

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

March 17, 2005

The Regents of the University of California met on the above date at Covell Commons, Los Angeles campus.

Present: Regents Blum, Dynes, Hopkinson, Kozberg, Lansing, Lee, Lozano, Marcus, Ornellas, Ruiz, and Sayles

In attendance: Regents-designate Juline and Rosenthal, Faculty Representative Blumenthal, Secretary Trivette, Treasurer Russ, Senior Vice President Mullinix, Vice Presidents Broome, Gomes, and Gurtner, Chancellors Cicerone, Fox, and Vanderhoef, and Recording Secretary Bryan

The meeting convened at 10:40 a.m. with Chairman Parsky presiding.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairman Parsky explained that the Board had been convened as a Committee of the Whole in order to permit members of the public an opportunity to comment on University-related matters. The following persons addressed the Board concerning the subjects noted.

- A. Mr. Jared Fox, President of the Graduate Student Association, UCLA, was opposed to the excessive increase in graduate school fees. He believed that the University should concentrate on increasing graduate enrollment.
- B. Mr. Rich Reed discussed his theory of teaching music and language.
- C. Ms. Bridget Smith, representing the Social Justice Alliance, believed that the University must divest in businesses doing business in Sudan in order to provide an incentive for the Sudanese government to end its policy of genocide.
- D. Mr. Peter Goodman, a retired UC employee, was opposed to Governor Schwarzenegger's proposals relative to pension plans for State employees. He believed that politics should be put aside in an effort to protect the University's autonomy.
- E. Ms. Jeannine Stepanian, representing the University of California Student Association (UCSA), stressed the need for providing a sufficient level of financial aid. She noted that doing so would help students earn their degrees sooner.
- F. Mr. Philip Weld, representing UCSA, believed that the State system is failing students who are qualified to attend UC but are redirected to the community colleges. He advocated a review of the University's enrollment limits.



- G. Mr. John Chang, representing UCSA, believed that students who are qualified for admission to the University should be accepted and should not have that acceptance deferred.
- H. Ms. Karen Strach, representing the Cough Campaign, noted that the Academic Council is debating a policy that would limit the faculty's freedom to reject research funds from tobacco firms.
- I. Mr. Emil Kuruvilla, representing the Cough Campaign, believed that tobacco companies could influence the outcome of research they fund. He advocated protecting the integrity of the University's academic units by permitting faculty to reject tobacco research funding.
- J. Mr. Harold Huggins requested The Regents to codify California Education Code §94881 into its Bylaws. The codification, which extends only to veterans, reads that "any person who wilfully falsifies, destroys, fails to maintain, or conceals any document or record that is required to be maintained by this chapter or by counsel is guilty of a crime."
- K. Ms. Pauline Kiewasz, a UC employee, urged the Regents to work with employees to protect the University's pension plans from State manipulation.
- L. Mr. Steven Alvarez, representing UCSA, urged the Regents to reinstate a return-to-aid level of 33 percent, although he viewed even that level as insufficient, in order to prevent students from being priced out of the UC system.
- M. Mr. Veronica Gutierrez, a UCLA doctoral student speaking also on behalf of Ms. Michelle Sugi and Ms. Anita Garcia, expressed the belief that the professional differential fee was creating an insurmountable financial burden on students of the School of Public Health and was affecting access adversely.
- N. Ms. Jennifer Pae, President of ASUC San Diego and speaking also for Nam Bui and Rigo Marques, stated that the proposed excess units fee, which would affect only a small number of students, would cost more to implement than it would save. She believed that it would inhibit access. She also advocated reinstating the return-to-aid percentage to 33.
- O. Mr. Leeron Morad, representing UCLA Bruins for Israel, noted that the Education Abroad Program to Israel had been suspended while the University continues to send students to dangerous countries such as Turkey.
- P. Mr. Liam Welcher pointed out that it was difficult for UC students to attend Regents meetings. He advocated locating meetings on various campuses and not scheduling them during finals.



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The meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Attest:

Secretary

