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

January 15, 2003

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

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

In attendance: Regents-designate Bodine, Murray, and Seigler, Faculty Representatives Bujion and Pitts, Secretary Trivette, General Counsel Holst, Treasurer Russ, Provost King, Senior Vice Presidents Darling and Mullinix, Vice Presidents Broome, Drake, and Gomes, Assistant Vice President Obley representing Vice President Hershman, Chancellors Berdahl, Bishop, Carnesale, Cicerone, Córdova, Dynes, Tomlinson-Keasey, Vanderhoef, and Yang, Laboratory Director Anastasio, Interim Laboratory Director Nanos, and Recording Secretary Bryan

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 members of the public an opportunity to comment on University-related matters. The following persons addressed the Board concerning the subjects noted.

1. Item RE-37, Special Committee on Regents’ Procedures, Request for a Study to Consider the Possibility of the Establishment of the Position of Staff Representative to The Regents:
   
   A. Ms. Darcy Bingham, past president of the Council of UC Staff Assemblies, urged the Regents to establish the position in order to give staff the opportunity to interpret the potential repercussions, implementation costs, and methodologies of proposed University policies.
   
   B. Mr. Ron Kos, former Chair of the Staff Council and Berkeley employee, believed that the staff had been too far removed from the decision-making process in the past.

2. Mr. Bill Cahill, Assistant City Manager of Merced, spoke in support of annexing UC Merced to the City in order to assure the timely availability of utilities for the site.

3. Ms. Mary Higgins, a University employee, was opposed to having a staff representative join the Board of Regents (Special Committee on Regents’ Procedures,
Item RE-37, see item 1. above). She urged the Regents to fight to retain the contract to manage the Los Alamos National Laboratory.

4. Ms. Connie McGrath, a Riverside employee representing the Coalition of University Employees, believed that the University could afford to pay its employees more. She noted that the University is giving its managers raises of up to 20 percent while the salaries of its lower-paid workers have fallen below market rate.

5. Ms. Linda Moser, a Davis employee representing the Coalition of University Employees, believed that the University had broken faith with its clericals, who were asked to do more work in bad economic times but were not compensated when times improved.

6. Ms. Norah Foster, a Berkeley employee, sang a song about the University’s budget and the minimal raises for its employees.


   A. Mr. Matthew St. Claire, a Berkeley graduate student representing the Sustainability Coalition, urged the Regents to make the University a model by passing a policy for sustaining energy.

   B. Mr. Arthur Coulston, a Santa Cruz student representing the Sustainability Coalition, noted that UC Santa Cruz had held a forum on the issue of energy. He advocated adopting the highest standards possible.

   C. Ms. Maureen Cane, a Berkeley alumna representing UC Go Solar, reported that each campus will host a public forum to get input from students about establishing an energy policy.

   D. Ms. Kristin Casper, representing UC Go Solar, believed that a cooperative partnership could be established between the University and the Greenpeace Clean Energy Now campaign.

8. Mr. Murray Morgan affirmed his candidacy for President of the University and reported that his platform would include centralizing the administration.

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 a.m.

   Attest:

   Secretary