

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

September 18, 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, Marcus, Montoya, Moores, Parsky, Pattis, Preuss, Sainick, and Terrazas

In attendance: Regents-designate Bodine and Seigler, Faculty Representatives Binion and Pitts, Secretary Trivette, General Counsel Holst, Treasurer Russ, Provost King, Senior Vice Presidents Darling and Mullinix, Vice Presidents Broome Hershman, and McTague, Chancellors Berdahl, Bishop, Cicerone, Córdova, Dynes, Greenwood, Tomlinson-Keasey, Vanderhoef, and Yang, Laboratory Director Shank, Vice Chancellor Blackman representing Chancellor Carnesale, and Recording Secretary Nietfeld

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 address University-related issues. The following persons addressed the Board concerning the items noted.

- A. Item 1W, Committee of the Whole, ***Long Range Planning: Maintaining Excellence During a Period of Exceptional Growth***: Mr. Edward Collins, President of the Graduate Student Assembly at the Santa Barbara campus, commented that the University will have difficulty attracting high-quality faculty and staff because their salaries cannot offset the high cost of housing in California. He suggested that the University needs a long-term policy that addresses housing-cost issues.
- B. Ms. Joanna Gonsalves, a student at the San Francisco campus, stressed the importance of outreach activities to encourage students to enroll in graduate study at the University.
- C. Ms. LaKesha Harrison, the President of AFSCME Local 3299, Ms. Gail Price, an AFSCME member from the University of California Davis Medical Center, and Mr. Jeff Myers, a member of AFSCME Local 3299, asked the University to offset rising health care costs for low-wage employees, particularly in light of the small salary increase that is being provided.

- D. The following speakers urged The Regents to divest from companies doing business with Israel: Professor Irwin-Tripp, Mr. Hoang Phan, Ms. Amy Aisen, and Mr. Marc Degiere.
- E. Ms. Norah Foster, a member of the Coalition for University Employees, commented on her belief that the clerical strike at the Berkeley campus had been successful. She presented a document signed by members of the Legislature urging the University to engage in good-faith bargaining with clerical workers.
- F. Mr. Murray Morgan alleged that a conflict of interest existed on the Davis campus.

## 2. **OVERVIEW OF THE PRESIDENT**

Chairman Moores welcomed Faculty Representative Binion in her new role as chair of the Academic Council and, at his request, Professor Binion introduced Professor Lawrence Pitts, who joins her as a Faculty Representative to The Regents. Chairman Moores informed the Board that at the November meeting a recommendation will be made to appoint the Faculty Representatives as advisory members to standing and special committees. A similar policy was adopted for student and alumni Regents-designate in 1997.

President Atkinson reported that every campus of the University and the Office of the President had held ceremonies that provided a forum for members of the community to gather to honor the victims and heroes of September 11 and to contemplate the events of the past year. He noted that these memorials are only one part of the University's response to the events of September 11. The University, including the national laboratories, is in the forefront of research related to homeland security. This topic was a focus of discussion at last week's meeting of the President's Board on Science and Innovation, a group of high-level advisors assembled to provide outside input on the University's contributions to the nation's scientific needs. The areas of inquiry under study at the University include detecting nuclear weapons smuggled in cargo containers, retrofitting buildings against bomb blasts, using electronic sensors to identify biological or chemical agents, and developing drugs to treat diseases spread by bioterrorism. The Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory is playing a key role in these matters. The President congratulated the laboratory on the occasion of its 50th anniversary, which is being celebrated this week. He observed that the Livermore laboratory is an example of a productive, long-term partnership between the University and the federal government in the interest of science and national security.

President Atkinson further noted that Vice President Hershman would present a report on the State budget, which cannot as yet be considered a final budget. The Governor has the authority to make \$750 million in further reductions to State operations, and it may be anticipated that the University will be affected by these cuts. The University can expect several more years of budget difficulties, based on projections of the State's deficits in the coming years.

President Atkinson reported that last week the Legislature's joint committee on a new Master Plan for public education had released its final report. This version contained an additional 80 pages, incorporating a significant amount of new material. The plan reaffirms the central principles of the 1960 Master Plan, including the University of California's basic mission and governance. The plan also provides a new statewide blueprint for K-12 education. The President believed that the University's principal concerns with the draft had been addressed by the committee in a satisfactory way, including the guarantee of access for students in the top 12.5 percent of the high school graduating class. The Regents will be provided with an analysis of the document in the near future. The next step in the process is for some provisions of the plan to be turned into legislative proposals, which could occur over the next several years.

The President recalled that a number of Regents had expressed concerns about the description for one of the sections of the English R1A writing course at Berkeley. He stated his intention to address this issue during tomorrow's meeting. Regent Connerly has asked for time on tomorrow's agenda to discuss comprehensive review in freshman admissions. A full report by the faculty on the first year's implementation of comprehensive review is now being prepared and will be presented to The Regents at the November meeting.

President Atkinson highlighted the University's increasing communications efforts with the Spanish-speaking population in California, which represents a growing proportion of the state's population. A 24-page booklet outlines UC's admissions requirements and other essential information in Spanish. The first run of 32,500 copies was so well received that a second run of 35,000 copies is in preparation.

Finally, the President noted that Chancellor Carnesale was absent from today's meeting because he was representing the University at a meeting of the *Los Angeles Times* editorial board on the subject of Proposition 47, the education bond measure on the November ballot. The Regents has endorsed Proposition 47, believing it to be critical to the future of the University.

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 a.m.

Attest:

Secretary