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**LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE  
RECOMMENDATION**

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Recommends that the Faculty Senate, President Kopp, and the WV Advisory Council of Faculty jointly endorse a recommendation which urges the State and WV-PEIA to implement a 2-year moratorium on any increases in PEIA premiums, co-payment deductibles, and out-of-pocket maximum and/or decreases in medical/pharmacy benefits to all state employees both active and retired.

**RATIONALE:**

PEIA has recently proposed a plan to increase premiums, co-payments, and out-of-pocket maximums that would take effect July 1, 2010. The 4% premium increase for both employees and employers comes at a time when higher education employees are receiving meager increases in salaries this year and are likely not to receive any increases in the coming years. Further, the increases on the amount of out-of-pocket maximum for family plans and the increases in co-payment deductibles while cutting drug benefits will create hardship on the lives of thousands of education and state employees, both active and retired. With the current economic crisis, and the cost of public necessities dramatically increasing, employees simply can't afford the increases in premiums and costs while medical benefits are cut as proposed.

**FACULTY SENATE CHAIR:**

APPROVED BY THE FACULTY SENATE: *Cam Branner* DATE: 10/29/09

DISAPPROVED BY THE FACULTY SENATE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

**UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT:**

APPROVED: *[Signature]* DATE: 11/03/09

DISAPPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

**COMMENTS:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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