

**THE REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA**  
**MEETING AS A COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**  
September 16, 2008

The Regents of the University of California met on the above date at the Student Center, Irvine Campus.

Present: Regents Cole, Hopkinson, Johnson, Kozberg, Reiss, Schilling, Scorza, and Shewmake

In attendance: Regent-designate Bernal, Faculty Representatives Croughan and Powell, Associate Secretary Shaw, General Counsel Robinson, Interim Provost Grey, Executive Vice President Lapp, Vice President Lenz, Chancellors Block, Blumenthal, Drake, Kang, Vanderhoef, and White, and Recording Secretary Lopes

The meeting convened at 11:50 a.m. with Regent Schilling presiding.

1. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Regent Schilling 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. Tam Nguyen, a 23-year employee of UC Irvine, spoke regarding his opposition to the closure of the UC Irvine Pediatric Floor and Pediatric Intensive Care Unit. This reduction of beds would limit service to the pediatric community and necessitate transfer to Children's Hospital of Orange County (CHOC) for essential services.
- B. Ms. Maureen Berry, a 21-year employee of UC Irvine, spoke regarding the proposal to close the Pediatric Intensive Care Unit and the Pediatric Floor. She expressed concern for the pediatric community of Orange County because Children's Hospital of Orange County (CHOC), to which the pediatric patients would be transferred, is neither a trauma center nor a burn center.
- C. Ms. Nicole Hadley, a child life specialist employed at UC Irvine Medical Center, spoke regarding her role as a pediatric patient/family advocate and the essential nature of the services provided to promote the well-being of Orange County families.
- D. Tammy Thul, an employee of UC Irvine, related an experience of a pediatric patient in the emergency room with massive brain injuries who, though not expected to live, is now alive as a result of the treatment received at UC Irvine Pediatric Trauma Unit.

- E. Ms. Sharon Speck, a 21-year employee and clinical nurse at the UC Irvine Medical Center Pediatric Intensive Care Unit spoke regarding her fear of the consequences of closure of the Pediatric Intensive Care Unit and Pediatric Floor. She opined that children are most successfully cared for by doctors and nurses specifically trained to work in pediatrics.
- F. Ms. Courtney Reynolds, a graduate student at UC Irvine in the M.D./Ph.D. program and a representative of Universities Allied for Essential Medicines, advocated for making the products of University research available and affordable in developing countries.
- G. Mr. Nativo Lopez, the National President of the Mexican American Political Association and the Hermandad Mexicana Latinoamericana, spoke in opposition to the closure of the Pediatric Intensive Care Unit and Pediatric Floor at UC Irvine Medical Center.
- H. Mr. Timothy Minh, UC Berkeley alumnus and a student in the M.D./Ph.D. program at UC Irvine, informed the Regents that he is studying the effects of diabetes on the immune system. A member of Universities Allied for Essential Medicines, he addressed his desire to have his research and University research be made available to the global community. He suggested the patent pool system as an effective method to do so and hoped to meet with Associate Vice President Cathryn Nation before the next Regents meeting.
- I. Mr. Taylor Gilliland, a Ph.D. student studying biomedical sciences at UC San Diego and a member of Universities Allied for Essential Medicines, urged that the University of California follow the lead of Oxford University, Emory University, and the University of British Columbia in implementing humanitarian technology transfer policies by use of an equitable access license.
- J. Mr. John Hanna, a resident of Orange and Trustee at Rancho Santiago Community College District, spoke regarding his gratitude for the UC Irvine Medical Center care for the community. He further expressed his gratitude for the opportunities provided to the student nurses from Santa Ana College to learn at the UC Irvine facility. He echoed the concerns of previous speakers regarding the closing of the Pediatric Intensive Care Unit and Pediatric Floor and urged that the units remain open.
- K. Ms. Lourdes Arlene Matta, a UC Irvine alumna and employee, expressed her opposition to the closure of the pediatric units at UC Irvine.

- L. Mr. Yasser Giron, a UC Irvine medical student, spoke regarding his opposition to the closure of the pediatric units at UC Irvine.

The meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

Attest:

Secretary and Chief of Staff