

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

March 20, 2008

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

Members present: Regents Blum, Brewer, Bugay, De La Peña, Dynes, Garamendi, Gould, Hotchkis, Island, Marcus, Varner, and Wachter

In attendance: Regents-designate Cole, Scorza, and Shewmake, Faculty Representatives Brown and Croughan, Secretary and Chief of Staff Griffiths, Associate Secretary Shaw, General Counsel Robinson, Chief Investment Officer Berggren, Chief Compliance and Audit Officer Vacca, Provost Hume, Executive Vice Presidents Darling and Lapp, Vice Presidents Beckwith, Foley, and Sakaki, Chancellors Birgeneau, Block, Blumenthal, Fox, Kang, Vanderhoef, and Yang, Acting Chancellor Grey, and Recording Secretary Johns

The meeting convened at 8:40 a.m. with Chairman Blum presiding.

1. 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. The following persons addressed the Board concerning the items noted.

- A. Mr. Murray Morgan, a former UCD employee, alleged that he was incarcerated for speaking out against scientific misconduct at the University. He cited UCD Chancellor Vanderhoef, former Vice Chancellor Shimek, and the Campus Counsel as the cause of his difficulties.
- B. Ms. Manuela Sosa, a UCR alumna and retired dentist, noted that she is participating in the planning for the UCR School of Medicine. She expressed concern that not enough is being done to ensure that the School will serve the needs of the Latino and Spanish-speaking population, and that there will be bilingual, culturally competent medical students.
- C. Mr. Dennis Lopez, a UC alumnus and representative of the Chicano/Latino Coalition for Educational Equity and Spanish Speaking English Learners at UCR, requested that the University create a department and organized research unit for educational equity and English

language learners in the Graduate School of Education at UCR. He emphasized the urgent need for such an academic unit and cited figures showing substantial growth in the population of English learners in the Inland Empire counties over the past two decades.

- D. Ms. Hailey Snow, a UCSC student, informed the Regents that she will not be able to attend college next year because of the cost and discussed the affordability crisis for students. She expressed concern about the loss of student services at a time when fees are increasing.
- E. Ms. Alicia Gamez, a UCSD biochemistry Ph.D. student, emphasized the importance of graduate student researchers for their contribution of intellectual capital and for the external funding they bring in, and the importance of UC graduate and undergraduate students for the California economy. She urged the Regents to consider the detrimental effects on the University and the state if gifted students are priced out by rising fees.
- F. Mr. Matthew Corrales, a UCSC graduate student, thanked the Regents for their leadership in improving diversity. He urged that funds for student mental health services be restored, and observed that the mental health services for graduate students at UCSC are not as extensive as those for undergraduates.
- G. Mr. Joseph Simanek, an attorney formerly employed in the Office of the General Counsel, noted his experience in handling mental health cases and in advising the campuses on mental health and disabled students. He expressed concern that the Office of the General Counsel is not providing appropriate or necessary legal advice on these issues, and that the campus Vice Chancellors for Student Affairs are not competent in this area. He submitted a binder of relevant materials to the Regents.

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 a.m.

Attest:

Secretary and Chief of Staff