

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

November 12, 2013

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

Members present: Regents De La Peña, Feingold, Flores, Makarechian, Newsom, Ruiz, Schultz, and Zettel

In attendance: Regents-designate Engelhorn and Leong Clancy, Faculty Representatives Gilly and Jacob, Secretary and Chief of Staff Kelman, Associate Secretary Shaw, General Counsel Robinson, Chief Compliance and Audit Officer Vacca, Provost Dorr, Executive Vice President Brostrom, Chief Financial Officer Taylor, Senior Vice President Stobo, Vice President Mara, and Recording Secretary Johns

The meeting convened at 2:05 p.m. with Regent Zettel presiding.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Regent Zettel 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.

1. Mr. Destiny Iwuoma, a student at UC Berkeley, expressed concern about low graduation rates for black student athletes and low enrollment of students of color at UC. He stated that the student campaign Invest in Graduation Not Incarceration, Transform Education (IGNITE) is seeking to raise awareness of these concerns. He asked the Regents to work with students and assist with this campaign.
2. Mr. Matthew Grigorieff, a staff member at UC Berkeley, criticized the UC system for not providing adequate adapted fitness and health maintenance programs for students with severe disabilities and stated that the University should mandate a program to address these needs. He also noted that the process for hiring note-takers for disabled students is cumbersome; many disabled students at UC Berkeley do not have note-takers for their classes.
3. Mr. Aravind Reddy Gayam, a graduate student at the Goldman School of Public Policy at UC Berkeley, called attention to the difficulty caused by the fact that international students in UC's professional degree programs must pay nonresident tuition. Other outstanding university systems do not charge nonresident fees for these students. He noted that UC Berkeley's determination of his residency was not consistent from one office to another.

4. Ms. Yvette Felarca, a representative of the Coalition to Defend Affirmative Action, Integration, and Immigrant Rights and Fight for Equality by Any Means Necessary (BAMN), expressed disapproval of the appointment of Janet Napolitano as UC President and the view that President Napolitano was not a champion of public and democratic education.
5. Mr. David Douglass, a student at UC Berkeley and a national BAMN organizer, demanded the immediate removal of President Napolitano. He stated that she did not represent immigrants and that her appointment as President was an insult.
6. Mr. Edgar Sanchez, a student at Oakland Technical High School, expressed opposition to Janet Napolitano as UC President, claiming that she was responsible for the deportation of millions of people from the U.S. and the separation of families.
7. Ms. Anna Avila, an Oakland high school student, criticized the appointment of Janet Napolitano as UC President, citing deportations and the separation of families. She stressed that UC should have considered other candidates.
8. Ms. Caroline Wong, a national BAMN organizer and Oakland resident, alleged that President Napolitano had nothing but disrespect for undocumented and immigrant communities in the U.S., including some UC students. She demanded that President Napolitano resign.
9. Mr. Jonathan Pho, an Oakland high school student, opined that the University had been wrong to appoint Janet Napolitano as UC President, citing deportations and the separation of families.
10. Mr. Kyle McCoy, an alumnus of UC Berkeley and a national BAMN organizer, maintained that President Napolitano did not represent diversity and lacked experience in education, and that the process used to hire her had been secretive.
11. Ms. Corlina Pollar, an Oakland high school student, charged that Janet Napolitano had been responsible for the deportation of 200,000 parents in 2010-12, separating families and destroying immigrants' hopes and dreams.
12. Ms. Maya Rapier, a student at Oakland Technical High School, emphasized that all students feel threatened when immigrant students are attacked. She asserted that President Napolitano had no plan to increase the enrollment of students of color at UC.
13. Ms. Tania Kappner, an alumna of the UC Berkeley Graduate School of Education, a public school educator and a BAMN organizer, declared that the appointment of Janet Napolitano as UC President was a mistake.
14. Ms. Esmeralda Vazquez, an Oakland high school student, expressed opposition to Janet Napolitano as UC President.

15. Mr. Hani Zewail, a student at UC Berkeley, underscored that the UC President should inspire critical thinking and freedom of thought. He questioned President Napolitano's educational credentials, voicing his view that her background was in policing and repression.
16. Mr. Todd Senigar stated that he had been separated from UC employment in part because of a medical condition and that his full disability and reinstatement rights were being denied because he and others had objected to a culture of discrimination and retaliation at UC San Francisco.
17. Mr. Thomas Nixon spoke of his son Maliq who had been a sophomore at UC Berkeley and recently died. He expressed frustration with how his son's bipolar disorder and depression had been treated at UC Berkeley and proposed changes to the campus' mental health system in the extent of services provided to students, ensuring that all services were provided on campus with adequate hours and staffing at the student health center, attention to the needs of underrepresented minority groups, the role of the campus police as the first response contact for mental health concerns and crises, and education and training for faculty, staff, and students on first response and understanding the warning signs of mental health crises. Mr. Nixon proposed that UC Berkeley move the student health center from its current location to the central campus and restore budget cuts made to mental health services over the past five to seven years.
18. Mr. Michael Floyd discussed his nephew Maliq Nixon's death and stated that the University's approach in assisting students with mental disabilities was inadequate. He urged the University to make the changes recommended by Mr. Thomas Nixon and to institute systemwide policies to address the needs of and to ensure adequate resources for any student who suffers from a mental health condition. Maliq Nixon's legacy for UC Berkeley would be an improvement in the quality of life for any student with mental health needs; Mr. Floyd vowed to pursue the realization of this dream.

The meeting adjourned at 2:40 p.m.

Attest:

Secretary and Chief of Staff