

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

May 17, 2000

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

Present: Regents Atkinson, Connerly, Davies, Hopkinson, Khachigian, Kozberg, Montoya, Pannor, Preuss, Sayles, Taylor, and Vining

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

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

1. **OVERVIEW BY THE PRESIDENT**

**Los Alamos Wildfire**

President Atkinson reported that Chairman Davies and Senior Vice President Kennedy had visited Los Alamos to view damage caused by a wildfire that, although it had burned numerous homes of University employees, had not damaged the laboratory itself. Chairman Davies described the destruction and the emergency center that housed evacuated townspeople. He reported that the laboratory was closed for two weeks. An emergency fund has been established to which \$150,000 has been donated, and personal loans of \$5,000 will be funded by The Regents. Leave with pay has been expanded for laboratory employees, and counseling has been made available for those who have been traumatized by the event. Senior Vice President Kennedy reported that the fire is currently about 35 percent contained. It has burned 43,000 acres, including 7,000 of laboratory-owned land on which there were a few outbuildings. President Atkinson noted that Director Browne has been instrumental in mobilizing the relief and recovery effort.

**Graduate Student Assistant Strike**

President Atkinson reported that during the previous week the University had come to an agreement with the United Auto Workers, which represents graduate assistants. He noted that the union, the University administration, and the faculty had worked together to end the strike.

**Agenda Highlights**

President Atkinson noted that of particular importance on this meeting's agenda were reports on the University's medical centers, the May revision of the University's budget, and the policies and principles that govern decisions pertaining to the budget.

2. **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 comment on matters on the morning's agenda. The following persons addressed the Board on the subjects noted:

***Item 701, Committee on Finance: Report of New Litigation***

The following members of the Coalition to Defend Affirmative Action by Any Means Necessary spoke:

- A. Ms. Tanya Kappner predicted that the University will face many lawsuits if The Regents fails to reverse its policy on affirmative action in admissions.
- B. Mr. Mark Airgood believed that the University should not exclude students of color from seeking admission. He believed also that there will be more lawsuits by students who are not admitted.

The following people spoke on matters not on the agenda:

Ms. Yvette Falarca  
Mr. Hoku Jeffrey

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 a.m.

Attest:

Secretary