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Release Notes

The following are highlights of the Ninth Edition of Hitchhiker’s Guide to Faculty Retirement.

In addition to a number of minor corrections/improvements the following changes/updates have been made:

1. An omission from the rules for calculating FIAP income has been corrected.

2. The Social Security section has been revised to reflect changes, especially to spousal benefits, contained in the compromise Budget Act.

3. The usual updates to the Health Benefits section have been made; they are mostly minor this year. They include changes to Medicare premiums due to the “hold harmless” clause in the Social Security rules and provisions of the compromise Budget Act.

Faculty who have already retired are encouraged to review the Rights and Privileges section every now and then, to ensure that they are taking advantage of all those to which they are entitled.

It is strongly suggested that those in or approaching retirement share Hitchhiker with their spouse/partner, since it contains much information that is relevant to them.