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

January 19, 2005

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

Present: Regents Anderson, Blum, Dynes, Hopkinson, Johnson, Kozberg, Lansing, Lee, Lozano, Marcus, Montoya, Moores, Novack, O’Connell, Ornellas, Parsky, Pattiz, Preuss, Ruiz, and Sayles

In attendance: Regents-designate Juline, Rominger, and Rosenthal, Faculty Representatives Blumenthal and Brunk, Secretary Trivette, General Counsel Holst, Treasurer Russ, Provost Greenwood, Senior Vice Presidents Darling and Mullinix, Vice Presidents Doby, Gomes, and Hershman, Chancellors Birgeneau, Bishop, Carnesale, Cicerone, Córdova, Tomlinson-Keasey, Vanderhoef, and Yang, Chancellor-elect Denton, University Auditor Reed, and Recording Secretary Nietfeld

The meeting convened at 10:10 a.m. with Chairman Parsky presiding.

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

University-related Matters

A. Mr. Murray Morgan commented on his perceived mistreatment by the Davis campus and called for scientific integrity.

B. Ms. Bridgit Van Belleghem, a student at the Davis campus and a member of the California Student Sustainability Coalition, discussed the campaign UC Move, which advocates a 50 percent reduction in the use of fossil fuel in all University fleets and a 20 percent reduction in the number of single-occupancy commuters to all University campuses. A second topic was the recent strategic sourcing initiative being undertaken by the Office of the President. Ms. Van Belleghem suggested that some of the contracts that had been signed under this program would undermine student initiatives such as recycled purchasing.

C. Mr. Scott Mueller, a student at the Davis campus and a member of the California Student Sustainability Coalition, recalled that the first annual report on the status of the University’s green building and clean energy policy had been presented at yesterday’s meeting of the Committee on Grounds and Buildings, which reported
$20 million in grants from the Public Utilities Commission for energy efficiency, solar power, the creation of a sustainability specialist at the Office of the President, and government and community partnerships. He acknowledged the training that was being provided on energy-efficient laboratory criteria and LEED requirements. Mr. Mueller asked the University to work with the State in pursuing a green building and sustainable future, noting that the State would require that all new buildings be LEED certified silver.

D. Ms. Yvette Felarca, a member of the Coalition to Defend Affirmative Action By Any Means Necessary, called upon The Regents to reverse the ban on affirmative action, noting that in fall 2004 only 108 African-American freshman had enrolled at the Berkeley campus. She urged the Board to work to create more diversity in the UC system by instituting new affirmative action programs.

E. Mr. Christoph Gelsdorf, a student at the San Francisco campus speaking on behalf of Universities Allied for Access to Essential Medicines, explained that the group is a student-led organization with the goal of making medicine derived from research conducted at universities more accessible to resource-poor nations. They encourage universities to adopt licensing policies whereby licenses are granted to marketing and development partners, generally pharmaceutical companies, that stipulate that the company will not stand in the way of third-party manufacture of medicines.

F. Ms. Linda Salinas, a student at the Berkeley campus and a member of Action in Defense of Education (ADE), discussed the negative effects of recent fee increases on students, who are often forced to work more than 20 hours per week while attending school full time. She urged that 33 percent of student fees be returned to financial aid.

G. Ms. Michelle Tsai, a student at UC Davis, called for an end to live animal experiments, and she described many such programs that were ongoing on the University’s campuses.

2. **REMARKS OF THE PRESIDENT**

President Dynes introduced Professor Denice D. Denton, the Chancellor-designate of the Santa Cruz campus. Ms. Denton currently serves at the Dean of Engineering at the University of Washington.

The President reported that he had appointed a UC Long Range Guidance Team, which will be co-chaired by Provost Greenwood and Senior Vice President Darling. The team is charged with examining and clarifying the mission, focus, and strategic intent of the University of California for the next 20 years, identifying a concise set of goals, objectives, strategies, and measures to guide the University toward its chosen direction, and focusing and aligning University resources, initiatives, and the talent and energy of the leadership
team to achieve those strategic goals and objectives. In addition to the co-chairs, the members of the team are Senior Vice President Mullinix, Vice President Hershman, Chancellor Córdova, Chancellor Carnesale, Chancellor Vanderhoef, Academic Council Chair Blumenthal, Academic Council Vice Chair Brunk, Regents Parisky, Kozberg, Blum, Hopkinson, and Marcus, and Regents-designate Rominger and Rosenthal.

Turning to the Merced campus, President Dynes reported that more than 9,000 applications for admission in fall 2005 had been received. These applications not only reflect strong student interest from the San Joaquin Valley but also demonstrate substantial interest from students in the Bay Area, Los Angeles, and throughout the state.

The President outlined the ways in which the University had responded to the tsunami that devastated south Asia at the end of December. Campuses confirmed the safety of their Education Abroad students in the affected regions and contacted their international students who are from countries affected by the tsunami. Counseling services were expanded to meet the needs of those with family or other connection in those regions. The chancellors issued communications to their campus communities, and web sites were posted providing continually updated information to students, faculty, and staff.

The campuses have provided links to fund-raising efforts, and many individual students, faculty, staff, programs, and departments throughout the University have undertaken their own fund-raising efforts to aid victims of the tsunami. Using the expertise of their faculty, various campuses have sponsored “brown-bag” or similar discussions on the scientific and human-impact issues associated with the tsunami.

In concluding his remarks, the President highlighted several of the items on the upcoming agenda.

The meeting adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

Attest:

Secretary