Amendment to Motion to Establish “The Steering Committee”

Background: Member of The Steering Committee (TSC) as proposed will each serve a term of three years. The intent of setting three years as the standard term for TSC members is to enable continuity of operation of TSC. Granted the longer terms and the staggered changing of membership of TSC should promote continuity. But there is a danger that a TSC member would not adequately meet the responsibilities of the office. Within the proposed framework such an unfortunate situation could persist for three years before a newly elected TSC member could replace a such a member. Thus there is a need for a safeguard in the system. The proposed amendment gives such a safeguard by providing a recall mechanism for members of TSC.

AMENDMENT:

To be inserted at the end of the original motion, beginning at new line 92:

6. Procedure for Recall of TSC Members

The Steering Committee members are subject to recall under the following provisions.

Recall proceedings against a TSC member can be initiated in either of two ways:

i. by a petition of 20% of the voting membership of Academic Senate, or

ii. by majority vote of Faculty Council.

Once recall proceedings have been successfully initiated, a recall will succeed by a majority vote of Academic Senate, where the threshold number shall be one plus 50% of the voting membership of Academic Senate.

The recall vote will be conducted by secret ballot by procedures set by the Secretary for Academic Governance. Full and open discussion of the reasons for the recall as well as rebuttal by the member under recall will be arranged. Once the recall proceeding is validated, the discussion of the issue and the actual vote for recall will proceed in a timely manner, and in no case should last beyond one month.

Procedures to fill any seat on TSC left vacant because of recall will be the same as those for filling a seat left open for any other reason.

No more than two recall proceedings can proceed simultaneously.