Dear Colleagues:

I am writing to remind you about the UC Post Employment Benefits Task Force Forum for Academic Senate Faculty, which will be held on Monday, Oct. 12 from 10:30 AM to noon in the Faculty Center California Room. Panelists include UC CFO Peter Taylor, UC Faculty Welfare Committee Chair Shane White, UC Academic Senate Vice Chair Dan Simmons, and other UC human resources executives. To learn more about the mission and charge of the Task Force, visit the Future of UC Retirement Benefits website at: http://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/news/ucrpfuture/welcome.html

Let me also take this opportunity to tell you about a colloquium that has been organized by Professor Jack Chen, “Defending the Public University.” It will take place October 15, 2009, from 2:00-4:00 PM, in Kerckhoff Grand Salon. Participants include moderator: Kent Wong, Director, Center for Labor Research and Education, Scott Waugh, EVC and Professor of History, Robin Garrell, Chair, Academic Senate and Professor of Chemistry, Claudia Mitchell-Kernan, Vice Chancellor, Graduate Studies, and Professor of Anthropology, George Lakoff, Professor of Linguistics, UC Berkeley, and many others. Details about the event are available online at: http://www.scribd.com/doc/20809603/Defending-the-Public-University. For more information, please contact Jack W. Chen (jwchen@humnet.ucla.edu)

Sincerely,
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