September 27, 2006

VICE PROVOSTS, DEANS, UNIVERSITY LIBRARIAN, ASSOCIATE VICE CHANCELLOR-IST, AND DIRECTORS:

Reimbursement for entertainment expenses incurred in the active conduct of official University business is governed by Business and Finance Bulletin BUS – 79 (http://www.ucop.edu/ucophome/policies/bfb/bus79.pdf). The expenditure of funds for entertainment should be cost effective and in accordance with the best use of public funds.

This two-part directive is supplemental to the entertainment policy. It describes applicable entertainment limits and reimbursement procedures for expenses submitted by you to me for approval and for those submitted to you by individuals in your units. The revised rates are effective for expenses incurred on or after October 1, 2006.

I. Entertainment Limits/Procedures: When You are the Planner/Host

A. Events that involve only University employees should adhere to the allowable limits set by University policy:

Breakfast:	\$26/person
Lunch:	\$38/person
Dinner:	\$64/person
Light refreshment:	\$17/person

B. Exceptional entertainment expenses related to donor relations, faculty recruitment activities, and invited speakers may be reimbursed up to 50% above the standard limits without the need of prior approval:

Breakfast:	\$39/person
Lunch:	\$57/person
Dinner:	\$96/person
Light refreshment:	\$26/person

- The request for reimbursement of such expenses must include a written justification as to why the higher costs were unavoidable and necessary to achieve a valid University business need.
- C. Exceptional entertainment expenses that are more than 50% above the standard limit require prior approval:
 - The request for reimbursement must include a written justification as to why the higher costs are unavoidable and necessary to achieve a valid University business need.
 - For catered events (i.e., meals not hosted in restaurants), bids from at least two caterers should be included.
 - Particular attention will be paid to the principles enunciated in Section VI, paragraphs D (Exceptional Expenses) and E (Tax Considerations) of BUS -79.
 - Exceptional entertainment requests that are more than 200% above the standard limit require the approval of the Chancellor. I will review these requests before submitting them to the Chancellor for his signature.

II. Entertainment Limits/Procedures: When You are the Reviewer/Approver

A. Events that involve only University employees should adhere to the allowable limits set by University policy:

Breakfast:	\$26/person
Lunch:	\$38/person
Dinner:	\$64/person
Light refreshment:	\$17/person

B. Exceptional entertainment expenses related to donor relations, faculty recruitment activities, and invited speakers may be reimbursed up to 50% above the standard limits, subject to your approval:

Breakfast:	\$39/person
Lunch:	\$57/person
Dinner:	\$96/person
Light refreshment:	\$26/person

- The request for reimbursement must include a written justification as to why the higher costs were unavoidable and necessary to achieve a valid University business need.
- C. Exceptional entertainment expenses that are more than 50% above the standard limit require your and my prior approvals:
 - The request for reimbursement must include a written justification as to why the higher costs are unavoidable and necessary to achieve a valid University business need.
 - For catered events, bids from at least two caterers should be included.
 - Particular attention will be paid to the principles enunciated in Section VI, paragraphs D (Exceptional Expenses) and E (Tax Considerations) of BUS -79.
 - Exceptional entertainment requests that are more than 200% above the standard limit require the approval of the Chancellor. I will review these requests before submitting them to the Chancellor for his signature.

This directive is effective October 1, 2006.

George W. Breslauer Executive Vice Chancellor & Provost

cc: Interim Associate Vice Chancellor Ellis, Finance and Controller Director of Audit Siri Disbursements Manager Lawrence