

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

December 16, 2002

The Regents of the University of California met on the above date by teleconference at the following locations: UCSF-Laurel Heights, San Francisco; James E. West Alumni Center, Los Angeles Campus; 111-A University Complex, San Diego Campus; 4225 N. Hospital Road, Building 1200, Atwater; and 777 California Avenue, Palo Alto.

Present: Regents Atkinson, Connerly, Davies, Hopkinson, Johnson, Kozberg, Ligot-Gordon, Lozano, Montoya, Moores, Pattiz, Preuss, and Terrazas

In attendance: Regents-designate Murray and Seigler, Faculty Representatives Binion and Pitts, Secretary Trivette, General Counsel Holst, Senior Vice Presidents Darling and Mullinix, Vice President Hershman, Chancellors Bishop, Carnesale, Córdova, Tomlinson-Keasey, and Yang, Executive Vice Chancellor Gray representing Chancellor Berdahl, Senior Vice Chancellor Chandler representing Chancellor Dynes, and Recording Secretary Nietfeld

The meeting convened at 1:10 p.m. with Chairman Moores presiding.

1. READING OF NOTICE OF MEETING

For the record, it was confirmed that notice had been served in accordance with the Bylaws and Standing Orders for a Special Meeting of The Regents of the University of California Meeting as a Committee of the Whole, for this date and time, for the purpose of receiving public comment.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairman Moores 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 University-related matters. The following persons addressed the Board concerning the items noted.

A. Committee on Finance, Item 502: *Adoption of Final 2002-2003 Budget for Current Operations*

- (1) Ms. Norah Foster, a representative of the Coalition of University Employees, urged the University to fund step merit increases as well as a decent cost-of-living adjustment for clerical workers.
- (2) Ms. Gail Wiley, a representative of CUE, urged the Regents not to take any of the \$74 million budget cut from clerical salaries, which are already reduced by increased costs for health care and parking.

B. Committee on Finance, Item 503: *Proposed Increase in Student Fees for 2002-03*

- (1) Mr. Stephen Klass, chair of the University of California Student Association (UCSA), suggested that the proposed implementation of a mid-year fee increase would not give students and their families adequate time to prepare. He believed that underrepresented minority students will be particularly disadvantaged by higher fees.
- (2) Mr. Jose Hernandez Neidermeyer, a student at the Santa Cruz campus, pointed out that today's special meeting was noticed at a time when most students were in finals or finished with school, thus making it difficult to inform the student body of the potential fee increase. He commented on the already high cost of living in cities such as Santa Cruz.
- (3) Mr. Murray Morgan believed that the University should provide its students with a nourishing educational atmosphere.
- (4) Mr. Bruce Miller of the Associated Graduate Students at the Irvine campus discussed some of the financial difficulties which graduate students face and urged the Board not to adopt the proposed student fee increase.
- (5) Ms. Jennifer Brown, president of the Student Association at the San Diego campus, reiterated the concern that students were not being given adequate notice to prepare for an increase in fees.
- (6) Mr. Mo Kashmiri, a student at the Berkeley campus, believed that the fee increase would be harmful to students.

The meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

Attest:

Secretary