## Standard Title: **ASSISTANT TO**

#### PRINCIPAL ADMINISTRATIVE POSITION EXEMPTION (36e(3))

### ♦ General Function Statement

Provide high-level management support to enable the efficient performance of the official duties of a Senior Administrator, such as the President, Chancellor, Vice President, Vice Chancellor, Associate Chancellor, Provost or a Dean, Executive Director or Head of an academic or administrative unit. Responsibilities require exercising initiative, discretion and independent judgment. An 'Assistant To' differs from an Administrative Assistant or Secretary in that an Assistant To is expected to possess a higher level of expertise in the area in which she/he supports as demonstrated through policy development and project management. Moreover, an 'Assistant To' must possess the ability to act in an decision making capacity on behalf of the Senior Administrator at meetings and in communications as necessary.

## ♦ Organization Relationship

Senior Administrator (President/Chancellor/Vice President/Vice Chancellor/Associate Chancellor/Provost/Dean/Executive Director/Head/Chair)

#### **Assistant To**

Professional Support Staff, ManagersTechnical Support Staff
Clerical Support Staff

### **♦** Request for Exemption under Criterion:

# **♦** Typical Responsibilities

- 1. Coordinates responsibilities of the Senior Administrator with other offices and staff.
- 2. Researches and analyzes policy and operational issues, and develops and recommends administrative policies and procedures.
- 3. Coordinates and implements policy decisions.
- 4. Originates and prepares routine and special reports and studies.
- 5. Oversees or conducts special projects, functions as a trouble-shooter.
- 6. Represents Senior Administrator office/administrator at campus/university committees meetings and correspondence.
- 7. Consults with and advises the Senior Administrator.
- 8. Orchestrates administrative support and general management for the unit or program and participates in long-range planning and goal-setting activities.
- 9. May direct the day-to-day operational requirements of the unit or program, including overseeing various functions under the jurisdiction of the Senior Administrator, such as development, public relations, finance, budgeting, and staffing matters. May supervise middle managers and upper-level supervisory personnel, such as Project Directors or Business Managers.
- 10. Investigates issues, consults with involved parties, and provides advice regarding various options for action.

- 11. Handles a variety of sensitive and confidential assignments and projects on behalf of the Senior Administrator.
- 12. Consults with and advises senior campus and university officials to determine a course of action.
- 13. Conceives and administers special programs and projects under the direction of the Senior Administrator.