

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

March 17, 1999

The Regents of the University of California met on the above date at UCSF - Laurel Heights, San Francisco.

Present: Regents Atkinson, Davies, Espinoza, Hopkinson, Khachigian, Leach, Miura, Montoya, Moores, and Preuss

In attendance: Regent-designate Vining, Faculty Representatives Coleman and Dorr, Secretary Trivette, General Counsel Holst, Assistant Treasurer Young, Senior Vice President Kennedy, Vice Presidents Broome, Darling, Gurtner, and Hopper, Chancellors Bishop, Carnesale, Cicerone, Dynes, and Greenwood, Executive Vice Chancellor Grey representing Chancellor Vanderhoef, and Recording Secretary Bryan

The meeting convened at 1:30 p.m. with Chairman Davies presiding.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

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 matters on the afternoon's agenda. The following people addressed the Committee concerning Item 407, Committee on Health Services: *Sale of Dialysis Program Assets, School of Medicine, San Francisco Campus.*

1. Ms. Mary Pat Kelly, a nutritionist at the UCSF Renal Center, reported that she documents the eating habits of dialysis patients and procures liquid supplements and vitamins as part of the University's indigent care services to those who cannot afford to eat adequately. She hoped that the nutritional concerns of the patients would be kept in mind when negotiating the new contract.
2. Ms. Madeline Burnell, a social worker, noted that the one-quarter of the current dialysis center's patients who use public transportation will have a longer trip to the new unit. She suggested that a transit program be developed between San Francisco General Hospital and the new unit, that interpreters be provided for patients, and that their prescription drug costs be mitigated in some way.
3. Ms. Cathryn Fontwit, a physician's assistant at UCSF Renal Center, orchestrates continuity of care of renal patients with the primary and specialty care providers at SF General. She was concerned that Total Renal Care, a partner in the joint venture, has been named in a class action lawsuit for violating federal securities laws. She

wondered if the impact of the lawsuit would affect TRC's financial stability. She questioned whether the new renal unit would support the University's missions of community service and research. She also supported the development of a shuttle system to ensure that the continuity of care will continue between the renal center and the hospital.

The meeting adjourned at 1:48 p.m.

Attest:

Secretary