

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

November 16, 2006

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

Present: Regents De La Peña, Dynes, Gould, Island, Johnson, Kozberg, Ledesma, Lozano, Marcus, Parsky, Pattiz, Ruiz, Schilling, Schreiner, Varner, and Wachter

In attendance: Regents-designate Allen, Brewer, and Bugay, Faculty Representatives Brown and Oakley, Acting Secretary Shaw, Acting General Counsel Blair, Chief Investment Officer Berggren, Provost Hume, Executive Vice President Darling, Vice Presidents Broome, Foley, Gurtner, and Hershman, Chancellors Birgeneau, Bishop, Córdova, Drake, Fox, and Vanderhoef, Acting Chancellors Abrams, Blumenthal, and Park, University Auditor Reed, and Recording Secretary Nietfeld

The meeting convened at 8:50 a.m. with Chairman Parsky presiding.

PUBLIC COMMENT

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.

Item 11C, Committee on Compensation: University of California Retirement Plan/UC-PERS Plus 5 Plan – Annual Actuarial Valuation

- A. Ms. Mary Higgins, a member of the Coalition of University Employees, stated that the union does not believe that contributions to the University of California Retirement Plan are necessary at this time. She urged the University to perform its due diligence before going forward.

Item 202, Committee on Oversight of the Department of Energy Laboratories: Status of Competition and Other Matters at the Department of Energy Laboratories

- B. The following individuals addressed the topic of the University's management of nuclear weapons laboratories: Mr. Darwin Bond-Graham, a graduate student at the Santa Barbara campus; Mr. Andrew Culp; Ms. Caitlin Daniel, a student at the Santa Barbara campus; Ms. Erica Lamon; Ms. Ellen McClure, a student at the Santa Barbara campus; and Mr. Mark Valen, a student at the Santa Cruz campus. The speakers suggested that many of the Regents were not aware of the fact that the main role of these laboratories is to research and design nuclear weapons. They read from

a statement which charged that, as managers of two nuclear weapons laboratories, the University plays a central role in an ecological crisis. Under the auspices of the Reliable Replacement Warhead Program, the federal government is upgrading every nuclear weapon in its arsenal. UC provides a veneer of credibility to these preparations for war. The Bush government recently contemplated the use of “small yield” nuclear weapons in Iran. They called upon the University to sever its ties with the national laboratories and to issue a public statement in opposition to the development of nuclear weapons. The speakers asked that the Regents lobby the federal government to build the first federally funded, sustainable energy research laboratory.

- C. Ms. Carleigh O’Donnell, a student at the Santa Barbara campus, stated that she was carrying on the tradition of a Japanese girl who died of radiation poisoning of folding paper cranes.

Item 303, Approval to Proceed with the Next Phase of Planning for a Proposed School of Medicine, Riverside Campus

- D. Mr. Cindy Roth, Mr. Jack Clarke, and Mr. Ramon Alvarez made a joint presentation in support of a school of medicine at the Riverside campus, noting that the medical school represents an important opportunity for underrepresented minority students who would like to pursue a career in medicine within the Inland Empire. The medical school will add more physicians to the statewide pool, which is undergoing a crisis. They submitted two binders outlining the support for the school in the local community.

Toxic Free UC Campaign

- E. The following participants in the Toxic Free UC Campaign addressed the Committee: Ms. Candace Kelman, a graduate student at the Irvine campus; Ms. Vicki Huber, a student at the Los Angeles campus, Ms. Jennifer Roberts, a student at Santa Cruz campus; and Ms. Kim Sanders, a student at the Los Angeles campus. The speakers reported concern about the social and environmental effects of the electronic products consumed by the University. It was their understanding that the system purchases approximately 10,000 computers per month. The speakers were also concerned about the conditions of the workers who manufacture these electronic products. They believed that, due to its size, the University has the ability to demand products that are safer and easier to recycle. The campaign has been working with the Office of the President to develop solutions to these issues, and the sustainable purchasing policy has integrated some of its requests. The policy sets guidelines for environmentally responsible purchasing and recycling of electronics. They presented petitions demonstrating students’ support for the policy.

University-related Matters

- F. Dr. Murray Morgan objected to the salaries being paid to senior executives.
- G. Mr. Doug Jorgensen, a graduate student at the San Diego campus, asked the Regents to eliminate nonresident tuition. Faculty must restrict the number of international students who take part in a research project because they cannot afford to pay their fees. This reduces the quality of the research that is produced.
- H. Mr. Menelao Stavrinides, a international graduate student at the Berkeley campus, saw nonresident tuition as a barrier to his ability to participate in innovative research. He must shorten his experiments in order to finish his degree in the shortest time possible. Mr. Stavrinides noted that nonresident tuition had increased by 50 percent between 2001 and 2005, while international student enrollment decreased by 30 percent.
- I. Mr. D'Artagnan Scorza spoke in favor of full funding for academic preparation programs as a way to increase the representation of underrepresented minorities on UC campuses.
- J. Mr. Jeff Dhungana, a student at the Los Angeles campus and a representative of the California Student Sustainability Coalition, discussed the global climate crisis as portrayed in the movie *An Inconvenient Truth*.

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 a..m.

Attest:

Acting Secretary