

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

May 17, 2007

The Regents of the University of California met on the above date at UCSF–Mission Bay Community Center, San Francisco.

Members present: Regents Blum, Coombs, Dynes, Gould, Hopkinson, Island, Johnson, Ledesma, Lozano, Parsky, Pattiz, Ruiz, Schilling, Schreiner, and Wachter

In attendance: Regents-designate Allen, Brewer, and Bugay, 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 Broome, Foley, and Sakaki, Chancellors Birgeneau, Drake, Fox, Kang, Vanderhoef, and Yang, Acting Chancellors Abrams and Blumenthal, University Auditor Reed, and Recording Secretary Smith

The meeting convened at 8:25 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.

Item F9, Amendment of Policy on Conflicts Disclosures by Members of the Investment Advisory Committee

- A. Ms. Faith Raider, AFSCME, stated that there are conflicts of interest in the pension fund governance, and that the proposed item on conflict disclosures for Investment Committee advisory members would relax these policies further.

Item RE95, Progress Report from the Study Group on University Diversity

- B. Ms. Tina Park, UCSA member, stated that UC has made limited progress on the diversity crisis. UCLA revised their admission system with good results, including an additional 100 African-American students admitted. She urged that changes be instituted on a larger scale, however, at the Regental level, in collaboration with the Study Group on University Diversity.

Item RE98, Postponement of Adoption of RE89: Policy Restricting University, Acceptance of Funding from the Tobacco Industry

- C. Ms. Laura Miller, UCB alumna, stated that accepting money from the tobacco industry hurts UC's reputation and credibility while serving to boost the image of the tobacco industry.
- D. Ms. Marcia Brown-Machen, UCB alumna, stated that since tobacco companies have been found to be legally corrupt, accepting money from them violates UC's policy of accepting money from only legal sources.

Oversight of the Department of Energy Laboratories

- E. Ms. Carleigh O'Donnell, UC student, reported that she has not eaten food for nine days. She expressed her belief that everyone should be allowed to live in a non-toxic world. She stated that the Reliable Replacement Warhead Program, the new plutonium pit, and UC's past work with nuclear weapons is a violation of the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty of 1970, Article 6. She urged the Regents to cease management of the nation's two nuclear weapons laboratories.
- F. Mr. Adrienne Cole, UCSB student, stated that a large number of UC students, faculty, and staff are opposed to UC's involvement with nuclear weapons.
- G. Mr. Jedidjan De Vries, Outreach Director at Tri-Valley Cares, urged that UC should not be part of the Reliable Replacement Warhead Program and should not lend academic respectability to the nuclear weapons enterprise.
- H. Mr. Jason Ahmadi, UCB student, asserted that the associations of UC with BP and the nuclear weapons program are part of a larger problem that UC is not a democratic institution.
- I. Mr. Andrew Culp, Associate of the Nuclear Age Peace Foundation, stated that his organization has had a UC-Nuclear Free campaign for seven years. Over 200 emails have been sent to the Regents, and an additional 2,000 more are going to be sent, asking UC to sever ties with the Department of Energy laboratories.
- J. Ms. Erika Layman, UCSC student, stated that as an academic institution, UC has a responsibility to shed assumptions about the necessity of current approaches to defense, and to use knowledge to push the country in an internationally and domestically responsible direction.
- K. Ms. Jennifer Bamberg, UCSB student, asked that the issue of nuclear weapon oversight be put on the Regents' agenda.
- L. Mr. Matthew Taylor, UCB student, expressed his embarrassment at graduating from a university that supports nuclear weapons production. He played a recording of a Nigerian activist, who stated that BP has caused environmental damage in Nigeria.

- M. Dr. Robert Gould, practicing pathologist and President of Physicians for Social Responsibility, stated that his organization is vehemently opposed to the continuation of the UC contract with the nuclear weapons laboratories.
- N. Ms. Jacklyn Cabasso, Executive Director of Western States Legal Foundation, stated that she recently returned from the meeting of the state parties to the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty in Austria, where a majority of members expressed their view that the U.S. nuclear weapons programs and policies contradict the legal obligations of the Treaty.
- O. Mr. John Williams, UCSC student, asserted that UC needs to cease being part of a nuclear system that has severe repercussions for the rest of the world.

University-related Issues

- P. Mr. Peter Ralph, UCB student, represented a number of students who are concerned about the arrangement with BP to create the Energy Biosciences Institute. He reported the findings of the UN Report on Sustainable Bioenergy that biofuels may exacerbate environmental destruction, global poverty, and, ironically, global warming.
- Q. Mr. Ignacio Chapela, Associate Professor at UCB, raised concerns over the BP arrangement, specifically the issues of conflict of interest and liability with regards to genetically modified material.
- R. Ms. Suzanne Duckett, parent of a girl in the 4-H program, stated that the University should use professionals for estate acquisition, rather than 4-H staff.
- S. Mr. Charles Schwartz, Professor Emeritus of UC Berkeley, discussed the financing of the University, specifically the secrecy in the long range planning groups, the amount of money spent on undergraduate education, and excessive bureaucracy.
- T. Ms. Jean Minton, UCSF employee, stated that she was not adequately informed that the Evening MBA Program at the Haas School of Business was not included in the policy for two-thirds reduced tuition for UC employees. She requested a reduction in her tuition, and that the policy be changed to include all programs.
- U. Mr. Eric Friedman, UCD student and ASUC Senator, reported that the ASUC Senate recently passed Senate Resolution #11 that asked The Regents to revise the Study Abroad Program policies and include the issue on the agenda of the next Regents' meeting. Currently, students are unable to travel to countries with a State Department travel warning, such as Israel and the Philippines.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 a.m.

Attest:

Secretary and Chief of Staff