

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

July 17, 2002

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

Present: Regents Atkinson, Blum, Davies, Hopkinson, Johnson, Kozberg, Lee, Ligot-Gordon, Lozano, 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, Gurtner, Hershman, and McTague, Chancellors Berdahl, Carnesale, Cicerone, Córdoba, Dynes, Tomlinson-Keasey, Vanderhoef, and Yang, Executive Vice Chancellor Kelly representing Chancellor Bishop, Vice Chancellor Michaels representing Chancellor Greenwood, Laboratory Director Anastasio, and Recording Secretary Bryan

The meeting convened at 8:40 a.m. with Chairman Moores presiding.

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 comment on matters on the day's agenda. The following persons addressed the Board on the subject noted:

**Committee on Educational Policy, Item 302: *Report on the Review of the Master Plan***

- A. Ms. Norah Foster, a member of the Coalition of University Employees (CUE), believed that the Master Plan was based on the assumption that staff deserved respect. She noted that staff were not being given raises in proportion to the increase in the cost of items such health care and parking, despite the fact that the University has surplus unrestricted funds. She asked that funding for merit pay be restored.
- B. Mr. Hoku Jeffrey, a member of the Coalition to Defend Affirmative Action by Any Means Necessary (BAMN), characterized any defense of the use of the SAT in admissions as an attempt to maintain white privilege. He was opposed to an admissions program based on racism and discrimination.

- C. Ms. Yvette Falarca, representing BAMN, demanded that the revised Master Plan not be based on racism. She believed that the changes suggested for the SAT were superficial and that the College Board should be fired.
- D. Mr. Ronald Cruz, BAMN, reported that an analysis of the SAT by his organization was being distributed to the public. The study states that the SAT is biased and academically unsound and should not be adopted by the University.
- E. Mr. Michael-David Sasson, representing CUE, considered the changes to the Master Plan that have been suggested to be a step forward, but he believed they did not address what he perceived as the exploitation of casual and temporary employees, who may be prevented from achieving career status.
- F. Ms. Claudette Begin, representing CUE, recalled that, despite figures released to the public by the University, in 1992, when employees received a pay cut, the University's reserves actually increased. She believed there were ample unrestricted funds to provide salary increases this year.
- G. Mr. Kenny Burch stated that the University of California Student Association, which he represented, had reviewed the revised Master Plan, and although the association supported some of the proposed changes, it also had put forth recommendations that he believed merited consideration. He supported the development of a long-term fee policy and the revision of graduate admissions policies to encourage underrepresented minorities to attend UC.

## 2. **REMARKS OF THE PRESIDENT**

President Atkinson welcomed on behalf of the Regents Ms. France Córdova, who had begun her duties as Chancellor of the Riverside campus, and Mr. Michael Anastasio, who had been appointed Director of the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory.

The President recalled that some Regents, as well as other members of the University community and the public, had expressed concern about the course description for the English 1A course at the Berkeley campus titled, "The Politics and Poetics of Palestinian Resistance." He indicated that the matter was receiving the close attention of Chancellor Berdahl and the Academic Senate.

The President then presented his overview of the meeting agenda, noting that it contained a report on the Legislature's consideration of a new Master Plan for public education in California. He reported that the University, including individual Regents, has been involved heavily in these deliberations. He noted also that Vice President Hershman will discuss the status of the State budget, which is not yet final.

The President provided an update on the matter of admissions tests, recalling that the Academic Council and the Academic Assembly had voted to support the Board of

Admissions and Relations with Schools' continuing to work on the specifics of a new core entrance examination. He expected the matter to return to the Regents for further discussion during the coming academic year. Also set for future discussion is the issue of developing long-term planning to help the University maintain quality during the coming years.

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 a.m.

Attest:

Associate Secretary