

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

July 21, 2016

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

Members present: Regents Brody, De La Peña, Island, Kieffer, Lansing, Lozano, Makarechian, Napolitano, Ortiz Oakley, Pattiz, Pérez, Ramirez, Reiss, Schroeder, Sherman, Varner, and Zettel

In attendance: Regents-designate Lemus, Mancina, and Monge, Faculty Representatives Chalfant and Hare, Secretary and Chief of Staff Shaw, General Counsel Robinson, Chief Compliance and Audit Officer Vacca, Provost Dorr, Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer Brostrom, Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer Nava, Senior Vice President Henderson, Vice Presidents Brown, Budil, and Humiston, Chancellors Block, Dirks, Hawgood, Khosla, Leland, Wilcox, and Yang, Acting Chancellor Hexter, and Recording Secretary McCarthy

The meeting convened at 8:30 a.m. with Chairman Lozano presiding.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Chairman Lozano 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. Ms. Jennifer Rosko, director of Student Involvement and Programs at UCSF, said that UCSF students face many of the same issues of food insecurity as UC undergraduates and must sometimes choose among paying their rent, paying tuition and fees, supporting their families, or paying for food. UCSF's professional students are assessed Professional Degree Supplemental Tuition and live in one of the most expensive cities in the nation. In the fall of 2015, UCSF launched its Food Security Program through which its students in need can request a food packet through a financial aid office.
2. Ms. Julia Schemmer, UC Riverside second-year student, expressed support for creation of a UC systemwide gun violence prevention center. She said the on-campus shooting death of a UCLA professor affected all UC students.
3. Mr. Michael Skiles, president of UCLA's Graduate Students Association, urged the Regents to consider creating additional teaching assistant (TA) opportunities for existing UC graduate students, given the increasing undergraduate enrollment for fall 2016. He said some departments had underutilized graduate TAs, while other departments needed more help from graduate students. Graduate students could serve as TAs in other departments. For example, a law student could be a TA in an undergraduate introductory

political science class, or an engineering graduate student could be a TA in an undergraduate mathematics course. Mr. Skiles also recommended increasing the cap on the number of quarters a graduate student can work as a TA.

4. Ms. Grecia Marquez, coordinator of UC Riverside's R'Pantry, said that this food pantry program needs more space to better serve students. She expressed appreciation for the support food security programs had received in the past year and urged the Regents to continue supporting food assistance programs for UC students.
5. Mr. Drew Story, UC Riverside Ph.D. student, urged the Regents to support creation of a culture of sustainability at UC.
6. Mr. Lawrence Le Blanc, UC San Diego student, expressed support for increasing diversity at UC. He said that the quality of his education at UC has been improved by UC's support for multicultural groups of all sorts.
7. Ms. Vivy Li, third-year UCLA student, expressed concern about the increasing total cost of UC attendance, while the amounts of student scholarships are not increasing. She urged the Regents to support more scholarship opportunities for UC students.
8. Ms. Andrea Gutierrez, UC Irvine Food Access and Security Coordinator, stated that the biggest challenge since opening a campus food pantry in October had been the size of the space allocated, which has only two shelves. The pantry had also had difficulty obtaining permission to distribute fresh produce. She expressed appreciation for the initial allocation of funding and for Regents' support of students' well-being. She noted that UC Irvine hosted the second annual Higher Education Food Summit and that UC Irvine students passed a fee referendum to fund the food pantry and its staffing for the upcoming ten years.
9. Ms. Hayley Weddle, Advisor and Daily Operations Manager at Associated Students of UC San Diego, stated that the funding provided by the Office of the President in the current year allowed UCSD to improve its food pantry and to broaden educational efforts toward preventing food insecurity through new financial aid grants, partnerships with CalFresh, and developing meal preparation sessions. A partnership with a local community-sponsored farm allowed the food pantry to offer fresh produce. The UCSD food insecurity workgroup would expand its focus to become a basic needs committee that would also include efforts to address housing insecurity.
10. Ms. Patricia Mahaffey, Dean of Student Affairs at UC San Diego's John Muir College, said she has direct responsibility for supporting students in crisis. UC students are from diverse backgrounds and many are from families that have experienced food insecurity, and many are ill-prepared to deal with the financial stresses of completing their education. Rents in the surrounding La Jolla community far exceed resources of many students. She urged the Regents to continue to support funding for efforts to combat students' basic needs insecurity and to examine the underlying causes of this crisis.

