

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

September 11, 2012

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

Present: Regents De La Peña, Kieffer, Makarechian, Rubenstein, Ruiz, and Stein

In attendance: Regents-designate Feingold, Flores, and Schultz, Faculty Representatives Jacob and Powell, Secretary and Chief of Staff Kelman, Associate Secretary Shaw, General Counsel Robinson, Chief Compliance and Audit Officer Vacca, Provost Dorr, Chief Financial Officer Taylor, Chancellor White, and Recording Secretary Johns

The meeting convened at 1:15 p.m. with Regent Makarechian presiding.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Regent Makarechian 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. Derek Brown, a representative of Save Westwood Village, expressed opposition to development of the Luskin Conference and Guest Center at UCLA and asked that the Regents not certify the Environmental Impact Report for the project. He noted that UCLA hotels do not pay Los Angeles sales or occupancy tax, stated that this was illegal, and requested that UC verify this with the Internal Revenue Service. Mr. Brown alleged that there was evidence of pre-commitment in the project, a violation of the California Environmental Quality Act. He stated that UCLA hotels are not exempt from unrelated business income tax but that UCLA has never reported unrelated business income tax, and that UCLA has used tax-exempt financing for several hotels in the past, while other UC hotels pay transient occupancy tax. Mr. Brown alleged that the Regents had violated open meeting and public notice laws in regard to discussions of the Luskin project.
- B. Mr. Jonathan Ly, a representative of the UC Student Association, referred to the Board's discussion of fiscal and other issues to take place the following day. He requested that the Regents consider every option for funding UC as well as the impact these options would have on affordability, accessibility and quality. Some options would affect students more severely than others.
- C. Ms. Nwadiuto Amajoyi, Chair of the UC Santa Cruz Student Union Assembly, noted that there were many daunting issues before the Board. She asked that the Regents do what was best for the University and its students. She stressed that everyone present cared about the well-being of the University.

- D. Ms. Bonnie To, an undergraduate student at UC Irvine, stressed the importance of diversity. If Proposition 30 were not approved by California voters in the November election, the University should still actively seek funding opportunities for student support and avoid strategies that would not be beneficial to students.

The meeting adjourned at 1:25 p.m.

Attest:

Secretary and Chief of Staff

Pending Approval