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Memorandum

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TO: Senate

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SUBJECT: Election of Senate Steering Committee

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ACTION REQUIRED: ☐ INFORMATION ☐ DISCUSSION ☒ APPROVAL / DECISION

ISSUE:

Proposal that the election of members of the Steering Committee of Senate be ratified by Senate, noting the 2009-2010 election procedure was a deviation from the terms of reference of the Committee as approved by Senate at its meeting of May 20, 2009.

**BACKGROUND &
RATIONALE:**

The terms of reference of the Steering Committee provide that it is in part composed of: "... *five members from among the elected academic and non academic staff members of Senate elected by all academic and non academic staff members of Senate...*". Thus, Senators who are not staff members are not allowed to vote for the five members from the elected academic and non-academic staff.

The election process did not take this new requirement into account, and all members of Senate were sent ballots and invited to vote. Mr. Greg Blachford, Professors David Covo, Professor GowriSankaran, Professor Richard Janda and Professor Bernard Robaire were elected to the Committee.

The Senate nominee who was not elected was immediately informed of the situation and has graciously declared himself satisfied with the result of the electoral process.

Consequently, in order to avoid uncertainty about the validity of the election or the legitimacy of the composition of the Steering Committee, it is recommended that the result of the vote be ratified by Senate.

**MOTION OR RESOLUTION
FOR APPROVAL:**

Be it resolved that Senate ratify the election of the five members of the Steering Committee nominated and elected from among the elected academic and non academic staff members of Senate, and approve the composition of such Committee for year 2009-2010.

PRIOR CONSULTATION:

The matter was discussed at the first meeting of the Senate Steering Committee and the proposed resolution of this matter was approved.
