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

July 18, 2002

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

Present: Regents Atkinson, Connerly, Davies, Hopkinson, Johnson, Kozberg, Lansing, Lee, Ligot-Gordon, Lozano, Marcus, Montoya, Moores, Preuss, Sainick, Sayles, and Terrazas

In attendance: Regents-designate Bodine and Seigler, Faculty Representatives Binion and Viswanathan, Associate Secretary Shaw, General Counsel Holst, Treasurer Russ, Provost King, Senior Vice Presidents Darling and Mullinix, Vice Presidents Broome, Drake, Gurtner, and Hershman, Chancellors Berdahl, Carnesale, Cicerone, Córdova, Dynes, Tomlinson-Keasey, Vanderhoef, and Yang, Executive Vice Chancellor Kelly representing Chancellor Bishop, Vice Chancellor Michaels representing Chancellor Greenwood, and Recording Secretary Nietfeld

The meeting convened at 8:40 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. Committee on Finance, Item 504: ***Increase in Nonresident Tuition***

   A. Mr. Kenny Burch, the chair of the University of California Student Association, reported that the number of nonresident applicants had fallen over the past four years and suggested that this was in response to fee increases. He urged the Regents to find a better solution to the budget crisis.

   B. Mr. Stephen Klass, UCSA external vice president at San Diego, believed that the commitment to enroll a diverse student body was crucial to the University's future. Diversity should embrace students from other states and countries. He urged the Regents not to support the proposed increase in nonresident tuition.

   C. Mr. Mo Kashmiri, a student at Boalt Hall, observed that most students of color at the law school come from out of state. He urged the Regents to consider this factor when voting on Item 504.

2. Special Committee on Regents' Procedures, Item 1-RP: ***Amendment of Regents' Policy on Appearances Before the Board and Committees - Public Comment Period, and Discussion of Future Changes to Regents Meetings and Regents' Procedures***

   Mr. Charles Schwartz, Professor Emeritus from the Berkeley campus, believed that the intention behind the amendment to the policy on public comment was to reduce the amount of time to hear from members of the public. He suggested that the University's opposition to SCA 7 was indicative of attempts to hide its business from the people of the state.

3. University-related matters:

   A. The following speakers urged The Regents to divest from any investments in Burma: Ms. Christine Gocke, Mr. Nathan Lam, and Mr. Kevin Rudiger.

   B. Mr. Murray Morgan proposed a research project on the causes of violence.

   C. Ms. Norah Foster, Coalition of University Employees, discussed the low wages that are paid to clerical employees at the University and suggested that money was available for merit increases.

   D. Ms. Marian Chapman, Coalition of University Employees, believed that the University had failed to honor its commitment to hire long-term, temporary employees as permanent staff.

   E. Ms. Mary Higgins, Coalition of University Employees, discussed some of the issues that the union had raised during public comment over the past several years.

   F. Mr. Hoku Jeffrey, Coalition to Defend Affirmative Action by Any Means Necessary, urged the Regents to take a stand in opposition to the Racial Privacy Initiative.

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 a.m.

Attest:

Associate Secretary