

The Regents of the University of California

COMMITTEE ON GROUNDS AND BUILDINGS

September 17, 1998

The Committee on Grounds and Buildings met on the above date at UCSF - Laurel Heights, San Francisco.

Members present: Regents Atkinson, Davies, Espinoza, Johnson, Khachigian, Lee, Montoya, Ochoa, and Willmon

In attendance: Regents Bagley, Chandler, Connerly, Gould, Hotchkis, Kozberg, Miura, Parsky, and Preuss, Regents-designate Taylor and Vining, Faculty Representatives Coleman and Dorr, Secretary Trivette, General Counsel Holst, Provost King, Senior Vice President Kennedy, Vice Presidents Broome, Gomes, and Hershman, Chancellors Berdahl, Cicerone, Dynes, Greenwood, Orbach, and Yang, Executive Vice Chancellor Grey representing Chancellor Vanderhoef, and Recording Secretary Bryan

The meeting convened at 11: 15 a.m. with Committee Chair Lee presiding.

1. CONSENT AGENDA

A. ***Approval of Mitigated Negative Declaration and Approval of Design, San Rafael Student Housing Addition, Santa Barbara Campus***

Upon review and consideration of the environmental consequences of the proposed project as indicated in the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration, the President recommended that the Committee:

- (1) Approve the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration.
- (2) Adopt the Findings and approve the Mitigation Monitoring Program.
- (3) Approve the design of the San Rafael Student Housing Addition, Santa Barbara campus.
- (4) Authorize the President to make such changes as required by the California Coastal Commission to be consistent with the California Coastal Act.

[The Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration, Findings, and Mitigation Monitoring Program were mailed to all Regents in advance of the meeting, and copies are on file in the Office of the Secretary.]

**B. *Approval of Mitigated Negative Declaration, Amendment of Long Range Development Plan, and Approval of Design, Undergraduate Housing Expansion, Phase 1 - Middle Earth, Irvine Campus***

Upon review and consideration of the environmental consequences of the proposed project as indicated in the Tiered Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration, the President recommended the following:

- (1) Approval of the Tiered Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration.
- (2) Adoption of the Findings.
- (3) Amendment of the Irvine campus Long Range Development Plan to accommodate the project as proposed.
- (4) Approval of the design of the Undergraduate Housing Expansion, Phase 1 - Middle Earth, Irvine campus.

[The Tiered Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration and Findings were mailed to all Regents in advance of the meeting, and copies are on file in the Office of the Secretary.]

Regent Connerly recalled that the Office of the President was expected to prepare a report on the problems of providing sufficient student housing. Senior Vice President Kennedy informed the Committee that the report would be mailed to all Regents in a few weeks and would be discussed at the November Regents meeting.

Regent Johnson noted that the design for the student housing at the Santa Barbara campus did not seem particularly attractive. She cautioned the Committee against approving housing designs too hastily in the effort to move projects along. She believed that students should be provided with the finest quality housing possible. Chancellor Yang assured her that the architects responsible for the design would take note of her comments and do what they could to make the project aesthetically pleasing. Committee Chair Lee explained that, because the buildings are so close to the beach, their design is limited by California Coastal Commission requirements.

Committee Chair Lee pointed out that, with the addition of another 1,500 students, the Santa Barbara campus will have reached its maximum allowable student population. He thought it may be time to increase that maximum. Senior Vice President Kennedy responded that each campus has a detailed Long Range

Development Plan that was reviewed and approved by the Board during the 1980s and early 1990s. The LRDPs are due to be reevaluated in the interest of academic planning. He noted that enrollment projections will be updated as part of that review.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Committee approved the President's recommendations and voted to present them to the Board.

**2. ADOPTION OF FINAL 1998-99 BUDGET FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS**

The President recommended that, subject to the concurrence of the Committee on Finance, the 1998-99 Budget for Capital Improvements, as modified by actions of the Legislature and the Governor, be adopted.

The Committee was informed that the final State Budget includes \$211.4 million for capital improvement projects for the University of California. This is an increase from the \$150 million included in the Governor's January budget and allows the University to accelerate several projects. The increased funding is being used to move more quickly on seismic, life-safety, and modernization projects that were in the planning phase rather than to initiate new projects. Almost all of the capital budget is dependent upon passage of Proposition 1A on the November ballot, which the University is strongly supporting.

The Governor's January budget, which was based on the four-year compact with higher education, proposed to provide the University with approximately \$150 million, about the level of funding the University has received in each of the last three years. The Governor agreed to provide a higher level of capital outlay funding because he was able to reach agreement with the Legislature on a \$9.2 billion general obligation measure (Proposition 1A) for the November ballot. The bond measure includes \$6.7 billion for K-12 education and \$2.5 billion for higher education over a four-year period. The \$2.5 billion for higher education is a higher level of bond authority than previously proposed as part of the four-year compact with higher education. Based on this, the University anticipates it will receive about \$210 million per year to support its capital improvement program.

Committee Chair Lee asked who decides what capital budget the University will receive and what the campus allocations will be. Vice President Hershman explained that the Legislature and the Governor set the budget and determine the allocations based on which campus projects it is possible to advance during the budget year.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Committee approved the President's recommendation and voted to present it to the Board.

The meeting adjourned at 11:25 a.m.

Attest:

A handwritten signature, possibly of the Secretary, consisting of a stylized letter 'S' followed by a flourish.

Secretary