

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

March 18, 2004

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

Present: Regents Bodine, Connerly, Dynes, Johnson, Kozberg, Lozano, Marcus, Montoya, Moores, Murray, Parsky, Preuss, Sayles, and Seigler

In attendance: Regents-designate Anderson, Novack, and Ornellas, Faculty Representatives Blumenthal and Pitts, Secretary Trivette, General Counsel Holst, Treasurer Russ, Provost King, Senior Vice Presidents Darling and Mullinix, Vice Presidents Broome, Drake, Foley, and Hershman, Chancellors Carnesale, Cicerone, Córdova, Greenwood, Tomlinson-Keasey, and Yang, Acting Chancellor Chandler, University Auditor Reed, and Recording Secretary Nietfeld

The meeting convened at 9:12 a.m. with Chairman Moores presiding.

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.

Committee on Finance, Item 502: Update on University of California 2004-05 Budget

1. Ms. Pammy O'Leary, a member of Students for Out-of-State and International Diversity (SOID), stated that students at the Berkeley campus had received no prior notification that non-resident tuition had increased for 2003-04. She noted that, if the current fee increase is approved, non-resident tuition will have increased by over \$8,000 in the last two years. She stressed the diversity that out-of-state and international students contribute to the University and the manner in which they increase the national and international visibility of UC campuses.
2. Ms. Sally Schwettmann, the president of the UC Davis Law Student Association, suggested that increasing professional school fees would be an irresponsible solution to California's financial problems. If the Governor's budget proposal is adopted, professional school fees at UC will have been increased by 110 percent in two years. She noted that many of her classmates had entered law school with the intention of working in public-service law or for the State. She presented a resolution in opposition to the Governor's budget proposal.
3. Ms. Desiree Velasco, a law student at UC Davis, commented on the fact that most Americans believe education to be an equalizer. She suggested, however, that increased

fees for professional schools would curtail access for low-income students, particularly underrepresented minorities.

4. Mr. Daniel Gonzalez, a student at the San Diego campus, presented 2,000 of the 7,000 cards signed by UCSD students calling upon The Regents to lobby the Legislature to maintain the one-third return of fees to financial aid.
5. Ms. Mary Higgins, a member of the Coalition of University Employees, believed that the University had unrestricted funds that it could use to address its budget crisis.
6. Mr. Steve Iverson, a law student at the Davis campus, believed that California could not afford the social costs that would result from making public-service professional training no longer affordable.
7. Ms. Melyssa Minamoto, a law student at the Davis campus, suggested that the proposed professional fee increase would have a negative effect on diversity at the University's law schools.

University-Related Matters

8. Mr. Thomas Cruz, co-president of the Public Health Student Association at UCLA, presented a resolution in support of the campaign for total divestment from tobacco. The resolution suggests that tobacco companies continue to target certain groups.
9. Ms. Genus Heidary, co-president of the Public Health Student Association at UCLA, continued that the resolution calls upon the University to cease the sale and use of tobacco-company products where other alternatives exist or the product consumption is avoidable.
10. Ms. Hillary Howard, a student at the Davis campus, spoke on behalf of the campus organization COUGH, or Campuses Organized and United for Good Health. One purpose of the group is to gain approval of a ban on tobacco sales at the three UC campuses that still sell tobacco.
11. Ms. Josie Hyman, a student at the Berkeley campus and a member of By Any Means Necessary, believed that the Board of Regents had ceased to have legitimacy because of its failure to condemn racism.
12. Mr. Earth Duarte-Trattner, a Ph.D. candidate in the Department of Environmental Science, Policy, and Management at the Berkeley campus, asked the Board to investigate the denial of tenure to Professor Ignacio Chapela. Members of the department believe that the decision was based more upon politics than academic ability, as Professor Chapela had been an outspoken critic of the Novartis contract with the College of Natural Resources. Mr. Duarte-Trattner explained that a majority of the faculty in the department as well as external experts had recommended that Professor Chapela be granted tenure.

President Dynes announced that in its Closed Session, The Regents had approved the appointment of Martin Chemers as Acting Chancellor of the Santa Cruz campus, effective April 1, 2004. He introduced Mr. Chemers and his wife, Ms. Barbara Goza.

The meeting adjourned at 9:40 a.m.

Attest:

Secretary