

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

September 16, 1999

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

Present: Regents Atkinson, O. Johnson, S. Johnson, Khachigian, Kozberg, Leach, Lee, Montoya, Nakashima, Pannor, Preuss, Taylor, and Vining

In attendance: Regents-designate Kohn and Miura, Faculty Representatives Coleman and Cowan, Secretary Trivette, General Counsel Holst, Assistant Treasurer Young, Provost King, Senior Vice President Kennedy, Vice Presidents Broome, Darling, Gomes, and Hershman, Chancellors Berdahl, Bishop, Carnesale, Cicerone, Dynes, Greenwood, Orbach, Vanderhoef, and Yang, and Recording Secretary Bryan

The meeting convened at 8:10 a.m. with Vice Chairman Preuss presiding.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Vice Chairman Preuss 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 morning's agendas. The following people addressed the Committee concerning the items noted:

1. Item 506, Committee on Finance – *Reversion of Property to the State, Bay Area Research and Extension Center (BAREC), Santa Clara County*:
 - A. Ms. Sharon McCray stated that the decision to allow the BAREC property to revert to the State was not based on any programmatic research or review. She noted that there are 21 research projects under way at the site that address small and specialty farming and which are important to the agricultural community.
 - B. Ms. Angela Dorfani, a neighbor of the property, noted that the surrounding region is very supportive of the research center, which is the only such center tailored to Bay Area soil and climate. She criticized the process by which the reversion plan was developed and suggested conducting a more thorough analysis of the research station's work.
 - C. Ms. Bracey Tiede, a volunteer at BAREC, asked that any decision to allow the property to revert to the State be postponed. She reported that research at the center addresses a wealth of subjects, including composting, varietal research, and turf evaluation that are valuable to the home gardeners and specialized farming. She asked why a low-cost, fully active research center, the only such

center serving coastal California, should be closed. She noted that BAREC has many supporters.

2. Item 501B, Committee on Finance – *Establishment of Student-Sponsored Undergraduate Athletics and Campus Spirit Programs Fee, Irvine Campus*: Mr. Michael Lawrence, a UC Irvine student, co-chair of the student athletic advisory committee that initiated the UC Irvine athletics and campus spirit programs referendum, reported that the greatest number of voters in the school's history turned out for this student referendum. He believed that the campus will benefit greatly from approval of this fee.
3. Item 507, Committee on Finance – *Budgetary Planning for the University of California*:
 - A. Mr. Kenneth Burch, a chair of the University affairs committee of the University of California Student Association, reported that students, faculty, and staff have not been consulted in the budgeting of raises for chancellors. He suggested that the money used for raises should be used instead to expand campus retention centers.
 - B. Ms. Fabiola Tafolla, organizational director for the University of California Student Association, noted that UCSA believed that excluding the voices of the 170,000 students in planning the budget is a mistake. She believed the Regents as individuals should be more accountable to students.

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 a.m.

Attest:

Secretary