the University community talked with legislators about UC's impact on California's communities and showcased the research of outstanding undergraduate students who are receiving a unique, research-based education at UC. It also was a recurring theme in Washington, D.C. last month during the dedication of the new UC Center there.

The President reported that ten faculty members had been elected to the National Academy of Sciences, and five more were awarded the National Medal of Science. These honors demonstrate the excellence of the faculty by any national or international measure. There is ongoing progress with the California State University system on the joint education doctorate. At least 10 joint Ed.D. programs have been proposed, involving all eight UC general campuses and most of the CSU campuses.

Regent Seymour introduced Dr. Laurence Seigler of the Los Angeles campus, will become a Regent-designate on July 1, 2002 in his role as the Secretary of the Alumni Associations.

The meeting adjourned at 9:20 a.m.

Attest:

Secretary