

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

March 17, 2015

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

Members present: Regents Engelhorn, Leong Clancy, Makarechian, Ruiz, Sherman, and Zettel

In attendance: Regent-designate Davis, Faculty Representatives Gilly and Hare, Secretary and Chief of Staff Shaw, General Counsel Robinson, Chief Compliance and Audit Officer Vacca, Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer Brostrom, Vice President Sakaki, Chancellor Hawgood, and Recording Secretary Johns

The meeting convened at 11:15 a.m. with Regent Zettel presiding.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Regent Zettel 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.

1. Mr. Guillermo Rogel, UC Santa Cruz student and board member of the UC Student Association (UCSA), stated that the scheduling of Regents meetings makes it difficult for students to attend. Greater interaction between students and Regents would be desirable to correct an ominous perception students may have of the Regents. Recent student demonstrations at the Santa Cruz campus, including the shutdown of Highway 17, expressed frustration with UC and the State.
2. Ms. Rebecca Ora, a Ph.D. student in film and digital media at UC Santa Cruz and member of UCSA, raised concerns about accessibility and affordability for UC graduate students. Graduate students are not eligible for need-based aid, have higher interest rates on student loans than undergraduates, and their loans are unsubsidized. She urged the University to reconsider its increases to Professional Degree Supplemental Tuition. Ms. Ora noted that UC Irvine offers Ph.D. students a guarantee of support, such as teaching assistantships, for their normative time to degree. This should be instituted systemwide to enhance recruitment and retention of graduate students.
3. Ms. Lacy Wright, a UC Santa Barbara student and art history major, warned that of the approximately 230,000 students at UC, 28,000 would likely be sexually assaulted during their time at the University. The UC system should protect the academic success of all its students, their health and well-being, and every campus should have counselors trained to

respond to sexual assault in various communities. Counseling services should be expanded, as it may take years for survivors of sexual assault to recover.

The meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

Attest:

Secretary and Chief of Staff