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

May 20, 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, Lee, 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 Greenwood, Senior Vice Presidents Darling and Mullinix, Vice President Doby, and Recording Secretary Bryan

The meeting convened at 10:15 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 comment on University-related matters. The following persons addressed the Board concerning the subjects noted.

1. Mr. Murray Morgan requested a meeting with President Dynes to discuss the history of his problematic personnel issues.

2. Mr. Thomas Cruz, representing Public Health Students Association, reported that students had organized a campaign against the sale of tobacco-related products on the campuses.

3. Ms. Genus Heidary, representing Public Health Students Association, requested an analysis of the economic impact of barring the sale of tobacco-related products. She asked the Regents to support the group's campaign.

4. Ms. Hilary Howard, a UC Davis student, advocated banning the sale of tobacco products on campuses. She spoke in support of legislation to prevent people from smoking within 20 feet of government buildings.

5. Mr. Clarence Johnson, a member of SEIU 247–Security Officers, described issues his union had with a subcontractor hired by the San Francisco campus. He believed it was the University's responsibility to subcontract with a reputable and responsible company.

6. Mr. Doug Bloch, a member of SEIU 247–Security Officers, reported that the UCSF subcontractor for campus security had a record of breaking the law. He believed the contract should be cancelled.

7. Mr. Siddharth Nag, speaking also on behalf of Mr. Will Putnam and Mr. Michael Minkus, believed that the University should seek a common ground for addressing diversity issues. He was hopeful that The Regents would seek a chancellor for the Berkeley campus who would support diversity, who was familiar with its issues, and who was capable of building effective and prudent approaches to maintaining it.

8. Ms. Aqueilah Lewis, a UC Berkeley student, believed that the University is a leader in supporting racism and was working to prevent minorities from being admitted. He was in favor of maintaining diversity and helping the less fortunate members of society.

9. Ms. Faith Raider, a University patient care and service worker, believed that the University had established misplaced priorities that were putting patients at risk at its medical centers. She commented on the high turnover rates in her profession.

10. Mr. Luke Massie, representing By Any Means Necessary, believed that California should set the trend concerning diversity and should make use of every citizen's talents.

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Attest:

Secretary