

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

May 10, 2016

The Regents of the University of California met on the above date at the Sacramento Convention Center, 1400 J Street, Sacramento.

Members present: Regents Davis, Gorman, Oved, Sherman, and Zettel

In attendance: Regents-designate Ramirez and Schroeder, Faculty Representatives Chalfant and Hare, Secretary and Chief of Staff Shaw, General Counsel Robinson, Chief Compliance and Audit Officer Vacca, Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer Brostrom, Vice Presidents Budil and Sakaki, Chancellor Leland, Acting Chancellor Hexter, and Recording Secretary Johns

The meeting convened at 1:40 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. Walter Leal, UC Davis professor of biochemistry, expressed support for Chancellor Katehi, who had been placed on administrative leave. He stated that he and other faculty members were appalled that Chancellor Katehi had been tried in the court of public opinion before an investigation had been completed and facts established. He asked the Regents to consider the harm that had been done to UC Davis and to try to remedy this as soon as possible.
2. Ms. Jodi Nunnari, UC Davis professor of biology, expressed disappointment at how events had unfolded for Chancellor Katehi. In this instance there had been no evidence of shared governance at UC. Faculty were not consulted about the decision to place Chancellor Katehi on leave, an action that had affected UC Davis in a very negative way. She implored the Regents to respect the principle of due process in proceeding with this matter.
3. Mr. Kyriacos Athanasiou, UC Davis professor of biomedical engineering, expressed support for Chancellor Katehi, emphasizing the excellence that she had brought to the Davis campus. In her first five years, more than 100 faculty were elected to prestigious societies such as the National Academies. Chancellor Katehi established an atmosphere of excellence and created opportunities for faculty members to be recognized.

4. Mr. Kyaw Tha Paw U, UC Davis professor of atmospheric science, expressed support for Chancellor Katehi, citing her outstanding record in increasing faculty diversity. UC Davis has been recognized as a top campus for women in the science, technology, engineering, and mathematics fields. These and other positive aspects of Chancellor Katehi's leadership had been lost in recent discussions. Some of the allegations against her revealed a lack of understanding about how graduate student employees are hired and supervised in campus research centers.
5. Ms. Katherine Ferrara, UC Davis professor of biomedical engineering, stated that Chancellor Katehi's significant accomplishments had not been not sufficiently reported or understood. UC Davis enrolls more California resident undergraduates than any other UC campus, in spite of the often insufficient funding available for those students. This important aspect of Chancellor Katehi's leadership, significant for the State of California and its people, had not been communicated effectively.

The meeting adjourned at 1:50 p.m.

Attest:

Secretary and Chief of Staff