

Hebrew University Governors, *Should you not close this deplorable gap?*

Transparency vs Opaqueness Accountability vs lack of it		
	University of California (UC)	Hebrew University (HU)
Trustees identities and contact information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UC Regents' identities are made public. Website displays names, photos, addresses, phone and fax numbers. • For example: Regent Haim Saban (310) 557-5111, Fax (310) 557-5211. – http://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/regents/brochure.pdf 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hebrew University conceals Governors identities from the public. • Nothing on Governors in HU website; not even names. • HU forbids disclosure of any Governors contact information. – http://www.huji.ac.il/unew/board
Trustees meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UC Regents meetings are publicized in advance; time, location, agenda. • Most meetings are open to the public. Anyone can tune in via Internet. – http://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/regents/meetings.html 	Meetings of HU Governors are closed to public.
Public Comment Policy: Addressing the Trustees orally	<p>Any Californian can register to speak 3 minutes to the Regents in Public Address sessions. – http://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/regents/pubcom.html</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No such civil privileges. • Presentation made to Knesset and to faculty was denied to Governors.
Meeting minutes	<p>Minutes of Regents meetings are displayed on Internet. – http://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/regents/minutes/welcome.html/</p>	Minutes of Governors meetings remain concealed.
Written communications to Trustees	<p>"Written communications to The Regents are <i>always</i> welcome." — <i>UC Regents</i> – http://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/regents/pubcom.html</p>	<p>Written communications to the Governors are <i>not</i> welcome. "The Hebrew University does not believe that it is its duty to distribute to the members of the Board of Governors mail from various sources."</p>
Academic assessment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UC assesses routinely all academic units by outside, independent academic leaders. • Displays their reports on website. • UC acts on reports. – http://opa.vcbf.berkeley.edu/AcademicPrograms/report_only.html – http://www.berkeley.edu/news/media/releases/2003/05/06_physicsreport.shtml – http://www.lib.berkeley.edu/banc/roho/library.html 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HU does not assess academic units routinely. • On the rare occasions that it does, HU conceals damning reports from Governors.

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http://pluto.mscc.huji.ac.il/~msyberg/Higher_Education/