

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

November 15, 2000

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

Present: Regents Atkinson, Davies, Fong, Hopkinson, O. Johnson, S. Johnson, Khachigian, Kohn, Kozberg, Lansing, Leach, Lee, Miura, Montoya, and Preuss

In attendance: Regents-designate T. Davis, Morrison, and Seymour, Faculty Representatives Cowan and Viswanathan, Secretary Trivette, General Counsel Holst, Assistant Treasurer Young, Provost King, Senior Vice Presidents Darling and Mullinix, Vice Presidents Broome, Gurtner, Hershman, and Saragoza, Chancellors Berdahl, Bishop, Carnesale, Cicerone, Dynes, Greenwood, Orbach, and Yang, Vice Chancellor Desrochers representing Chancellor Tomlinson-Keasey, Executive Vice Chancellor Grey representing Chancellor Vanderhoef, and Recording Secretary Bryan

The meeting convened at 8:15 a.m. with Chairman S. Johnson presiding.

1. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Chairman Johnson explained that the Board had been convened as a Committee of the Whole in order to permit members of the public an opportunity to comment on matters on the morning's agendas. The following persons addressed the Board on the subjects noted:

A. ***Item 402, Committee on Health Services: Approval for UCSD to Consolidate Children's Services in San Diego with Children's Hospital-San Diego and Its Affiliated Physicians, Medical Center, San Diego Campus***

- (1) Ms. Gerry Jenkins, representing the California Nurses Association, stated that there had been no community input concerning the proposal to consolidate children's services in San Diego.
- (2) Ms. Janice Webb, representing the California Nurses Association, reported that there is a shortage of staff at UCSD Medical Center that she believed would make it difficult to provide the level of service necessary for the consolidation.

B. *Item 405, Committee on Health Services: Activity and Financial Status Report on Hospitals and Clinics*

- (1) Ms. Rita Kern, a UCLA employee representing University Technical and Professional Employees (UPTE), advocated the support of financial policies and practices that will keep technical and research staff interested in working at UCLA Medical Center. She believed that financial incentives have been eroded.
- (2) Ms. Wendy Mullen, a UCLA clinical social worker representing UPTE, reported that good employees are leaving for better-paying jobs. She stated that employees receive no rewards for longevity with the University.
- (3) Ms. Marcy Gitlin, a UCLA clinical worker, observed that the medical center staff is overburdened and that staff support is insufficient. She reported that employee morale is at an all-time low.

C. *Item 504, Committee on Finance: The University of California Retirement Plan: Proposed Future Benefit Improvements and Asset/Liability Study*

Mr. Jelger Kalmijn, representing UPTE, urged the Regents to improve the retirement program in ways that will aid recruitment and retention.

2. **OVERVIEW OF THE PRESIDENT**

President Atkinson presented the following report on matters of interest to the Regents:

California Institutes for Science and Innovation. The Governor's initiative to create three Institutes for Science and Innovation has resulted in six proposals, in fields ranging from bioengineering to information technology. The first stage of the selection process, an assessment of the six proposals in terms of their scientific merit and relevance to the California economy, conducted by a peer-review panel of leaders in science and engineering from universities and industry, has been completed.

The second step involves a review of the panel's findings by a committee appointed by the governor to advise on selection of the institutes. The committee, chaired by Dr. Richard Lerner, President of the Scripps Research Institute, and composed of distinguished scientists from academia and the private sector, will meet soon. The final three selections will be made next month.

Highlights of UC's 2001-2002 budget:

Graduate education. Expanding the University's graduate programs is a priority set by The Regents and high on UC's list in its budget request to the State for 2001-2002.

It is planned to increase the number of graduate students at UC by 1,000 annually over the next decade. Attracting the best of those students will require a major infusion of funds for financial aid and other kinds of support. Regent Sue Johnson and Provost King will co-chair a commission to explore issues related to graduate student support and strategies for acquiring the necessary funds.

Community College transfer initiative. In recent years the number of students transferring to UC from community colleges has not kept pace with the University's commitment under the Partnership with the governor. It is clear that action is needed to ensure a vigorous transfer function, both to meet that commitment and to comply with the 1960 Master Plan, which envisioned the transfer function as a major avenue of educational opportunity for California's citizens. Accordingly, State support is being requested for a variety of initiatives, among them the establishment of a group of UC counselors who will be assigned to community colleges and work directly with community college students; an extension of Web-based learning programs to the community colleges; and an expansion of ASSIST, a Web-based information system that provides students with information they need to transfer to UC.

Staff salaries. In this year's budget, the State provided \$19 million beyond normal cost-of-living funds and merits for additional salary increases for staff and other non-academic employees, especially lower-paid workers. The University's budget request for 2001-2002 seeks to further address the salary lag for staff.

Funding for facilities. The University's capital program currently stands at almost \$4.5 billion and is expected to grow substantially over the next decade. This is an issue facing all of public higher education and the K-12 schools. As the next legislative session gets under way, the public debate about a new bond measure for higher education will be a major priority for UC.

Department of Energy Laboratories. Today The Regents' Committee on Oversight of the Department of Energy Laboratories will consider an item related to the contract with the DOE to manage the Livermore and Los Alamos National Laboratories. The Department of Energy has proposed an extension of the University's contract for Livermore and Los Alamos through 2005. The term of the extended contract would be about five years, starting in January 2001, and would replace the remaining two years on the current contract.

Awarding of Nobel Prizes. Professor Alan J. Heeger of the Santa Barbara campus was awarded the Nobel Prize in chemistry; Professor Herbert Kroemer, also of UC Santa Barbara, received the Prize in physics; and Professor Daniel L. McFadden of UC Berkeley earned the Nobel Prize in economic sciences. That brings the University's total to 43 Nobel Laureates since E. O. Lawrence won the University's first Nobel Prize in 1939 – 11 of them in the past 5 years alone.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 a.m.

Attest:

Secretary