The Economic Benefits Committee recommends the following motion for approval by the Faculty Senate.

Motion

The Faculty Senate of the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee endorses the principle that benefits presently available to spouses be extended to long-term domestic partners. President Lyall is requested to support legislative efforts to implement this policy.

Rationale

The motion supports a recent vote of the UW-System Advisory Committee on Fringe Benefits to endorse the extension of benefits to domestic partners. The argument in support of the motion is that this issue is basically one of equal benefits. UW-System has recently recognized such relations with regard to sick leave but further ramifications have not been addressed. The major obstacle is legal and requires legislative action to allow benefits to unmarried partners. The motion would indicate support for the stated policy by the faculty and staff of this campus.

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