

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

November 18, 2004

The Regents of the University of California met on the above date at Covell Commons, Los Angeles campus.

Present: Regents Anderson, Blum, Connerly, Dynes, Johnson, Kozberg, Lansing, Lee, Marcus, Montoya, Novack, Ornellas, Parsky, Pattiz, Preuss, Ruiz, and Sayles

In attendance: Regents-designate Juline, Rominger, and Rosenthal, Faculty Representative Blumenthal, Secretary Trivette, Treasurer Russ, Provost Greenwood, Senior Vice President Mullinix, Vice Presidents Broome, Gomes, and Hershman, Chancellors Bishop, Carnesale, Cicerone, Fox, Tomlinson-Keasey, Vanderhoef, and Yang, Acting Chancellor Chemers, Executive Vice Chancellor Gray representing Chancellor Birgeneau, and Recording Secretary Bryan

The meeting convened at 9:35 a.m. with Chairman Parsky presiding.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairman Parsky 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:

- A. Mr. Rich Reed, a UC Santa Barbara alumnus, reported that he had shared his reforms in music instruction with local college students and that he continues to campaign for reform in language instruction with a view toward ending illiteracy worldwide.
- B. Ms. Dorothy Le, representing the California Student Sustainability Coalition, reported that the coalition, which worked closely with UC administrators to develop a policy on green buildings, was collaborating again with the University to develop a policy on sustainable transportation.
- C. Ms. Anna Walsh, a UC student, spoke in opposition to the University's managing the Department of Energy laboratories, which she believed make the nation especially vulnerable to attack.
- D. Mr. Emil Kuruvilla, representing Cough Campaign, urged the Regents to develop a policy against accepting research funding from tobacco companies, which target vulnerable populations when promoting their harmful products.
- E. Ms. Andrea Portenier, representing Cough Campaign, believed that faculty should have the choice of rejecting tobacco company funding. She noted that the industry has been known to suppress damaging information about its products.

- F. Ms. Gwen Drenick, a UC graduate student representing Community Action Network, supported a ban on the acceptance of research funding from the tobacco industry based on the harm done by tobacco use and the industry's deception about the danger of its products.
- G. Mr. Murray Morgan believed that those who work in the public sector should expect to forego the kinds of salaries that the University is paying its administrators.
- H. Mr. Rigo Marquez, a UC San Diego student, stressed the negative effects on students of raising fees, increasing eligibility requirements, and decreasing funding for outreach. He believed that students would leave California schools as a result.
- I. Ms. Porscia Thomas, a UC San Diego student, perceived raising fees and cutting financial aid as a direct attack on her access to the University.
- J. Ms. Natalie Stites, a UC student, believed that in light of the fee increases the Regents should change the financial aid policy and should create a loan forgiveness program for students who go into public service jobs.
- K. Mr. Antonio Sandoval, a UCLA graduate student speaking also on behalf of Mr. Eric Barba and Ms. Alexandra Ramos, reported that, although he had been successful in getting into the University and continuing to graduate school, his progress was being impeded by cuts in funding.
- L. Mr. Christopher Sweeten, a UC San Diego undergraduate, reported that he was already working three jobs to support himself and had no further options for meeting the increasing cost of attending the University.
- M. Ms. Ariana Casanova, a UC Berkeley student, urged the Regents to uphold previous levels of financial aid.
- N. Mr. John Polkinghorne, a UC San Diego student, spoke in opposition to student fee increases and cuts in financial aid, which he stated were a major blow to low-income students.
- O. Ms. Jennifer Pae, a UC San Diego student speaking also on behalf of Mr. Arman Depanian and Mr. Kevin Mann, was opposed to fee increases and financial aid decreases, which will affect lower-income students adversely. She urged the Regents to seek alternative funding sources so as to prevent these changes.
- P. Ms. Jeannie Biniek, a UCLA student speaking also on behalf of Mr. John Vu and Mr. Roy Samaan, noted that students will need to take out more loans as a result of cuts in financial aid. She believed that the formula for allocating financial aid was not keeping up with increases in the cost of living and that decreasing affordability would decrease quality.

- Q. Ms. Linda Joanna Salinas, UC Berkeley student, accused the Regents of privatizing a public institution by increasing fees and decreasing financial aid. She believed that students were being asked to bear the brunt of the State's fiscal crisis.
- R. Ms. Liz Hall, representing UC Berkeley Associated Students, reported that, because of increased fees, students will have to work more and as a result will have less time to spend on advocacy, such as lobbying in Sacramento.
- S. Mr. Justin Kastenbaum, a UCLA graduate student, noted that there was increased racial tension on University campuses because there are few students and faculty of color. He believed that changes in fees, financial support, and outreach were protecting affluent white students.
- T. Mr. Allende Palma Saracho, a UCLA student speaking also on behalf of Mr. Andy Ramirez and Ms. Karen Salazar, believed that the University had failed to provide a high-quality education to its students and were discriminating against underrepresented minorities by increasing eligibility requirements.
- U. A UCLA student speaking on behalf of Ms. Anita Garcia, Ms. Portia Pedro, and Ms. Jenny Wood reported that costs for UCLA law school were becoming untenable and that the necessary loans would take a lifetime to pay back.

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Attest:

Secretary