The Regents of the University of California

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON REGENTS' PROCEDURES
November 13, 2002

The Special Committee on Regents' Procedures met on the above date at UCSF-Laurel Heights, San Francisco.

Members present: Regents Atkinson, Davies, Marcus, Moores, and Preuss

In attendance: Regents Blum, Connerly, Hopkinson, Johnson, Lee, Lozano, Montoya, Sainick, Sayles, and Terrazas, 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 and Hershman, Chancellors Berdahl, Bishop, Carnesale, Cicerone, Córdova, Dynes, Vanderhoef, and Yang, and Recording Secretary Nietfeld

The meeting convened at 10:05 a..m. with Special Committee Chair Davies presiding.

1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the minutes of the meeting of July 18, 2002 were approved.

2. **APPROVAL OF CHANGES TO REGENTS MEETINGS, REGENTS' PROCEDURES, AND BYLAWS AND STANDING ORDERS: COMMITTEES OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS**

Regent Davies outlined the progress that has been made to date on restructuring the way in which Committee meetings are conducted. Executive summaries have been provided for capital project items; the goal is to have such summaries for all lengthy or complex items. Another goal is to provide the Regents with their agenda materials two weeks in advance of the meeting. Organization charts will be included with the agenda packets and will provide photos of staff who regularly attend Regents meetings. Regent Davies continued that the bulk of environmental documents are now provided on compact disk. Several standing committees have begun to meet off-schedule. Although only Committee members are expected to attend these meetings, all Regents and the Faculty Representatives are always welcome. In the future it is expected that the Committee on Oversight of the Department of Energy Laboratories and the Committee on Health Services will meet periodically at the national laboratories and the medical centers, respectively. The Chair of the Committee that meets off-schedule will be expected to provide a summary report of the proceedings to the Board. Regent Davies reported the intention to dispense with the reading of resolutions and to have one Regent offer farewell remarks on behalf of the full Board. Bylaw amendments will be proposed in January 2003 to simplify the treatment of documents that are prepared

in conformance with the California Environmental Quality Act and to empower the Committee on Grounds and Buildings to take action on certain capital budget items.

Regent Connerly believed that it was important for the Regents to be able to express their regards for their outgoing colleagues at the time a resolution is presented. He was concerned that this tradition would be abandoned for the sake of efficiency. Regent Davies noted that the Regents' dinner seemed to present a better occasion for expressing these sentiments.

Regent Hopkinson suggested that, as a compromise, a limited number of Regents be given the opportunity to present comments at the Board meeting.

Regent Davies asked that concerned Regents express their feelings to him between now and the January meeting regarding this proposed change in procedure.

3. **AMENDMENT OF THE POLICY ON THE FACULTY REPRESENTATIVE TO THE BOARD OF REGENTS**

It was recommended that the Policy on the Faculty Representative to the Board of Regents be amended as follows:

addition shown by underscoring

The members of the faculty of the University of California who are Chairman of the Academic Assembly and Academic Council and the Vice Chairman of the Academic Assembly and Academic Council shall be invited to attend all meetings of the Board and of its committees and to be seated at the meeting table with full participation in discussion and debate. <u>In addition, effective immediately, the Faculty Representatives will serve as advisory members of standing and/or special committees of The Regents. This membership shall not count toward the maximum number of standing committee members as set forth in Bylaw 10.1(c) nor toward the maximum number of special committee members as set forth in Bylaw 10.3.</u>

It was proposed that each Faculty Representative, upon recommendation of the Nominating Committee, be assigned as an advisory member of standing and/or special committees of The Regents. Such service would be intended to provide the Faculty Representatives with a more formal role in the deliberations of Regents' committees and provide them with a greater opportunity to make contributions in the areas of their particular expertise.

The service of Faculty Representatives as advisory members would not affect the number of Regents assigned to a standing committee.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Special Committee approved the recommendation and voted to present it to the Board.

4. **AMENDMENT OF THE POLICY ON APPOINTMENT OF STUDENT REGENT**

Chairman Moores recommended that the Policy on Appointment of Student Regent be amended as follows:

Additions shown by underscoring; deletions shown by strikeout

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(1) The student Regent shall be a person enrolled as a student in good standing at a campus of the University of California for each regular academic term during his or her service as a Regent-designate and Regent. ~~All University fees and tuition shall be waived for the student Regent~~ The student Regent shall receive a scholarship in an amount equivalent to the student's total University fees and tuition during the academic years in which he or she serves as a Regent-designate and Regent. A student body president, or equivalent, or a member of the Board of Directors of the University of California Student Association, shall not be eligible for appointment as a student Regent. While serving on the Board, a student Regent may not hold any appointive or elective student government position. A student who is or has served as a student Regent shall not be eligible for reappointment as a student Regent.

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It was recalled that in response to the 1974 State constitutional amendment allowing for a student Regent, The Regents had approved a procedure for the appointment of a student Regent in February 1975. A policy on appointment of the student Regent was adopted in January 1977 and in June 1984 this policy was amended to add the sentence "All University fees and tuition shall be waived for the student Regent during the academic year in which he or she serves as a member of the Board." This amendment, along with several others at that time, was proposed in response to a study by university staff, in consultation with the Student Body Presidents' Council, as to how the procedures for selection of the student Regent could be improved, the need for such improvement being evidenced by the fact that only a small number of students were applying for the position. In June 1999, when the policy was amended to increase the length of time the student appointed student Regent serves as Regent-designate, the provision to waive the fees for the academic year he or she serves as Regent-designate was added. The proposed amendment would change the form of the award from a fee waiver to a scholarship. The amount of money awarded to the student Regent and student Regent-designate would not change. Providing this award in the form of a scholarship would benefit student Regents and Regents-designate who qualify for other financial aid which will pay their fees.

Regent Hopkinson was concerned that the proposal, as written, could result in potential tax consequences for some students. She proposed that the recommendation be amended to read "The student Regent shall have the option of receiving either a fee waiver or a scholarship in an amount equivalent to the student's total University fees and tuition..."

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Special Committee approved the recommendation as amended and voted to present it to the Board.

The meeting adjourned at 10:20 a.m.

Attest:

Secretary