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UUP Calendar for Jan/Feb. 2012

Tues. **Jan. 17th** • Executive Board Meeting, Noon, Javits Room, Melville Library, 2nd Fl., (RSVP to Corinne at [2-6570](tel:2126570))

Mon. **Jan. 23rd** • First day of Spring Semester Classes

Weds. **Feb. 8th** • Academic Council Meeting, 12:30 pm, UUP Office S-5415 Library, (RSVP to Corinne at [2-6570](tel:2126570))

IRS Mileage Rate for 2012 Remains the Same

Many of you have inquired about the 2012 mileage rate. The IRS has announced that the standard business mileage rate for transportation expenses paid or incurred beginning January 1, 2012 will remain the same at 55.5 cents per mile. Submitted by Rowena Blackman-Stroud, UUP Statewide Treasurer.

NYSUT Benefits Welcomes VPI Pet Insurance

The Member Benefits Corporation-endorsed pet insurance program offered by VPI® Pet Insurance will offer a variety of coverage options for dogs, cats, birds, and exotic pets. While it's difficult to anticipate accidents and illnesses when it comes to these special members of the family, it is important to be prepared for them. It's also helpful to have some assistance when it comes to routine care for your pet. VPI is part of the Nationwide Insurance family -- has served as the largest and most recommended pet insurance plan in the U.S. since 1982. VPI currently has nearly 500,000 policies in place and occupies 61%* of the pet insurance market.

Pets under the age of 10 are eligible for coverage, and medical plans provide benefits for accidents and illnesses -- ranging from ear infections to cancer. Optional CareGuard® plans provide benefits for preventive care. It pays to be a member NYSUT members will receive a 5% group discount on the base medical plan and up to a 15% discount** if multiple pets in a household are enrolled. There will be a variety of payment options available, including direct bill through your checking account or credit card; payroll and pension deduction will be offered down the line.

VPI offers an easy, three-step claim submission process with a prompt turnaround for the majority of reimbursements. Simply pay for your pet's medical treatment at the time of service then send the one-page claim form along with your receipts to VPI. After meeting your policy's deductible, your eligible expenses will be reimbursed. Policyholders can quickly process claims online, via email or fax, and easily keep track of their policies and download pre-printed claim forms through a helpful website. VPI has an average turnaround time of 12-14 business days for a claim. The best part is that you will know up front exactly what is covered with your plan and how much you are eligible to be reimbursed thanks to the VPI published benefit schedule. NYSUT members should visit <http://www.memberbenefits.nysut.org> and click on "Discounts & Travel" and then "VPI Pet Insurance" to get started.

RSVP **No later than three days prior to an event** for lunch orders.

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