

# Hitchhiker's Guide to Faculty Retirement 2026

## Release Notes

The following are highlights of the Nineteenth Edition of Hitchhiker's Guide to Faculty Retirement.

1. Editorial enhancements were made throughout the document.
2. Updates and clarifications were provided regarding onboarding for employment after retirement; lack of access to digital rights after retirement; names of Medigap Supplements; cost-benefit ratio for dental insurance; letter of agreement sections (Graduate Group membership, technology benefits, and yearly paperwork for employment after retirement); and library access information re: Open Access publishing.
3. Walter Wales photo was changed because the old photo was poorly pixelated.

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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 relevant members of their households.