

**Administrative Professional Staff Council
University Joint Benefits Committee Report
December 16, 2009**

- The University Joint Benefits Committee has met twice since last reporting to A/P Staff Council in May.
- New officers were elected. Jeff Beaulieu was elected chair and John Massie was elected vice-chair. The Committee will continue with the same sub-committees- Health Benefits and Retirement Benefits and Annuities.
- SURS Counselors were on campus in November to meet with employees planning retirement.
- Below is a list of the SURS Board Members and their emails.

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* Indicates those jointly backed by the IFT, SEIU, AFSCME, IEA and SUAA
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- In September, Bruce Appleby, who represents SUAA, met with Steve McCurdy, Assistant Director of CMS, and David Vaught, senior consultant to the Governor. They were told that the Health Insurance Reserve, which holds the insurance premiums that state agencies collect from current workers in order to pay their (workers') health insurance, has not been funded at the level it should have been. Instead of depositing the monies collected from workers, agencies have been using those funds to take care of their current fiscal problems, resulting in a shortfall in the Health Insurance Reserve. The one health plan that seems to be in the most trouble is Quality Health Care. There is currently a debt of \$200 million in unpaid health insurance claims from 2008, and an additional \$600 million that is owed for 2009. The HMOs are being paid because of their contractual agreements with the doctors and hospitals, but other claims are not being paid. Doctors and hospitals are requiring full payment up front for services to be rendered, including for surgeries.

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