Over the summer, Steering Committee Chairperson Karen Kelly-Blake, Steering Committee Vice Chairperson Stephanie Anthony, Secretary for Academic Governance Tyler Silvestri, and Deputy Secretary for Academic Governance Taylor Thrush met to discuss ways of making the Steering Committee more efficient. Among the ideas proposed was the introduction of a “consent business” section of Steering Committee agendas for the disposition of routine or obvious items.

**What is consent business?**

The items under the “consent business” heading should be non-controversial items that are routinely addressed, should obviously be referred to a particular committee, or clearly require no action. They are voted on all at once and are not debated.

**Process**

As usual, at the beginning of the meeting, the chairperson will ask whether there is any objection to approving the agenda. If *any member* wishes to discuss an item that is on the proposed consent agenda, *any member* can unilaterally move a consent item to new business, in which case that item will be moved, seconded, debated, and voted upon in the ordinary way.

If there are no objections, when the consent agenda is