

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

March 18, 2008

The Regents of the University of California met on the above date at UCSF–Mission Bay Community Center, San Francisco.

Members present: Regents Allen, Brewer, Bugay, Kozberg, Ruiz, and Schilling

In attendance: Regents-designate Scorza and Shewmake, Faculty Representatives Brown and Croughan, Secretary and Chief of Staff Griffiths, Associate Secretary Shaw, General Counsel Robinson, Provost Hume, Executive Vice President Lapp, Vice Presidents Broome, Lenz, and Sakaki, Chancellors Blumenthal, Fox, and Vanderhoef, and Recording Secretary Johns

The meeting convened at 10:50 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 address University-related matters. The following persons addressed the Board concerning the items noted.

- A. Mr. Murray Morgan, a former UCD employee, alleged whistleblower retaliation against him by individuals within the University. He referred to a lawsuit he has filed and alleged abuses by University administrators, lawyers, and the UCD Police.
- B. Mr. Gabriel Gordon-Harper, a UCB student active in the California Student Sustainability Coalition (CSSC), asked the Regents to develop a stronger policy for social and environmental responsibility in its General Endowment Pool investments. He urged the University to join other elite institutions in creating a responsible investments advisory committee.
- C. Ms. Caitlin Vavasour, a UCB anthropology student and CSSC assistant director, welcomed the agenda action item on sustainability to be considered by the Committee on Grounds and Buildings. She stated that the CSSC is honored to be collaborating with the leaders of the University, and thanked the Regents for their attention to CSSC's perspective.
- D. Ms. Maggie Lickter, a UCD student, urged the University to pursue sustainability as an example to students, who will operate businesses of their own in the future. She cited LEED-certified construction, locally-grown organic foods, and principles of climate neutrality as positive examples. She stressed the importance of sustainability efforts for the near future.

- E. Mr. Jonathan Backus, a UCB freshman and CSSC member, commended the University for its sustainability programs. He noted savings in energy costs and waste disposal costs through renewable energy use and upgraded compost and recycling programs. He emphasized that sustainability is an investment which will benefit the University financially.
- F. Ms. Christina Oatfield, a UCB student, spoke on behalf of UCLA student Pam Tuttle. Ms. Tuttle thanked the Regents for their leadership in UC's sustainability efforts and opined that sustainability projects can not only save money but also generate income. She cited the successes of the Green Initiative Fund at UCB, UCSC, and UCSB.
- G. Ms. Alexandra Cole-Weiss, a UCB student and CSSC member, emphasized that universities are not only academic institutions but also impart to students a sense of community responsibility. She stated that students should see and participate in sustainable practices daily and urged the University to broaden its policies and practices in this area.
- H. Ms. Rachel Ross, a UCSC student and CSSC member, expressed pride in UC's growing sustainability practices. She cited UCSC student support for the purchase of sustainable energy and UCSB student support for LEED Silver certification for campus buildings. She stated that the Regents' continuing support for these efforts is necessary.
- I. Ms. Abby Chroman, a UCD student and CSSC member, expressed concern about climate protection policies. She noted UCB's climate action steering committee, including staff, faculty, and students, and remarked that UCD has a need for a committee with similar membership and that climate action committees should be developed on every campus.
- J. Mr. Quentin Gee, a doctoral candidate in philosophy at UCSB, co-chair of the campus Environmental Affairs Board, and CSSC member, expressed support for a LEED Gold mandate. He cited rising energy costs, the possibility of future taxes or penalties for carbon emissions, and a recent study showing approximate annual energy savings of 44 percent for LEED Gold and Platinum certified buildings. He urged the Regents to consider seriously a LEED Gold mandate.
- K. Mr. Michael Cox, a UCLA alumnus, spoke on behalf of John Stanley, a UCB graduate student. Mr. Stanley underscored the opportunities for cost savings through energy efficiency and cited potential ten percent energy savings in building projects; at UCB, this would represent \$2.6 million, or 20 professorial salaries. He suggested that campus energy budgets could be reduced, rather than faculty positions or other necessities.

- L. Ms. Natalie Nava, a UCB student, reported that 25 percent of the produce served on the UCSC campus comes from local and organic sources, through a cooperative of local family farms. She requested the Regents' support for sustainable food programs at the University.
- M. Mr. Ryan spoke on behalf of Tobias Joel, a UCD student and CSSC member. Mr. Joel noted changes in sustainability practices that UC could undertake to serve as an example to other institutions, and affirmed CSSC's wish to collaborate with the Regents and to help guide the University to energy self-sufficiency, waste reduction, and responsible water use.
- N. Ms. Katherine Jamison-Alward, a UCB anthropology student and CSSC member, expressed pride in the University's expanded policies on sustainable practices. She opined that, by furthering its commitment to sustainability policies even in the face of budget cuts, the University will establish public confidence in its commitment to the public good and have a profound effect on society.
- O. Ms. Crystal Durham, CSSC executive director and UCLA alumna, expressed gratitude for the successful collaboration with UC leadership on sustainability issues. She reported that the University of Maryland has launched a sustainability initiative modeled on that of UC, and described the action item on sustainability to be considered by the Committee on Grounds and Buildings as an important step forward.
- P. Mr. Eric Hanson, a UCSC alumnus, reported that a campus student organization devoted to Mexican folkloric dance, Grupo Folklorico Los Mejicas de UC Santa Cruz, was turned into a class by a professor who had no credentials in dance. He then cited figures for retention of male Latino undergraduate students.
- Q. Ms. Talia MacMath, a UCD student, expressed concern about the State budget deficit, cuts to services, and students' financial burden. She asked the Regents to consider how their decisions will affect students. A 7-10 percent increase in student fees would require students to work an additional four hours weekly, equivalent to one four-unit class.
- R. Ms. Ahnika Kline, a UCSF graduate student and chair of the UC Student Association Graduate and Professional Committee, opined that the University does not make enough use of potential patent revenues and alumni contributions. She decried the loss of good students to less expensive private and public institutions. She urged the Regents not to increase student fees.
- S. Ms. Marilyn Notah Verney, a UCSB graduate student in religious studies and member of the Navajo (Diné) Nation, expressed concern about diversity on campus, noting that she is one of only three full-time American Indian students at UCSB. She asked the Regents not to increase tuition and discussed her personal

- financial challenges. She asked that funding for student mental health be maintained.
- T. Ms. Teresa Betts, a UCSC graduate student in psychology, stated that disabled students are part of the University's diversity crisis. She decried the loss of capable students and urged the University to preserve and increase diversity. She discussed her personal medical and financial difficulties, remarking that her monthly teaching assistant salary of \$1,500 does not cover hospital bills. She urged the Regents not to raise fees.
- U. Mr. John Ludlow, a medical student at UCI and UCSD alumnus, expressed concern about rising professional school fees at UC, which are approaching those of private schools. He expressed the concern that rising fees will lead outstanding students to attend private institutions and will drive medical graduates with significant debt loads into high-paying fields that do not address California's primary health care needs. He asked the Regents to consider how professional fees affect the health of the state.

Regent Garamendi commended the student speakers for their statements and concern about sustainability. He acknowledged that the Regents and the UC administration must take action on sustainability, but observed that students can do much on their own to save energy, either individually or collectively. He urged them to determine what they can do themselves.

The meeting adjourned at 11:25 a.m.

Attest:

Secretary and Chief of Staff