The Regents of the University of California

COMMITTEE ON GOVERNANCE
July 17, 2008

The Committee on Governance met on the above date at University Center, Santa Barbara Campus.

Members present: Regents Island, Lansing, Pattiz, Schilling, and Wachter

In attendance: Regents Blum, Cole, De La Peña, Garamendi, Hopkinson, Kozberg, Reiss, Ruiz, Scorza, Shewmake, Varner, and Yudof, Regents-designate Bernal, Nunn Gorman, and Stovitz, Faculty Representatives Brown and Croughan, Secretary and Chief of Staff Griffiths, Associate Secretary Shaw, General Counsel Robinson, Chief Investment Officer Berggren, Provost Hume, Executive Vice Presidents Darling and Lapp, Chancellor Drake, and Recording Secretary Johns

The meeting convened at 12:45 p.m. with Committee Chair Lansing presiding.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Open and Closed Session minutes and the Joint Committee minutes of meetings of May 2008 were approved.

2. AMENDMENT OF REGENTS’ POLICY ON BOARD EDUCATION AND ASSESSMENT

Regent Lansing recommended that the Policy on Board Education and Assessment be amended as follows:

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POLICY ON BOARD EDUCATION AND ASSESSMENT

A. A formal orientation program be established for newly appointed Regents to assist them to perform their duties. The program shall provide information regarding the University’s history and structure, the individual campuses, the broad range of policy issues expected to come before the Board as well as the recent history of issues before the Board, and the laws and policies that govern a Regent’s fiduciary duties. Orientation sessions also shall be open to continuing Regents as appropriate.

B. The Chair of the Committee on Governance, in consultation with the Chairman of the Board, assign continuing Regents to act as mentors on an ongoing basis for newly appointed Regents. In addition, Committee chairs shall consult with
Regents newly appointed to their Committees to determine if a committee mentor is appropriate.

C. The Board conduct periodic Board retreats to discuss governance and planning issues as needed. The Chairman of the Board, after consulting with the President and Board members, shall determine the timing, location, and agenda of the retreat. It is anticipated that the first retreat shall be conducted by the end of the third quarter of 2008.

D. The Board evaluate Board performance through an appropriate process, determined by the Committee on Governance. The evaluation may be conducted in conjunction with a Board retreat or separately. It is anticipated that the first evaluation shall be conducted by the end of the third quarter of 2008.

[Background material was mailed to Regents in advance of the meeting, and copies are on file in the Office of the Secretary and Chief of Staff.]

Committee Chair Lansing noted general agreement that the evaluation of Board performance should be postponed until the Committee has had an opportunity to discuss governance and other relevant issues with the new President.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Committee approved Regent Lansing’s recommendation and voted to present it to the Board.

The meeting adjourned at 12:50 p.m.

Attest:

Secretary and Chief of Staff