Economic Benefits Committee
1985-86 Annual Report

Members of the 1985-86 Economic Benefits Committee:
Carl Billingsley, Robert Drago (Chair, Spring Semester),
Sam Kleinerman, Elam Nunnally, Randall Ryder (Chair, Fall Semester), Martin Schmidt, Walter Toth, Jack Waldheim

Meetings

The Economic Benefits Committee held a total of nine meetings during the academic year.

Activities

The 1985-86 activities of the Economic Benefits Committee are summarized as follows:

1. Circulated and analyzed a faculty/staff survey to identify problems with UWM health care providers. The results have been forwarded to the Department of Employee Trust Funds for further action.

2. Reviewed the services provided by the Benefits Office and made the following recommendations:
   a. Creation of a "Benefits Hotline" whereby faculty/staff could be updated on matters related to benefits.
   b. Centralization of sick leave records.

3. Conducted and evaluated a survey of UWM faculty and academic staff to determine interest in a "Cafeteria Fringe Benefits Plan." If interest exists, this information will be passed on to the University Committee for further exploration and possible implementation.

4. Considered improvements of the current informational series on retirement so as to be more useful to faculty and academic staff.

5. Drafted a policy statement outlining the policies and procedures for faculty unpaid leaves of absence.

6. Submitted a letter to Acting Chancellor Rees in support of her opposition to the 1% contribution by faculty and academic staff to retirement.