

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

November 17, 2005

The Regents of the University of California met on the above date at the Clark Kerr Campus, Berkeley Campus.

Present: Regents Dynes, Gould, Hopkinson, Island, Johnson, Juline, Kozberg, Lansing, Lozano, Marcus, Parsky, Preuss, Rominger, Rosenthal, Ruiz, and Schilling

In attendance: Regents-designate Ledesma and Schreiner, Faculty Representatives Brunk and Oakley, Secretary Trivette, Senior Vice Presidents Darling and Mullinix, Acting Provost Hume, Vice Presidents Foley and Gurtner, Chancellors Birgeneau, Bishop, Carnesale, Córdova, Drake, Fox, and Vanderhoef, Executive Vice Chancellor Ashley representing Chancellor Tomlinson-Keasey, and Recording Secretary Nietfeld

The meeting convened at 9:15 a.m. with Chairman Parsky presiding.

Chairman Parsky 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.

1. ***Item 202, Committee on Oversight of the Department of Energy Laboratories: Status of Competition and Other Matters at the Department of Energy Laboratories***
 - A. Ms. Tara Dorabji, outreach director of Tri-Valley Cares, reported that her organization had joined with Nuclear Watch of New Mexico to submit a proposal to the Department of Energy for management of the Los Alamos National Laboratory which would honor workers and community safety, clean up toxic and radioactive waste, and expand civilian science. The DOE rejected this bid. She believed that the Request for Proposal made it clear that in the future the national laboratories would concentrate on nuclear weapons.
 - B. Mr. Garrett Wright, a student at Boalt Hall School of Law and an intern with Tri-Valley Cares, urged The Regents to withdraw the bid to manage the Los Alamos National Laboratory and to not bid to continue to manage the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, which has been chosen as a site for the Reliable Replacement Warhead Program, which will produce new nuclear weapons.
 - C. Mr. Urs Citolat, a lecturer on the Berkeley campus and development director of Tri-Valley Cares, suggested that it was immoral to design nuclear weapons and called upon The Regents to end the management contracts with the DOE.

- D. Ms. Chelsea Cologne, a member of the Coalition to Demilitarize UC, alleged that there was a broad national priority to reduce funding for education, social services, and human rights, while providing more resources for warfare. She was concerned that the University had chosen to form a partnership with Bechtel in order to compete for the contract to manage the Los Alamos National Laboratory.
2. ***Item 502, Committee on Finance: Approval of University of California 2006-07 Budgets for Current Operations and for State Capital Improvements and Approval of Student Fee Increases for Undergraduate, Graduate Academic, Professional, and Nonresident Students for 2006-07***
- E. Mr. Carlos Feliciano, President of ASUCI, expressed his gratitude to The Regents for approving the restoration of a 33 percent return-to-aid policy. He offered the assistance of students in working to obtain continued support for the University in Sacramento.
- F. Ms. Mariyam Cementwala, a student at Boalt Hall School of Law, noted that at present law school fees total more than \$22,000; in 2002-03, the fees were slightly more than \$10,000. She questioned how much of these increased revenues would be used to enhance the educational quality of Boalt Hall.
- G. Mr. Joe Bishop, a doctoral student at the Santa Barbara campus, thanked The Regents for supporting the 33 percent return-to-aid policy. The students look forward to working with the members of the Board to secure more funding for the University.
- H. Mr. Caliph Assagai, a student at the Davis campus and speaking also for Mr. Ari Kalfayan and Mr. Kai Ruess, spoke to the importance of accessibility to the University of California.
- I. Ms. Katie Johnson, a student at the Davis campus and speaking also for Ms. Danielle Vaticano and Ms. Marwa Rifahie, urged the Regents to support students' access to higher education. She noted that the Congress has under consideration HR 609, which would cut \$15 billion from the federal financial aid budget.
- J. Mr. Derick Lennox, a student at the Davis campus, observed that the University has been attractive to students due to its affordability. As fees rise, the number of students who enroll is reduced, and the prestige of a campus may drop as a result.
- K. Mr. Michael Caporusso, a lobby director at the Davis campus, commented on what effects the fee increases that were approved for 2006-07 would have on middle-income students who do not qualify for financial aid. He has calculated that a UC student working at minimum wage would need to work 73 additional hours per year in order to afford the new fees.

3. *University-Related Issues*

- L. Ms. Yvette Felarca, a member of the Coalition to Defend Affirmative Action By Any Means Necessary (BAMN), charged that black and Latino students face racism on the Berkeley campus, in spite of the fact that The Regents had voted to rescind SP-1, Policy Ensuring Equal Treatment–Admissions. She noted that only 129 black students had enrolled as freshman in fall 2005 at Berkeley.
- M. Ms. Erika Williams, a student at the Berkeley campus and a member of BAMN, described the negative encounters she has had with the undergraduate advisor for the School of Social Welfare and asked that he be removed from his position.
- N. Mr. Ronald Cruz, a member of BAMN, asked that the advisor be fired for making racist remarks to students.
- O. Ms. Jocelyn Eastman, a student at Oakland Technical High School and a member of BAMN, urged the Berkeley campus to allow students who had been displaced by Hurricane Katrina to remain enrolled past the fall semester.
- P. Ms. Michelle Tsai, an alumna of the Davis campus, offered her opinions with respect to animal research and asked that it be discontinued at all UC-affiliated institutions.
- Q. Mr. Roderick Chamberlain presented a different version of the conflict between Ms. Williams and her student advisor.
- R. Ms. Lavon Taback, a neighbor of UC Extension in San Francisco, asked that the decision that has been made to develop the property into condominiums and a shopping mall be rescinded.
- S. Ms. Shira Leeder explained that, because of her medical costs and higher student fees, she could not afford to attend the University.
- T. Ms. Jeannie Biniek, a student at the Los Angeles campus, expressed appreciation to the Regents who had met with the University of California Student Association concerning the 33 percent return to aid.

The meeting adjourned at 9:45 a.m.

Attest:

Secretary