

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

May 21, 1999

The Regents of the University of California met on the above date at Covell Commons, Los Angeles campus.

Present: Regents Atkinson, Connerly, Davies, Espinoza, Hopkinson, O. Johnson, S. Johnson, Khachigian, Kozberg, Lansing, Leach, Miura, Montoya, Parsky, Preuss, Sayles, and Willmon

In attendance: Regents-designate Pannor, Taylor, and Vining, Faculty Representatives Coleman and Dorr, Secretary Trivette, General Counsel Holst, Provost King, Senior Vice President Kennedy, Vice Presidents Darling, Gurtner, and Hershman, Chancellors Carnesale, Cicerone, Dynes, Vanderhoef, and Yang, and Recording Secretary Nietfeld

The meeting convened at 8:48 a.m. with Chairman Davies presiding.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairman Davies 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 Report of the Nominating Committee, Item 2: Special Presentation: Research Libraries and Scholarly Information, and University-related matters not on the day's agenda. The following persons addressed the Board concerning the items noted:

1. Mr. David Benjamin, the president of the private tutoring company Ahead of the Class, discussed the potential effects of the BOARS proposal to increase the weighting of the SAT II over the SAT I, noting that SAT II language tests give preference to those students who learn a second language in the home and thus are unfair to African American and Caucasian applicants. He noted that the SAT I is the only exam that tests reading. He believed that the Regents should vote on the changes to the eligibility index because it will affect admissions as well as eligibility.
2. Mr. Rich Reed suggested that seven-year-olds could be taught to read English perfectly if its spelling were more like Spanish or Italian, using a system which he had developed.

The meeting adjourned at 8:56 a.m.

Attest:

Secretary