DATE: January 9, 2008
TO: University Faculty
FROM: University Committee on Faculty Affairs
RE: Comments on Task Force Report on Health Care Concerns, Policies, and Future Options

After a year and a half of work, the UCFA Task Force on Health Care Options has completed a Preliminary Report for your review and comment. The full report is available at the UCFA website (http://opbweb.msu.edu/ucfa). Please review the report and send written comments directly to one of the co-chairs of the task force (William Davidson – davidso7@msu.edu; John Powell -powellj4@ath.msu.edu) by 1/25/2008. In addition, you are also invited to attend one of two open forums to discuss the report with task force members. The first will be held on Thursday, January 17 at 3:30 in the auditorium of the Kellogg Center and the second will be held on Thursday, January 31 at 10:30 in the auditorium of the Radiology Building.

At the conclusion of the review period, comments and suggestions from all sources will be analyzed. Suggested changes will be examined using available evidence of the viability of the suggestion and the degree to which it meets the dual criteria of enhancing health or health care AND containing costs. Those items that survive this examination will be incorporated into the final report. In February, the final report will be transmitted to ECAC for appropriate governance action and the Office of the Provost to meet UCFA’s advisory responsibilities to the Provost.

In approaching the review of the report, please be aware that it includes an Executive Summary that describes the project and identifies the task force’s key recommendations. The remainder of the report describes the details of the task force deliberations and the support for each of the recommendations.

We look forward to the opportunity to discuss these important issues with the MSU faculty.