11. Mr. Dominick Suvonnasupa, former president of the Associated Students of UC San Diego, cited the positive effects of the campus' work to combat students' food insecurity. His personal experience with food and housing insecurity gave him an understanding of the seriousness of these issues, and their effect on students' sense of self-worth. He expressed appreciation for the Regents' attention to these issues.
12. Mr. Joshua Pedrozo, City of Merced Mayor Pro Tempore, expressed support for the Merced 2020 Project, having witnessed the transformative effect of UC Merced's students, staff, and faculty on the local community. The 2020 Project would provide jobs and expand economic opportunity throughout the Central Valley.
13. Mr. Adam Cox, president of the Greater Merced Chamber of Commerce, expressed the Chamber's support for the Merced 2020 Project. The Merced business community recognizes the positive impact of the Merced campus on the local economy. The Chamber would continue to partner with UC to improve opportunities for businesses throughout the region. The Merced campus is part of a very supportive host community.
14. Mr. Matthew Wainwright, UC Merced alumnus and senior district representative for U.S. Congressman Jim Costa, asked the Regents to continue to support UC Merced's growth through the Merced 2020 Project.
15. Ms. Yuriana Aguilar, UC Merced alumna, first undocumented student to earn a Ph.D. from UC Merced, and daughter of farmworkers, urged the Regents to support the Merced 2020 Project, which would allow other first-generation college students to be exposed to the research conducted at UC Merced.
16. Ms. Lenh Voong, fourth-year UCLA student and Peer Counseling Coordinator at the UCLA Retention Center, addressed the need for sustainable funding to support campus efforts to provide food security for UC students. She has counseled many students who have financial hardships related to increasing housing costs in Los Angeles. The emergency meal vouchers and the Food Closet at the UCLA Community Programs Office have helped these students not go hungry so they can focus on their academics. She advocated for expansion of these services to provide more healthy food options.
17. Mr. Richard White, second-year UCLA student, urged support for efforts to address students' food insecurity. He worked at the UCLA Community Programs Office Food Closet and saw some students' great need for food. Hungry students cannot focus in class and sometimes have to choose between buying books and food.
18. Ms. Evelyn Ma, UCLA student and president of the Vietnamese Student Union, stressed the need for sustainable funding for food security initiatives, particularly in light of increasing housing costs. Ms. Ma works for UCLA's Community Programs Office to help advocate for student services like the Food Closet, which was started in 2009 by the Muslim Student Association and is very appreciated by students in need.

19. Ms. Denise Marshall, UCLA transfer student and chair of Black Bruin Transfer Success, said that she had relied on the UCLA Food Closet and that food insecurity had always been a part of her life. She worked with other students to help them access the Food Closet as part of her work to increase retention of black students.
20. Ms. Angelica Molina, fourth-year UCLA student, addressed student food insecurity. She said she often had to choose among paying for tuition, rent, food, or insurance. She said the UCLA Food Closet had been extremely helpful and urged the Regents to find ways to provide long-term student food security.
21. Ms. Lila Reyes, fifth-year UCLA student and chair of the Student Initiated Outreach Center, expressed gratitude for the UCLA Food Closet. She said she used the Food Closet at times when she had no money and did not want to ask her family for more support, as her family was suffering economic hardships. She urged the Regents to support food initiatives systemwide.
22. Mr. Isai Madrid, first-generation, low-income UCLA student, said he had benefited greatly from the UCLA Food Closet, which he had used on many days. He urged the Regents to fund programs that provide more food access for UC students.
23. Ms. Savannah Gardner, UCLA student and second-year Global Food Initiative Fellow, spoke on behalf of food security and access for UCLA students. She said there was a great disparity in financial resources among UCLA students and that high housing costs near campus increase the problems of students in need. Students need a centralized food resource location and a safe space to discuss sensitive issues like food insecurity. She cited the beneficial work of the Economic Response Team Meal Vouchers Program, Swipe Out Hunger, and students' passing a referendum for a student fee to fund future food security efforts. She expressed appreciation for systemwide administrative support to address these issues holistically, and trusting students to be the stewards of their own campuses' needs.
24. Mr. Tyler Watson, UCLA Ph.D. student, stated that, with support of a grant from the Office of the President, he conducted focus groups of UCLA students to learn more about their food insecurity. He found that students are aware that food insecurity is an issue on campus, but lack opportunities to discuss the issue. Students are struggling with basic needs security; financial aid is often insufficient to cover the cost of attendance including food, and food options on campus are often seen as too expensive or inaccessible. Having a meal plan does not necessarily ensure food security, as students may be able to afford only the lowest plan. Students who struggle with basic needs security are often not able to reach their full academic potential. Seeing the University address student food insecurity would increase students' trust in the University as a whole.
25. Mr. Paul Medved thanked President Napolitano for her willingness to address issues at UC Davis. He thanked the Regents for updating the policy on Senior Management Group (SMG) Outside Professional Activities, which he said was a first step in winning back the trust of Californians. He said that Policy should be further strengthened to disallow SMG

members' outside affiliations with private entities or compensated positions with any outside entities, and should be made retroactive.

26. Mr. Carlos Guadarrama, external vice president of the Associated Students of UC Merced, expressed support for the Merced 2020 Project, but stated that UC Merced students need safe spaces for meetings and a multicultural center, which should be included in the 2020 Project plans.
27. Ms. Yanira Flores, external affairs coordinator for the UC Santa Barbara Associated Students Food Bank, stated that in April the Food Bank had celebrated its fifth anniversary, having served more than 5,400 students. The Food Bank and associated programs provide educational services and work to improve the quality of food offered. The food bank needs increased support to further its success, hire more staff, and expand its space to accommodate the increasing number of students using its services.
28. Ms. Breanna Jones, chair of the UC Santa Barbara Associated Students Food Bank committee, implored the Regents to continue to support food security for UC students systemwide. Students should not have to choose between buying textbooks or buying groceries, and should not be stigmatized if they have to ask for help.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 a.m.

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Secretary and Chief of Staff