Economic Benefits Committee
Annual Report

The Economic Benefits Committee met on a monthly basis during the academic year. The committee's major activities have been:

1. Health care provider survey
   The committee distributed a questionnaire of opinions regarding the various options for health care providers available at UWM. These data were compiled last fall and published in the UWM Reports. The survey has been repeated this spring.

2. Two motions were sent to Faculty Senate for their approval.
   a. The Faculty Senate of the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee endorses the idea of an open enrollment policy for the Income Continuation Insurance program. President Lyall is requested to support such a policy through the UW-System representatives on the Group Insurance Board.
   b. The Faculty Senate of the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee endorses the principal 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.

Both motions were passed at the February Senate meeting.

3. Benefits Office
   The committee is interested in trying to improve communications between the Benefits Office and the UWM staff and faculty. We have meet with representatives from that office to discuss our concerns. We are focusing our efforts on increasing awareness regarding various benefits plans such (as the 403b). To do this, the committee is in the process of (1) submitting occasional contributions to the UWM Reports (April and May issues), and (2) distributing information regarding 403b plans directly to the staff and faculty.

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