The Regents of the University of California met on the above date at University Center, Santa Barbara campus.

Members present: Regents Allen, Blum, Brewer, Bugay, De La Peña, Dynes, Garamendi, Gould, Hopkinson, Island, Lansing, Lozano, Marcus, Moores, Parsky, Ruiz, Varner, and Wachter

In attendance: Regents-designate Cole, Scorza, and Shewmake, Faculty Representatives Brown and Oakley, Secretary and Chief of Staff Griffiths, Associate Secretary Shaw, General Counsel Robinson, Chief Investment Officer Berggren, Provost Hume, Executive Vice Presidents Darling and Lapp, Vice Presidents Foley and Sakaki, Assistant Vice President Casey representing Acting Vice President Standiford, Chancellors Birgeneau, Drake, Fox, Kang, Vanderhoef, and Yang, Acting Chancellors Blumenthal and Grey, University Auditor Reed, and Recording Secretary Bryan

The meeting convened at 10:15 a.m. with Chairman Blum presiding.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairman Blum 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. Due to the number of people wishing to speak, Chairman Blum extended the public comment period to 30 minutes. The following persons addressed the Board concerning the items noted.

Oversight of the Department of Energy Laboratories

A. Mr. Daniel Komins, UCSB alumnus, inquired as to why the University is violating international law regarding nuclear weapons production.

B. Mr. Adrian Drummond-Cole, UCSB student, stated that many violations have occurred over the course of UC’s involvement with the weapons laboratories.

C. Mr. Jedidjah deVres, UCSB alumnus, stated that the community of Livermore, California is in jeopardy of contamination due to plutonium storage at the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory.

D. Ms. Katie Murray, representing the Nuclear Age Peace Foundation, stated that the mining of uranium used for the production of nuclear weapons is on indigenous peoples’ lands and is deleterious to the communities who live there.

E. Mr. Thomas Scheff, Professor at UCSB, stated that it is a crime to provide weapons to the U.S. government due to its criminal actions in Iraq.
F. Mr. Gilberto Robledo, UCSB alumnus and member of the Veterans for Peace, urged The Regents to refuse to increase University revenue by researching and developing weapons of mass destruction.

G. Mr. Andrew Culp, speaking on behalf of community members and UC alumni, stated that a boycott of UC fundraising and alumni donations has been organized due to the ties of the University to the nuclear weapons laboratories.

H. Mr. Will Parish, UCSC alumnus, informed The Regents of the April 2007 formation of the student body Department of Energy Laboratory Oversight Committee at UCSB, charged with providing accountability to the UC’s management of the nuclear weapons laboratories.

I. Mr. Geoffrey Berz questioned the Regents regarding their accountability to UC students and beliefs on nuclear proliferation.

J. Mr. Darwin Bond-Graham stated his belief that the University is not managing the nuclear weapons facilities in the public interest and that there are conflicts of interest involved.

K. Ms. Carleigh O’Donnell, former UCSB student, questioned the extent to which The Regents were aware of the activities taking place at the Department of Energy laboratories.

University-related Issues

L. Mr. Corbin Collins, representing the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) Coalition, stated that the disbandment of the NAGPRA unit at UC Berkeley was discriminatory and excluded Native Americans from the decision-making process.

M. Ms. Louise Hendrickson, Chair of UCSA, urged that students continue to be involved in the Study Group on Diversity, including the development of policy, implementation, and follow-up.

N. Ms. Danielle Traphagen, University Affairs Vice Chair of UCSA, stated that academic preparation programs are crucial to the development of the Merced campus and its mission to uplift the Central Valley. She urged that these programs be better supported.

O. Mr. Jesse Bernal, University Affairs Chair of UCSA, applauded the work that the University has done in academic preparation programs. He stated that UCSA hopes that these programs will be supported at a higher financial level.

The meeting adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

Attest:

Secretary and Chief of Staff