

**University Joint Benefits Committee Report
to the A/P Staff Council
January 19, 2011**

The University Joint Benefits Committee has met twice (9/28/10 and 11/30/10).

At the 9/28/10 meeting, a discussion regarding the timeliness of insurance payments from the State and the impact it was having on employees including people being denied services, providers requesting payment in advance, or bills being turned over to collections. Mary Nippe from HR indicated that both Health Link and Quality Care were behind in payments and that CMS was requesting the in collection agencies should work with them to resolve payment issues.

ING will no longer be an approved 403b provider and it will be necessary to find a new plan or stop contributions.

The November 30 meeting was brief but had handouts from Jeff regarding the SURS benefits and burden on SURS system. More information to follow.

Jeff Beaulieu chairs the two subcommittees. In another capacity Jeff sits on the State SURS Board. First subcommittee is Retirement Benefits and Annuity and second subcommittee is Health Benefits and William Ehling is on the subcommittee.

Basically we are monitoring Springfield for the retirement benefits implications. Most recently we will be awaiting potential impacts of new income tax increase.

Next meeting January 25, 3:00 pm, Morris Library Room 408

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