

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

November 19, 2003

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

Present: Regents Blum, Bodine, Connerly, Davies, Dynes, Hopkinson, Huerta, Johnson, Kozberg, Lansing, Lozano, Marcus, Montoya, Moores, Murray, Pattiz, Preuss, Sayles, and Seigler

In attendance: Regents-designate Novack and Ornellas, Faculty Representatives Blumenthal and Pitts, Secretary Trivette, General Counsel Holst, Treasurer Russ, Provost King, Senior Vice President Darling, Vice Presidents Drake, Gomes, Gurtner, and Hershman, Chancellors Berdahl, Bishop, Carnesale, Cicerone, Córdoba, Greenwood, Tomlinson-Keasey, Vanderhoef, and Yang, Acting Chancellor Chandler, 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 concerning the subjects noted.

A. Committee on Finance, Item 503, *Discussion of the University of California 2004-05 Budget for Current Operations and Approval of Principles for Determining Priorities for the 2004-05 Budget*

- (1) Ms. Dawn Williams, a UC Berkeley graduate student, requested the Regents to use their power to stop enrollment caps and roll fees back.
- (2) Mr. Joel Martinez, a UC Irvine student, reported that increased fees were causing him to work extra hours and obtain more loans. He urged the Regents to maintain their commitment to quality.
- (3) Ms. Elizabeth Alamillo suggested that the proposed budget priorities be rejected and that an emergency meeting be held in February in southern California in order to change the budget priorities to emphasize outreach and reject any fee increases or enrollment caps.

- (4) Mr. Na'Shaun Neal, a UC student, supported access to the University for everyone and budget increases for outreach and rejected enrollment caps and fee increases. He advocated forming a policy to allow for wider admissions.
 - (5) Ms. Margaret Konjevod, representing the Association of Federal, State, County, and Municipal Employees (AFSCME), believed that budget cuts would disproportionately effect the lowest-paid workers. She objected to balancing the budget by cutting the salaries of those who make less than \$20,000 annually.
 - (6) Ms. Laura Sanchez, a UC student, believed that an amendment to the Development, Relief, and Education for Alien Minors Act of 2003, which is pending in the Senate, should be rejected so that students may be permitted to fulfill their legal status through community service.
 - (7) Ms. Brandy Griffin, a UC student, believed that spending has been redirected from essential educational activities and has caused the UC system to drop in quality. She asked the Regents to lobby the State to help students.
 - (8) Ms. Lizzie Cajayon, a UC student, noted that outreach was cut by 50 percent last year, which she believed will decrease diversity. She demanded that Regents meet with a delegation of students to hear their concerns.
 - (9) Ms. LaKesha Harrison, representing AFSCME, believed that budget decisions should not be made before talking with workers and that if layoffs are necessary they should start with the highest-paid employees.
 - (10) Ms. Anu Joshi, UC Student Association Vice Chair, emphasized that the institution must be accessible and provide a high-quality education.
 - (11) Mr. Mike Speltie, a UCLA student, urged the Regents to be guided by their commitment to the University when making decisions about the budget. He emphasized that maintaining quality would mean little if access were limited.
- B. Mr. Mike Fehr, representing the Coalition of University Employees, believed that, as library assistants perform the full range of work needed to operate the University's libraries, their salary range should match that of clericals.

- C. Ms. Josie Hyman, a member of By Any Means Necessary (BAMN), believed that the number of Black students on the Berkeley campus should be increased. It was her position that The Regents should provide an adequate education to all students and reject the positions that Regent Connerly takes on civil rights matters.
- D. Mr. Luke Massie, representing BAMN, believed that if Proposition 54 had passed it would have hurt the University by banning research on race within the UC system. He urged the Regents to take a stand against the personal campaigns of Board members.
- E. Ms. Yvette Falarca, representing BAMN, stated that the group had collected 12,400 signatures calling for The Regents to remove Regent Connerly from the Board. She was opposed to what she believed was his racist, reactionary agenda.
- F. Ms. Kendra Carney, representing the Coalition to Defend Ward Connerly, noted that Regent Connerly was instrumental in the passage of Proposition 209, *Prohibition Against Discrimination or Preferential Treatment by State and Other Public Entities*, which received the approval of 54 percent of California voters.
- G. Mr. Christopher Mertz spoke in opposition to the views held by the members of BAMN regarding Regent Connerly. He believed that the group's efforts to have Regent Connerly dismissed from the Board were an effort simply to grab publicity for the group.
- H. Mr. Murray Morgan advocated getting the salaries of UC administrators under control as a solution to the budget crisis.

2. REMARKS OF THE PRESIDENT

President Dynes reported that the day's agenda reflected the impact of the University on all facets of the state and on the nation and the world. He noted that despite periodic economic upheavals, the world looks to California for the latest ideas and that much of the state's success would not be possible without the University.

The President mentioned that among the first items on the day's agenda was the presentation of a report that was commissioned to assess, more thoroughly than ever before, the true impact of this University. He believed that it would frame the rest of the meeting.

President Dynes commented that during the next budget year every effort will need to be made to ensure that the importance of the University's positive impact is universally understood and that a certain level of State support must be provided to maintain its vitality. He believed the Regents would need to be united in this effort

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and to speak with a single voice.

The meeting adjourned at 9:28 a.m.

Attest:

Secretary