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 insurance costs
   The major issue addressed by the committee during the past year was the large increase in health insurance costs for individual faculty and staff at UWM. The committee acted to alert the community to these changes and encouraging direct communication with state legislators. Committee representatives also met with legislators in Madison.

2. Health care provider survey
   For the second year, the committee distributed a questionnaire for 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.

3. Benefits Office
   The committee is working to improve the flow of information between the Benefits Office and the UWM staff and faculty. We have meet Assistant Chancellor Melkus and Faye Caze to discuss our concerns.

4. Improved communication
   The committee worked to improve communication with the general UWM community by (a) contributing monthly columns in the UWM Reports, and (b) staffing a booth at the Fall "Benefits Fair".

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