

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

March 14, 2001

The Regents of the University of California met on the above date at the James E. West Alumni Center, Los Angeles campus.

Present: Regents Atkinson, Bagley, Connerly, Davies, Fong, Hopkinson, O. Johnson, S. Johnso, Kohn, Kozberg, Lansing, Lee, Marcus, Miura, Montoya, Moores, Parsky, Preuss, and Sayles

In attendance: Regents-designate T. Davis, Morrison, and Seymour, Faculty Representatives Cowan and Viswanathan, Secretary Trivette, General Counsel Holst, Interim Treasurer Bowman, Provost King, Senior Vice Presidents Darling and Mullinix, Vice Presidents Broome, Drake, Gomes, and Gurtner, Chancellors Berdahl, Bishop, Cicerone, Dynes, Orbach, Vanderhoef, and Yang, Executive Vice Chancellor Simpson representing Chancellor Greenwood, and Recording Secretary Nietfeld

The meeting convened at 9:15 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 address matters on the morning's open session agendas. Prior to the public comment period, Chairman Johnson read the following statement:

As a member of this Board, I have made known my views about whether to rescind SP-1 (Policy Ensuring Equal Treatment–Admissions). But as Chairman, it is clear to me that this matter will be on The Regents' agenda some time in the near future. To that end, I am asking General Counsel Holst and President Atkinson to prepare to report to the full Board about the range of educational and other issues that might be involved in the possible repeal of SP-1. In the meantime, I urge that debate over SP-1 take place in a calm and careful manner that will not slow the progress we have made in expanding the accessibility and affordability of a UC education. I am confident that when the Regents do formally deliberate again on this issue that we will act in the best interests of the University and the people of California.

Secretary Trivette reported that the Chairman had received the agreement of the Board to hear comments on University-related issues not on the morning's agendas.

The following persons urged The Regents to act to rescind SP-1 and SP-2 (Policy Ensuring Equal Treatment–Employment and Contracting) at today’s meeting:

- A. Ms. Cynthia Mosqueda, a UCLA student who presented petitions containing the signatures of over 3,000 people demanding that The Regents overturn SP-1 and SP-2.
- B. Mr. Ronald Cruz, a member of the Coalition to Defend Affirmative Action and Integration and Fight for Equality by Any Means Necessary (BAMN)
- C. Mr. Luke Massie, a member of BAMN
- D. Mr. Hoku Jeffrey, a member of BAMN
- E. Ms. Tania Kappner, a member of BAMN
- F. Ms. Andea Wilbon, a member of BAMN
- G. Ms. Yvette Felarca, a member of BAMN
- H. Ms. Janelle Charles, a member of BAMN
- I. Ms. Joyce Schon, a member of BAMN
- J. Mr. Roberto Santos, a member of the California Statewide Affirmative Action Coalition (CSAAC)
- K. Ms. Felicia Moore-Jordan, a member of BAMN
- L. Ms. Denise Pacheco, a member of CSAAC
- M. Mr. Stephen Klass, a member of CSAAC
- N. Ms. Jacqueline Melendez, a member of CSAAC
- O. Ms. Aracely Sifuentes-Ordaz, a member of CSAAC, who also described how the passage of SP-1 had made the work of the student recruitment and retention center at the Berkeley campus more difficult.

## 2. **REMARKS OF THE PRESIDENT**

President Atkinson recalled that he had recently given a speech at the annual meeting of the American Council of Education calling for major changes in UC’s admissions policies. First, he

recommended that UC make the SAT I optional rather than mandatory. This would have the effect of making the SAT II subject-matter tests the major standardized tests considered by UC in the admissions process. Second, he recommended that all UC campuses continue to move away from reliance on narrowly defined quantitative formulas when making admissions decisions and employ more comprehensive review processes.

The President reported that he had received hundreds of letters and e-mail messages in response. The proposal has been covered widely by the media, where many misstatements have occurred. For example, several commentators interpreted the proposed changes as an attempt to make an end-run around Proposition 209. Mr. Atkinson emphasized that this was not true, noting that he had been concerned about the SAT throughout his career. In 1993, he was involved in the establishment of the Board of Testing and Assessment of the National Academy of Sciences and served as its first chairperson. In the short term, making the SAT I optional will not have a significant effect on the composition of UC's student body. In the longer term, using a test aligned with what is taught in the high schools will strengthen educational reform efforts.

The proposal is now before the Academic Senate. The Board on Admissions and Relations with Schools will spend the next several months assessing the proposal and will confer widely with campus faculty. It will weigh the evidence and make a recommendation to the Academic Council, after which the matter will come to The Regents. The President believed that a national debate on the SAT is long overdue. What is needed is a dispassionate review, disciplined by empirical evidence.

President Atkinson reported that, in testimony before the legislative committee conducting a ten-year review of the Master Plan for Higher Education, California State University Chancellor Reed proposed that CSU be given autonomous authority to confer the Ed.D. degree. Under the Master Plan, the University of California has sole authority among public institutions to confer doctoral degrees, with one exception: UC and the California State University may agree to offer joint graduate degrees. Chancellor Reed argued that the joint degree alternative will not produce enough K-12 and community college administrators to address the needs of those systems for leadership in the years ahead. Chancellor Orbach, speaking to the legislature on behalf of the University, emphasized that UC is committed to prompt and expeditious development and approval of Ed.D. programs and will expand the production of education doctorates to meet the state's needs.

UC is prepared to meet the demand for education doctorates entirely on its own. The preference would be to act collaboratively with CSU. There is no evidence that the current provisions of the Master Plan are inadequate to meet future needs. The President stated his intention keep the Board informed of developments.

Turning to admissions, President Atkinson reported that applications for fall 2001 are at a record high – up 8 percent, which is more than triple last year's 2.5 percent increase. Underrepresented

minority students applied in record numbers, and approximately 80 percent of the students who are eligible for UC under the Eligibility in the Local Context (ELC) program applied to the University. This is the first year of the ELC program, which grants UC eligibility to the top four percent of students in each California high school if they have taken the required courses.

The President then turned to important issues on the agenda. He noted that Mr. Bill Friend would present the report of the President's Council on the Department of Energy Laboratories, which was postponed from the January meeting. The search for a Vice President-Laboratory Management is progressing well. Interviews will be conducted in April, with the expectation that an appointment recommendation will come to the Board in May.

The intention had been to schedule a discussion on the future funding of medical education at this month's meeting of The Regents. There is severe financial pressure on UC's hospitals that endangers the support they have traditionally provided for medical education and research. Because of the complexity of the issues, the medical school deans have asked to postpone discussion to the May meeting of the Board in order to better prepare for this important review of medical education funding.

President Atkinson reviewed other matters to come before the Board. Chancellor Tomlinson-Keasey will report on planning for UC Merced; Vice President Hershman will talk about the State and federal budgets; and Vice President Mullinix will bring the Board up to date on UC housing for students, faculty, and staff. He will also discuss energy issues as they affect UC. Finally, there will be a presentation on expanding summer instruction, one of the University's strategies for responding to Tidal Wave II.

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

Attest:

Secretary