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Re: UTFA Retiree Reception: Additional Resources

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Dear Retired Colleagues,

We write further to our email message below, with improved links and enhanced contact info:

- Information on retirees' Travel Medical Benefits, contained in retirees' GSC Benefits Booklet, can be found **here**, now on UTFA's website for greater ease of use. See pp. 15-22. (Kindly disregard the link at the 4th bullet, below.)

If you want information or have questions regarding the coverage available through the retiree benefits plan (e.g., what is covered and at what percentage), please contact Green Shield directly as follows:

Plan member website: **www.gsceverywhere.ca**
Phone: 1-888-711-1119
Email: **customer.service@greenshield.ca**

If you have questions about changing your retiree benefits coverage level (e.g., due to changing family circumstances, including after the death of a spouse) or anything related to your pension, please contact University of Toronto Pension Services as follows: Phone: 1-888-852-2559 (or 416-226-8278 when calling outside Canada or the United States), Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. EST. (Please use the phone numbers here rather than contacting the University HR Service Centre as indicated, below.)

Sincerely,

Stephen Rupp
Chair, UTFA Retired Members Committee

Terezia Zorić
UTFA President

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Dear Retired Colleagues,

We were pleased to see so many of you attend UTFA's Annual Retiree Reception on May 17th.

As promised, we write to share documents referenced during the session:

- The **slide presentation** for the portion of the meeting facilitated by UTFA's leadership;
- The **slide presentation** from our keynote speaker, **Uahikea Maile**, Assistant Professor, Indigenous Politics and founder of the **Ziibiing Lab**;
- **Benefit Improvements: Equal for 'Active and Retirees'** (contains chart of current benefits); and
- Information on Travel Medical Benefits, contained in the downloadable GSC Benefits Booklet, the second link in the Faculty & Librarians paragraph, found **here**.

Also, to follow up on a question posed at the reception, we have received confirmation from the U of T Manager, Benefits and Pensions, that the option to maintain benefits coverage continues for spouses upon the death of a retiree (subject to the payment of premiums). If you have further questions, please contact the **University's HR Service Centre**.

Finally, the **Ziibiing Lab's** purpose is to support Indigenous peoples, thought, and movements. Donations provided to the Ziibiing Lab play an important role in advancing global Indigenous politics research and activities. For more information about the Ziibiing Lab Trust or to make a donation, visit **here**.

Sincerely,

Stephen Rupp
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