

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

May 15, 2003

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

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

In attendance: Regents-designate Murray 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 and Hershman, Chancellors Berdahl, Bishop, Carnesale, Cicerone, Córdoba, Dynes, Greenwood, Tomlinson-Keasey, Vanderhoef, and Yang, Laboratory Director Anastasio, University Auditor Reed, and Recording Secretary Bryan

The meeting convened at 9:10 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 members of the public an opportunity to comment on University-related matters. The following persons addressed the Board concerning the subjects noted.

1. Mr. Murray Morgan believed that researchers at the University often are permitted to maintain conflicts of interest.
2. Mr. Koko Ley, representing Burma Forum, urged the University not to invest with business having interests in Burma.
3. Ms. Sophie Mintier, representing UC Free Burma Coalition, hoped the University would promote peace and democracy by divesting of companies doing business in Burma.

The following people spoke to Item A., D Report of the Committee on Grounds and Buildings: *Adoption of Mitigated Negative Declaration and Approval of Design, Molecular Foundry, Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory:*

4. Ms. Pamela Sihvola was concerned about the fragility of the Strawberry Canyon watershed and believed that insufficient public input had been allowed during the decision-making process. She urged that the item not be approved.
5. Mr. Jim Sharp charged that the project had been “railroaded” and had undergone

inadequate environmental planning. He believed that the project should wait until an EIR “worthy of the laboratory” is produced.

6. Ms. Jennifer Pearson, representing the Board of the Urban Creeks Council, reported that the project, which is in the Strawberry Creek watershed, was in a seismic hazard zone prone to landslides. She expressed concern about the safety of employees and of the environment.
7. Ms. Leuren Moret, representing the Environmental Commission of Berkeley, reported that she was an international expert on radiation and public health and believed that the University has poisoned the world by selling the products of its research to corporations and the military. She had reservations about the safety of nanotechnology.
8. Ms. Irmi Meindl believed that the planning process had been contravened and that the project, being so near the Hayward fault, could contaminate the environment.

The following people spoke to Item 1-EF, Joint Meeting of the Committees on Educational Policy and Finance: ***Proposal to Oppose California State Ballot Initiative: CRECNO (Classification by Race, Ethnicity, Color, or National Origin)***. All supported the President’s recommendation on the grounds that CRECNO would impede University research, that it would make it impossible for the University to measure the success of its diversity efforts, and that not passing it would give legitimacy to the perception that the Board supports it.

9. Mr. Jeremiah Mock, Assistant Research Scientist, UC San Francisco.
10. Ms. Jessica Quindel, Boalt Hall student.
11. Mr. Cesar del Peral, a UC Riverside student.
12. Ms. Jocyl Sacramento, a UC Riverside student.
13. Mr. Peter Gee, a UC Berkeley student.
14. Mr. Mo Kashmiri, a UC Berkeley student.

The meeting adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

Attest:

Secretary