

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

November 14, 2006

The Regents of the University of California met on the above date at Covell Commons, Los Angeles campus.

Present: Regents Coombs, Johnson, Kozberg, Ledesma, Schilling, and Schreiner

In attendance: Regents-designate Allen and Bugay, Faculty Representatives Brown and Oakley, Acting Secretary Shaw, Acting General Counsel Blair, Provost Hume, Vice President Hershman, Chancellors Córdoba and Vanderhoef, Acting Chancellor Abrams, and Recording Secretary Bryan

The meeting convened at 11:25 a.m. with Regent Kozberg presiding.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Regent Kozberg 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.

A. ***Committee on Grounds and Buildings, Item 112: Amendment of the Budget for Capital Improvements and the Capital Improvement Program, Approval of Standby Financing, Approval of Design, Student Athlete High Performance Center, and Certification of Environmental Impact Report for the Southeast Campus Integrated Projects (SCIP), Berkeley Campus***

- (1) Mr. Dan Sicular, a Berkeley campus alumnus, emphasized the importance of tradition in college football. One proposed element of the stadium renovation project is a seating structure that would rise above the eastern promenade level. He believed the EIR had failed to identify as significant the potential impact of the east seating structure on Tightwad Hill, a place he believed should be preserved. He asserted that the east seating structure was irrelevant to the objectives of the stadium renovation.
- (2) Mr. Robert Sicular read a petition in support of preserving the tradition of watching Cal football games from Tightwad Hill. Any alterations to the stadium that would block views of the playing field from the hill or prevent free access to the hill would diminish the enjoyment of attending games at Memorial Stadium for all fans. The petitioners ask that approval of the Projects be conditioned on the elimination of the proposed east side seating structure and modify any other changes that would block views from Tightwad Hill.

- (3) Mr. Michael Kelly, representing the Panoramic Hill Association of Berkeley, reported that his neighborhood association believes that if the SCIP projects are approved, their only option would be legal action. Because Memorial Stadium sits on an active earthquake fault, there are issues associated with the Alquist-Priolo Earthquake Fault Zoning Act. The Association is not against portions of the project but believes that it has some flawed elements and asks that the plans for Memorial Stadium be revised.

**B. *Tobacco Research Funding***

- (1) Ms. Kim Holmer, a Davis campus alumna and representative of the Campaign to Defend Academic Integrity, was hopeful that the issue of UC research funding from tobacco companies would be discussed at the January meeting. She reported that four grants to the University are being funded by the Phillip Morris External Research Program, which has been identified as part of the tobacco industry's continuing illegal enterprise.
- (2) Ms. Corina Bigham, a graduate student in epidemiology at UC Davis, reported that she represented hundreds of students who support the establishment of a University policy denying tobacco industry funding. She noted that, although many academic units have adopted policies to deny tobacco industry funding, only The Regents can adopt a systemwide policy to protect the academic integrity of the UC system.
- (3) Ms. Marcia Brown-Machen, a Berkeley campus alumni representing the Campaign to Defend Academic Integrity, applauded the Regents' decision to divest from tobacco industry stocks and their recent consideration of a policy to not accept tobacco industry funding. She pointed out differences between that funding and funding received from other industries, including a record of steering funding to compliant researchers and projects that serve its interests.
- (4) Dr. Carol Watson, an assistant professor at the Geffen School of Medicine, on behalf of the American Heart Association encouraged the Regents to adopt a policy to neither solicit nor accept industry funding for research from the tobacco industry. She noted that the Department of Justice is pursuing a racketeering lawsuit against the industry, alleging an orchestrated criminal conspiracy to corrupt and misdirect university research.

The meeting adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

Attest:

Acting Secretary