

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

January 15, 2004

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

Present: Regents Blum, Bodine, Davies, Dynes, Hopkinson, Huerta, Johnson, Kozberg, Lansing, Lee, Montoya, Moores, Murray, 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 King, Senior Vice Presidents Darling and Mullinix, Vice Presidents Broome, Foley, and Gomes, Chancellors Berdahl, Bishop, Carnesale, Cicerone, Córdoba, Tomlinson-Keasey, Vanderhoef, and Yang, Acting Chancellor Chandler, and Recording Secretary Bryan

The meeting convened at 9:15 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.

Item OF-1: Approval of Actions Necessary to Preserve the Option of the University to Continue Its Management of Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, and Los Alamos National Laboratory

- A. Mr. Urs Cipolat, a UC Berkeley lecturer, urged the Regents to end the University's collaboration with the Department of Energy laboratories. He believed that the laboratories' development of new weapons will threaten the nation's security rather than increase it.
- B. Ms. Jacki Cabasso, representing the Western States Legal Foundation, was opposed to the Bush administration's policies on the advancement of nuclear research and development. She encouraged the Regents to sever ties with the nuclear weapons laboratories.
- C. Ms. Carrie DeGraff believed that the University had a moral obligation to address critical social concerns, which should preclude it from competing for the laboratory management contract.

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- D. Mr. John Cloughen, representing A Beka Book, a publisher of Christian literature, believed that the University should consider applicants for admission who have completed a Bible-based or creationist curriculum, including the biology course offered by the publisher.
- E. Mr. Steve Labins opposed the University's disapproval of credits for the Christian biology course offered by A Beka. He suggested that the President designate a liaison to negotiate an agreement with the publisher in order to avoid litigation concerning possible constitutional violations.
- F. Mr. Murray Morgan suggested that President Dynes needed a new administrative team and proposed that he be hired to put one together.
- G. Ms. Mary Higgins, representing the Coalition of University Employees, believed that, instead of planning for the future, the University had allowed the flow of the revenue stream to dictate its policies. She advocated cutting student fees and elevating the pay of library assistants to match that of the administrative assistant series.
- H. Mr. Charles Schwartz, UC Berkeley emeritus professor, noted that his group had received an almost entirely favorable ruling in its lawsuit against the University and that the University's appeals had failed. He advised the University to work with him and the other complainants in order to avoid more severe future action.

2. REMARKS OF PROFESSOR GRANGER

UC San Diego Economics Professor Clive Granger, recent winner of the Nobel Prize for his work in econometrics, discussed the value of a UC education. He noted that, although the University was among the best in the world, its quality was not admired outside of California to the degree it deserved. He expressed the concern that today's students are motivated more by the competition for grades than the desire to learn.

Professor Granger observed that the University had survived the last budget crisis and may have been made stronger by the ordeal. He urged the Regents and the administration to adopt an aggressive attitude toward widespread promotion of the University, which is preparing its graduates for jobs that will be essential during the next ten years.

The meeting adjourned at 9:45 a.m.

Attest:

Secretary