

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

July 14, 2009

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

Members present: Regents Bernal, Johnson, Kieffer, Kozberg, Makarechian, Ruiz, Schilling, Stovitz, Varner, Yudof, and Zettel

In attendance: Regent-designate Hime, Faculty Representatives Croughan and Powell, Secretary and Chief of Staff Griffiths, Associate Secretary Shaw, General Counsel Robinson, Chief Compliance and Audit Officer Vacca, Interim Provost Pitts, Executive Vice Presidents Lapp and Taylor, Senior Vice President Stobo, Vice President Lenz, Chancellors Block, Blumenthal, Kang, and Vanderhoef, and Recording Secretary Harms

The meeting convened at 2:30 p.m. with Regent Schilling presiding.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Regent Schilling explained that the Board had been convened as a Committee of the Whole to in order to permit members of the public an opportunity to address University-related matters. The following persons addressed the Committee.

1. Mr. Jan Wallander, professor of psychology at UC Merced, addressed the rapid growth of the student body and the addition of programs at the campus; he argued that the number of faculty and staff at UCM had not grown correspondingly. He informed the Regents that UC Merced will undergo accreditation in the coming academic year, and that the campus will have to demonstrate the quality of its educational programs and its fiscal stability. Mr. Wallander stated that 57 percent of Merced's revenues are from State allocation, compared to 20 percent at the other campuses; accordingly, UCM will be disproportionately and significantly affected by cuts in the State budget.
2. Mr. Kevin Fellezs, assistant professor of arts at UC Merced, remarked that the Merced campus is at a critical juncture in its history. He lauded the experiences, expectations, and expertise of the Merced faculty and stressed that the University should continue to invest in, and nurture, the campus. Reflecting on the current economic distress, Mr. Fellezs offered that UC Merced's innovative and cooperative students, staff, faculty, and administration are uniquely poised to initiate real and fundamental changes in the way universities operate in the twenty-first century.
3. Mr. Ignacio López-Calvo, professor of literature at UC Merced, affirmed the previous comments and explained that he applied for a position at UCM because he saw it as an exciting opportunity to create new and innovative programs. He expressed concern that a

lack of appropriate funding will encourage faculty at UC Merced to apply for positions elsewhere and will discourage potential future faculty. He remarked that UCM should not be subjected to the same across-the-board budget cuts as the other UC campuses, which have existed for decades and have fully-staffed departments and programs. He expressed worry at the prospect of failing accreditation due to inadequate fiscal stability.

4. Ms. Dawn Batiste, representing the Alliance for Equal Opportunity in Education, cautioned that the University was considering budget decisions that would have a disproportionate negative effect on both enrollment and campus climate for African American students in relation to other ethnic groups. She urged the Regents to delay decisions that would jeopardize current and future efforts to acquire federally-mandated funding, specifically for issues surrounding admissions, campus climate, and Student Academic Preparation and Educational Partnerships (SAPEP) funding. She noted that nine out of the ten UC campuses are in non-compliance with the federal adverse impact standard and entreated President Yudof and the Regents to further discuss diversity, campus climate, and SAPEP funding.

The meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

Attest:

Secretary and Chief of Staff