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### *UC Ready Business Continuity Program Update*

It is my pleasure to update you on the progress of the *UC Ready* Program, formerly referred to as the “Restarting UC” Program. The Office of the President initiated this program last year to ensure continuity of the University’s research, teaching, patient care, and public service missions in the event of any major disaster or disruption. *UC Ready* will place the University at the forefront of continuity planning in higher education and extend our event-readiness down to the departmental level across the entire University system.

Last year, I advised you that UCOP was funding both the development of a web-based continuity planning software tool as well as providing funding for campus and medical center staff to implement this new program. A systemwide Emergency Planning & Business Continuity advisory panel and workgroup were formed and have been focused on enhancing and refining Berkeley’s award-winning\* customized software tool for roll-out to all University locations in January 2009 to coincide with campus staffing of this innovative program.

The *UC Ready* online software tool is the culmination of three years of campuswide continuity planning experience at Berkeley. It is currently being used by more than 200 Berkeley departments, and by more than twenty universities outside the UC system with very positive feedback. As a result of the University’s efforts in developing this software tool and its widespread acceptance, the Quali Foundation, an organization dedicated to open source software applications for higher education, has accepted the tool into its ‘Incubator’ program. This program will lead to even greater enhancements of the software tool through the contributions of the Quali member universities without requiring any further investment by the University.

The *UC Ready* continuity planning program is an essential new piece of a coordinated and integrated systemwide program to ensure that the University is “event-ready.” This initiative represents a progressive and pro-active approach to prevent or mitigate, prepare, respond, and recover from any catastrophic event or other extraordinary disruption. Our goal is to create a disaster-resistant and resilient institution with effective crisis and consequence management capabilities in support of the University’s *Policy on Safeguards, Security and Emergency Management*.

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\* NACUBO ‘Innovation Award’ and UC Sautter ‘Golden Award’ for Best IT Practices

We would like to thank all of the campus and medical center staff who have participated in the systemwide advisory panel and acknowledge the ongoing efforts of the software development workgroup. We ask that you and your administration reach out to them and offer your leadership and support as we begin systemwide implementation of the *UC Ready* program. A list of panel members is attached.

If you would like additional information about *UC Ready*, please visit our website at <http://www.ucop.edu/riskmgt/bcp.html> or e-mail Chief Risk Officer Grace Crickette at [grace.crickette@ucop.edu](mailto:grace.crickette@ucop.edu).

Sincerely,



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