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TO: Academic Business Officers Group
University of California

RE: 44th Annual ABOG Conference – “[Navigating the New U Sea](#)”; April 15-17, 2012

We are excited to provide advance information regarding the 2012 ABOG Conference! Each ABOG conference provides new opportunities for sharing information on hot topics of the day. This conference promises to be especially meaningful.

Please mark your calendars to save the dates April 15-17, 2012. Our conference this year is entitled “[Navigating the New U Sea](#)”, and is hosted by UC Santa Barbara. Incorporating your feedback from last year, we are happy to retain a condensed two-day conference with the same \$350 registration fee. “Dialogue” will be a focus of this year’s agenda, with expanded opportunities to interact with UCOP Executives, peers, and outside experts. Topics will be especially relevant to UC’s current challenges and its future course. Panel discussions are scheduled with increased opportunities for Q&A and collaborative input. We have a strong commitment to provide beneficial “take-aways” for conference participants and UCOP Executives alike, after together sharing valuable insights, opinions, and ideas. Other conference speakers will cover topics such as: *Web Security-Challenges and Solutions*, and *Working Effectively with Faculty: a Guidebook for Higher Education Staff & Managers*, with other speaker topics to be announced. The newly-improved breakout sessions will be facilitated by experts in the field from across the UC campuses, giving specific planning tips on subjects ranging from: *Budget Planning & Management; Operational Streamlining/Clustering/Administrative Systems/Management; and People Management*. Truly, this is a conference you will not want to miss!

Sunday’s opening reception spearheads the conference, complimented by two days of activities and events, including the traditional tour of the host campus. Watch for exciting conference details as they are unveiled mid-January 2012 on our web site <http://abog.ucdavis.edu>. Instructions for conference registration will also be available mid-January.

The ABOG Steering Committee is pleased to send out this ‘Save the Date’ notice, and hope the attached PowerPoint will inspire you to join us for what promises to be an exceptional conference!

Sincerely,
2011-12 ABOG Steering Committee

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