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

May 19, 2004

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

Present: Regents Blum, Bodine, Connerly, Dynes, Hopkinson, Johnson, Kozberg, Lee, Marcus, Montoya, Moores, Murray, Núñez, Pattiz, 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 Greenwood, Senior Vice Presidents Darling and Mullinix, Vice Presidents Broome and Hershman, Chancellors Bishop, Carnesale, Cicerone, Córdova, Tomlinson-Keasey, Vanderhoef, and Yang, Acting Chancellor Chemers, Vice Chancellor Woods representing Acting Chancellor Chandler, and Recording Secretary Bryan

The meeting convened at 8:50 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.

Joint Meeting of the Committees on Grounds and Buildings and Finance, Item 3-GF, Amendment of the Budget for Capital Improvements and the Capital Improvement Program and Approval of External Financing for Biological Sciences Unit 3, Irvine Campus

A. Mr. Matthew Cardinale, a UC Irvine student representing the Residence Advocacy Committee for Preservation of Historic Trailer Park and speaking also on behalf of Ms. Jen Lilla and Mr. Brian Hart, reported that a petition to preserve the trailer park on a site planned for development had been signed by 2,000 students and endorsed by various political and employee groups. He believed that, although the Chancellor had assured students in 1999 that an alternate site would be provided, no search was ever conducted. He noted that rents for the 100 students who live in the park are $130 a month.

Joint Meeting of the Committees on Grounds and Buildings and Finance, Item 1-GF, Amendment of the Budget for Capital Improvements and the Capital Improvement Program for Multi-Use Stadium, Davis Campus

B. Ms. Sara Henry, ASUC Davis past president, reported that the students continue to demonstrate widespread support for the proposed stadium project. She believed that the stadium would be an asset to the institution and should be allowed to proceed on schedule.

Committee on Oversight of the Department of Energy Laboratories, Item 202, Update on National Laboratories and Search for Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory Director

C. Ms. Tara Dorabji, representing Tri-Valley Cares, voiced her support for a poll of faculty concerning their attitudes about continuing the laboratory contracts. She believed that the Regents should demand that an EIR be produced concerning a Livermore laboratory initiative to increase its nuclear storage capacity.

D. Mr. Josh Kearns, a UC Berkeley graduate student, advocated severing all ties with the DOE laboratories, which in the case of Los Alamos would be particularly important by removing its tax-exempt status, freeing up tax monies to be used for the benefit of the people of New Mexico.

E. Ms. Emily Hundemer, a UC graduate representing Fiat Pax, believed that the only purpose in bidding to continue laboratory management would be to create a new arms race. She urged the Regents to take a stand against weapons development.

F. Mr. Jonathan Chow, a UC Berkeley graduate student, expressed his concern about nuclear weapons research at the laboratories. He believed that the work being done at the laboratories violated the country's obligations under the international nonproliferation treaty.

Committee on Finance, Item 502, Approval of University of California 2004-05 Budget Plan and Proposed Increases in Student Fees, and Preliminary Discussion of 2005-06 Budget

G. Ms. Norah Foster, representing the Coalition of University Employees and speaking also on behalf of Ms. Cassandra Johnson and Ms. Ellie Corley, believed that the Regents needed to be more accountable to the University's lower-paid workers. She observed that high-level executives continue to be hired at ever-increasing salaries while other staff are being laid off and that the new agreement with the Governor would place the burden of budget cuts on students and staff only. She advocated a fairer rate of pay for library assistants and the reimbursing of staff who have gone without merits for years.

H. Ms. Chikako Pierce, a library assistant representing CUE, stated that her salary lagged the market by about 10 percent. She believed that the labor management in general was poor at the University, noting that wages lost by employees in the early 1990s had never been recouped.

I. Mr. Brian McInnis, a UC Davis student and UCSA member, was opposed to placing a cap on the number of credits that would be permitted under the Governor's compact. He suggested considering exempting transfer students from this provision.

University-related Matters

J. Mr. Murray Morgan believed that he had been dismissed unfairly from his University job.

K. Ms. Jessica Quindell, UC Berkeley Graduate Assembly president speaking also on behalf of Ms. Claudia Agato and Mr. Robert Schechtman, expressed concern about the efficiency of senior executive personnel, whose numbers seem to be ballooning. She asked the Regents to examine administrative salaries, which she noted had increased three times faster than faculty salaries. She believed that the review should report on the size, cost, and growth of campus staff for the past five years and contain recommendations on how to streamline processes in order to save money and support the University's most important priorities.

2. **PRESIDENT'S OVERVIEW**

President Dynes reported that the previous month, 16 University of California researchers had been elected to the National Academy of Sciences, in recognition of their achievements in scientific and engineering research. Seventeen percent of the academy's members are affiliated with the University. He noted also that the University has been confirmed as a national leader in enrolling low-income students, according to a recent study conducted by the national newsletter "Postsecondary Education Opportunity." The study looked at the top 50 universities in the country as ranked by "U.S. News & World Report" and ranked them by their proportion of students who are Pell Grant recipients.

President Dynes turned to the day's agenda, noting that three of the major issues facing the University would be discussed: the budget, admissions, and the competition for the national laboratory contracts.

On admissions, he reported that, pursuant to one of the recommendations of the Eligibility and Admissions Study Group, he was appointing a follow-up group to continue the conversation about eligibility and admissions throughout the year. This second group will be co-chaired by Regent Kozberg and Provost Greenwood. It will meet approximately twice a year to monitor the progress on the implementation of the Study Group's recommendations and to discuss other eligibility and admissions issues as they emerge. The group will include four Regents, two chancellors, three faculty

representatives, one executive vice chancellor, two vice chancellors for student affairs, one undergraduate dean, two students, and two statistical consultants.

On the budget and the compact, President Dynes stated his belief that because of the deep continuing cuts to the University, the impact on students, faculty, and staff, and the lack of a plan at the State level to turn around the trend of State disinvestment, the compact appeared to be a good step forward for the University. While it will not alleviate the situation this year, it will protect the University from deeper cuts than were in the governor's January budget, and the University will still be able to negotiate for more in the budget process each year.

The meeting adjourned at 9:35 a.m.

Attest:

Secretary