

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

January 17, 2006

The Regents of the University of California met on the above date at the Price Center, San Diego campus.

Present: Regents Juline, Ruiz, and Schilling

In attendance: Regent-designate Ledesma, Faculty Representatives Oakley and Brunk, Staff Advisor Miller, Associate Secretary Shaw, Chancellors Córdoba and Fox, and Recording Secretary Bryan

The meeting convened at 11:05 a.m. with Committee on Grounds and Buildings Vice Chair Juline presiding.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Regent Juline 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.

Item 102, Amendment of the Budget for Capital Improvements and the Capital Improvement Program for North Campus Housing, Phase 1, San Diego Campus

1. Mr. Neil Spears, a UC San Diego undergraduate, presented a resolution adopted by Muir College Council in support of the North Campus Housing Project. The resolution calls for raising the University's debt ceiling so that construction on the project may begin. He noted the importance of the new housing to transfer students, whose presence enhances the campus and provides diversity.
2. Mr. Pat Allen, a UC San Diego undergraduate at Muir College, reported that he had lived on campus for his first two years and had spent two as a commuter. He noted that transfer students face challenges in finding housing in the area. The North Campus Housing Project would allow transfer students to play an integral part on campus, resulting in a richer campus life.

Item 103, Amendment of the Budget for Capital Improvements and the Capital Improvement Program and Approval of External Financing for UCSD Medical Center Cardiovascular Center and Thornton Hospital Expansion, San Diego Campus

3. Judge Lawrence Kapiloff reported that, after being assured of the UCSD Medical Center's commitment to caring for the indigent and elderly population, he had carried the bill that resulted in the University's acquisition of Hillcrest Hospital. He asked that Regental action related to the campus' expansion plans for Thornton Hospital be

postponed until time could be set aside to hear from City representatives regarding the campus' plans for the development of its hospital system.

4. Ms. Lani Lutar, president and CEO of the San Diego County Taxpayers' Association, asked that The Regents delay any action to close the trauma center at the UCSD Medical Center at Hillcrest until an anticipated County of San Diego healthcare needs assessment is conducted, completed, and reviewed. Key goals of the study include assessing the healthcare needs for the San Diego region over the next 20 years, identifying gaps and overlaps between entities within the existing healthcare delivery system, and identifying strategies to avoid negative impact on San Diego residents, safety net providers, and the County. Completion of the needs assessment will aid in making informed decisions for the region.
5. Dr. Ben Medina, a physician in the South Bay, expressed concern about the possibility of the closure of the Hillcrest emergency or trauma center. He reported his recent experience with having been turned away at several local hospitals that were full and being accepted at Hillcrest, which also was full but let him remain in the recovery room for the weekend. He was concerned about the planned loss of beds at Hillcrest and advocated reconsidering closing the trauma center.

Item 110, Annual Report on Green Building, Clean Energy, and Sustainable Transportation Policy

6. Ms. Dorothy Le, representing the California Student Sustainability Coalition, expressed her appreciation for those who had worked to develop a transportation policy for the University. She noted the importance of the Annual Report on Sustainability, which documents the progress that has been made. There are many students supporting the sustainable transportation policy who will want to be part of the ongoing implementation process.
7. Ms. Melanie Zauscher, a UCSD graduate student, highlighted some elements in the sustainable transportation policy, including acquiring data on fuel consumption, measuring average vehicle ridership, and reducing greenhouse gas emissions. It is hoped that the standardization and analysis of these metrics will provide the basis for establishing systemwide goals to reduce fossil fuel consumption, improve quality, and increase alternative modes of campus transportation.
8. Mr. Jonathan Woolley stated that the Regents' oversight and support would be essential in maintaining the momentum for effective sustainable transportation policy implementation.
9. Mr. Jonathan Giffard, a UC Santa Cruz student, commented that there was room for improvement in the sustainable transportation policy and that students look forward to incremental changes as attainable pathways are identified. One way to strengthen the guidelines would be to create a common methodology for metric collection so that intercampus comparisons could be made. Another way is to create a system similar to

the LEED building certification program for gauging sustainability of campus transportation. This would allow campuses to design transportation systems through a point system that could be customized for each campus.

10. Mr. Soumil Mehta, a UC Santa Barbara student representing Move UC, hoped that the Regents were inspired to increase sustainability programs on all campuses. Sustainability includes not only transportation and green buildings, but also making food systems more sustainable by increasing local and organic produce in dining commons, donating unused food to food banks, and composting food waste. The UC system could become a leader in supporting sustainable food systems.
11. Ms. Maren Poitras, a UC Santa Barbara student, represented 5,000 UC students who had signed postcards in support of the California Student Sustainability Coalition's UC Foods Campaign. She reported that the campaign began in fall 2004 when students working on sustainable food issues throughout the system came together, recognizing that the food system is of vital importance to the environment, health, and social well being and offers an opportunity to make a positive contribution in the world.
12. Mr. Michael Cox, chair of the UC chapter of the California Student Sustainability Coalition, read the mission, objectives, and recommendations of the UC Food Systems Campaign, which is committed to sustainable campus food systems that prioritize local, organic, and socially responsible purchasing as well as waste reduction and green dining facility standards. These practices will support the health of consumers, workers, local economies, the environment, and California agriculture. He recommended that The Regents adopt a policy that encompasses sustainable purchasing, waste reduction measures, and green facility standards for campus dining services.
13. Ms. Shannon Moon, a UC San Diego student representing the CSSC's sustainable foods campaign, noted that UC campuses are involved in the drive to create a sustainable foods system and all have taken steps in that direction, such as creating sustainable campus gardens, buying from local producers, and holding outreach activities.
14. Mr. Tim Galorneau, a UC Santa Cruz student, reported that he has been working to develop a campus food systems working group, been involved in outreach and educational events, instructed a student-led course on sustainable food systems, and expanded the statewide student network concerned with food issues. He listed other institutions that had undertaken various sustainable foods initiatives. He believed that the University could lead the way in this movement by producing guidelines for a statewide plan for procurement, green facility standards, and waste reduction measures.
15. Mr. Joseph Vardner, a UC Los Angeles student, applauded the University for having 75 buildings that embrace the green building policy and urged that LEED certification be sought for them and that more be added. He also advocated exploring the economic feasibility of new avenues such as solar energy, believing that the University could be a leader on sustainability issues not just for the state but for the nation.

16. Mr. Brian Parent , a UC San Diego staff member and chairman of the board of directors of the San Diego County Bicycle Coalition, observed that there was a natural alignment between the coalition and the UC San Diego campus' implementation of sustainable transportation efforts as they pertain to cycling. He believed that any efforts to increase cycling should include an educational component, increasing not only the number of cyclists but also the percentage of competent cyclists. Safety training is an incentive for those considering commuting by bicycle.

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Attest:

Associate Secretary