The Regents of the University of California

COMMITTEE ON GOVERNANCE
September 15, 2010

The Committee on Governance met on the above date at UCSF–Mission Bay Community Center, San Francisco.

Members present: Regents Blum, Lansing, Pattiz, Ruiz, Schilling, and Varner

In attendance: Regents Cheng, DeFreece, De La Peña, Gould, Hime, Island, Johnson, Kieffer, Makarechian, Maldonado, Marcus, O’Connell, Reiss, Yudof, and Zettel, Regents-designate Hallett, Mireles, and Pelliccioni, Faculty Representatives Anderson and Simmons, Secretary and Chief of Staff Griffiths, Associate Secretary Shaw, General Counsel Robinson, Chief Investment Officer Berggren, Provost Pitts, Executive Vice Presidents Brostrom and Taylor, Senior Vice Presidents Dooley and Stobo, Vice Presidents Beckwith, Duckett, Lenz, and Sakaki, Chancellors Birgeneau, Block, Blumenthal, Drake, Fox, Kang, Katehi, White, and Yang, and Recording Secretary Johns

The meeting convened at 9:40 a.m. with Committee Vice Chair Varner presiding.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the minutes of the meetings of January 8, 2008 and July 15, 2010 were approved.

2. CONSENT AGENDA

Amendment of Regents Policy 1301: Policy on Media Coverage

The Chairman of the Board and the President recommended that Policy 1301: Policy on Media Coverage be amended as shown in Attachment 1.

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

Committee Vice Chair Varner explained that this item addressed media and public access to Regents meetings. The policy was amended to comply with the law and with the Regents’ intentions.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Committee approved the Chairman’s and the President’s recommendation and voted to present it to the Board.
The meeting adjourned at 9:45 a.m.

Attest:

Secretary and Chief of Staff
Regents Policy 1301: POLICY ON MEDIA COVERAGE
PUBLIC ACCESS TO MEETINGS
Approved October 17, 1975

The Board of Regents reaffirms its commitment to openness and transparency in the conduct of the University’s business. Meetings of the Board of Regents shall be conducted in compliance with California open meeting laws applicable to the University of California. Any person attending an open and public meeting of the Board of Regents shall have the right to record the proceedings with an audio or video recorder or a still or motion picture camera unless the recording cannot continue without noise, illumination or obstruction of view that constitutes, or would constitute, a persistent disruption of the proceedings.

At all public meetings of the Board of Regents and its Committees, accredited new media representatives shall be permitted to televise, photograph, and record the proceedings for news purposes, subject to the following regulations and conditions:

(1) When space is available in the meeting room, a specific area shall be assigned for fixed television cameras and power and microphone cables, and no other area shall be used for this purpose.

(2) Audio recording shall be through a central audio feed provided for that purpose.

(3) No microphones or recorders may be placed on the meeting table for the use of news media representatives, and no microphones may be held in front of persons participating in the proceedings.

(4) Depending upon availability of space and the particular arrangements of the meeting room, a specific area may be assigned within which news media representatives with hand-held cameras may move during a meeting.

(5) Supplementary lighting may not be used for photography or filming during a meeting.

(6) Close-up photography, filming, and recording with hand-held equipment shall be permitted prior to the start of each meeting, during a recess, or immediately following a meeting, as time permits, providing, however, that no news media representative or media equipment may be permitted within the inner area of the meeting table.

(7) The presiding Regent at a meeting may request any person to relocate, remove, or discontinue the use of any equipment which is situated or used in such a manner as to disrupt the proceedings, create a potential danger, or substantially obstruct the view of persons in the audience.

(8) The Vice President—University and Student Relations, in consultation with the Secretary of The Regents, shall be responsible for implementation of the above, and the development of operating procedures in connection therewith.