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Delegation of Authority--Release of Information from Closed
Sessions of Regents' Meetings

Bylaw 14.7 provides in part as follows:

14.7 Release of Information--Closed Sessions.

(a) The confidentiality of closed sessions of the Board and its Committees shall be maintained, subject to the provisions of this Bylaw.

(b) Actions taken in closed session normally shall be released to the public following final action by the Board or a Committee of the Board empowered to act. Actions may be withheld from release or release may be delayed if disclosure would constitute an invasion of privacy of individuals or would adversely affect the interests of the University. Actions taken in closed sessions to appoint, employ, or dismiss University employees and any roll call votes thereon shall be reported at subsequent public meetings of the Board.

(c) Release of actions shall be determined by the President of the University and by the Secretary, the Treasurer, and the General Counsel of The Regents in their respective areas of responsibility and in accordance with procedures established by the Board.

(d) Information from closed sessions other than final actions may be released only as follows:

(1) The President of the University, the Secretary, the Treasurer, and the General Counsel of The Regents in their respective areas of responsibility may release from closed session background information as required for the conduct of ordinary business of the University.

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Effective immediately within your respective areas, you are authorized to exercise the authorities assigned to the President in Bylaw 14.7(c) and 14.7(d)(1). You may release from confidentiality matters which have been considered by The Regents in closed sessions when, in your judgment, such release is necessary for the conduct of ordinary University business. This authority extends only to those matters within the area of responsibility of the President and may not be redelegated by you.

I call your attention to subparagraph (d)(2) of Bylaw 14.7, set forth below, which establishes additional conditions precedent to the release of closed session information. I am retaining the authority assigned to the President under this section of Bylaw 14.7.

(d) Information from closed sessions other than final actions may be released as follows:

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(2) The President, in consultation as appropriate with the Chairman of the Board and General Counsel of The Regents, may release information for scholarly purposes when the substance would not presently be considered in closed session, would be scheduled for release to the public subsequent to the closed session, or when the information is twenty-five years or more old.

This supersedes President Saxon's letters to Chancellors, Laboratory Directors, and Vice Presidents of July 9, 1979, and to the Assistant Vice President--Budget, Analysis, and Planning of January 13, 1981.


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