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

November 13, 2002

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

Present: Regents Atkinson, Blum, Connerly, Davies, Hopkinson, Johnson, Lee, Ligot-Gordon, Lozano, Marcus, Montoya, Moores, Preuss, Sainick, Sayles, and Terrazas

In attendance: Regents-designate Bodine, Murray, and Seigler, Faculty Representatives Binion and Pitts, Secretary Trivette, General Counsel Holst, Treasurer Russ, Provost King, Senior Vice Presidents Darling and Mullinix, Vice Presidents Broome, Drake, Hershman, and McTague, Chancellors Berdahl, Bishop, Carnesale, Cicerone, Córdova, Dynes, Greenwood, Tomlinson-Keasey, Vanderhoef, and Yang, and Recording Secretary Bryan

The meeting convened at 8:45 a.m. with Chairman Moores presiding.

1. **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 comment on University-related matters. The following persons addressed the Board:

A. Mr. Bill Cahill, Assistant City Manager of Merced, reported that he was leader of a staff team for the development of the Merced campus. He urged support of Committee on Finance item 509, *Proposed Ultimate Annexation of a Portion of the Merced Campus to the City of Merced*. He reported that the City Council supported the actions necessary to keep campus construction on schedule and would work with the University to that end.

B. Mr. Murray Morgan asked that copies of an article and poems he had written be distributed to the Regents. He announced his candidacy for President of the University.

C. Ms. Norah Foster, representing the Coalition of University Employees (CUE), stated that the University can afford to pay decent cost-of-living, step increases, and merit increases to its employees. She noted that the State is giving its employees a 5 percent increase. She asked that the Legislature look into the use of unrestricted UC funds for salaries.

D. The following speakers submitted a copy of a resolution signed by supporters at every campus in support of the use of sustainable energy on UC campuses

and urged the Regents to make the University a leader in the construction of "green" buildings: Mr. Jacob Cabrera, Ms. Nika Grebb, Ms. Angela Mo, Ms. Tanya Roos, and Mr. Jay Ross.

E. Mr. Stephen Klass, UCSA Chair, urged the Regents to take a stance against a California ballot initiative designed to eliminate racial check-off boxes on most government forms. He believed that preventing the University from gathering statistics on race would have a negative impact on its research.

F. Ms. Alice Guilliory, a temporary employee representing CUE, expressed her appreciation for the University's role in settling the nurses' strike and advocated raising the salaries of clericals. She believed that the basic benefits that all employees enjoy are the legacy of unionization.

G. Ms. Mary Higgins, representing the Association of Federal, State, County, and Municipal Employees, commented that passage of Committee on Finance item 503, *University of California Retirement Plan – Actuarial Valuation*, would result in a further decrease of the plan's surplus. She suggested that analyses offered by Mr. Charles Schwartz should receive consideration.

H. Mr. Charles Schwartz, UC Berkeley Professor Emeritus, noted that he had offered a critique of the Regents' management of the University's investments that pointed out serious deficiencies and fraudulent presentations to the Board by the Treasurer. He believed that more information should be made available to the public.

I. Ms. Valerie Kao reported that a letter from a group of concerned citizens had been delivered to Laboratory Director Anastasio demanding that the public be allowed to conduct an inspection of the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory.

2. **OVERVIEW OF THE PRESIDENT**

President Atkinson noted the deaths of two former chancellors, Chang-Lin Tien and James Meyer, and commented that they would be greatly missed by the University community. He noted that it was Superintendent Eastin's last meeting as a member of the Board and thanked her for bringing an important perspective to its deliberations. He also thanked Vice President McTague, who is retiring, for his service to the University, and congratulated Chancellor Tomlinson-Keasey on her formal inauguration.

President Atkinson observed that with the passage of Proposition 47, the statewide bond measure for public education facilities, the University received a major boost to its ability to continue retrofitting buildings against earthquakes, constructing facilities for enrollment growth, and modernizing outdated infrastructure.

Turning to the agenda, President Atkinson noted that there would be a progress report from the Academic Senate on the first year of implementation of comprehensive review in admissions and another in a series of long-range planning presentations, including a presentation by Vice President Hershman on the budget. He observed that, although The Regents will be asked to take action on a State budget request for the 2003-04 fiscal year, the University expects that the request will not be honored fully and that significant reductions will have to be made. He emphasized that his first priorities were to maintain quality and access and to provide salary increases for faculty and staff.

The meeting adjourned at 9:20 a.m.

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The meeting reconvened on November 13, 2002 at 11:45 a.m. with Chairman Moores presiding.

Present: Regents Atkinson, Blum, Connerly, Davies, Hopkinson, Johnson, Lansing, Lee, Ligot-Gordon, Lozano, Marcus, Montoya, Moores, Parsky, Preuss, Sainick, Sayles, and Terrazas

In attendance: Regents-designate Bodine, Murray, and Seigler, Faculty Representative Binion, Secretary Trivette, General Counsel Holst, Treasurer Russ, Provost King, Senior Vice Presidents Darling and Mullinix, Vice Presidents Broome, Gurtner, Hershman, and McTague, Chancellors Berdahl, Bishop, Carnesale, Cicerone, Córdova, Dynes, Greenwood, Tomlinson-Keasey, Vanderhoef, and Yang, and Recording Secretary Nietfeld

3. **PRESIDENT'S RETIREMENT ANNOUNCEMENT**

President Atkinson announced his intention to retire effective October 1, 2003. He recalled that he took office on October 1, 1995; when he steps down, he will have served as President for eight years. Of the 17 presidents of the University of California, only four have served longer. Mr. Atkinson commented that at the time of his retirement, he will have spent the previous 27 years as either Director of the National Science Foundation, Chancellor at UC San Diego, or President of the University. As one measure of the time that has passed, the President noted that he had worked with 176 members of the Board of Regents since joining the administration in 1980. He believed that it was time for the University to move forward under new leadership.

The President recalled that when he became President, the University faced budget constraints and a conflict over affirmative action. He believed that it would be fair to say that the University had recovered from the difficulties of that era and had continued to thrive. Faculty at every campus have maintained and heightened the University's standards of excellence in teaching and research. The institution has

continued to provide access to a world-class education for California's highest-achieving students, and the dramatic expansion of outreach and teacher professional development programs has helped to ensure that the University will continue to be within the reach of students from all walks of life. There has been intelligent planning for growth in order to expand the capacity to keep the University open to future generations of California's youth. President Atkinson noted that the responsibility for these achievement rests with the University of California community – The Regents, faculty, staff, student, parents, alumni, and friends. He stated his intention over the coming ten months to keep the University's budget on a strong footing and to provide a smooth transition to his successor as President, and expressed his appreciation for having been afforded the opportunity to serve the University and the people of California.

The meeting adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

Attest:

Secretary