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to: Faculty Council
from: Task Force 1
re: major elements of the TF1 report (mindful of possible FC motions)

1. Provide for the election of a committee to monitor and to advocate in governance Faculty Voice recommendations, including task force reports and Faculty Council decisions, facilitating communication among all interested parties while recommendations are under review.
2. Provide for the election of The Steering Committee (TSC) to replace the Executive Committee of Academic Council
 - a. by establishing a nominating committee to ensure that candidate statements accompany ballots to all faculty; that eight members are elected at-large from and by all faculty for three-year terms, renewable only once (lifetime limit: the lesser of two terms or six years); and that initial terms are staggered; wherein
 - b. *ex officio* members with voice on all matters and vote on matters not reserved to faculty are the Provost (or designee), one undergraduate, and one graduate student representative; that
 - c. each member sit *ex officio* on a standing committee except the chair;
 - d. five faculty members constitutes a quorum; and
 - e. the chair votes only in case of ties.
3. Provide for the election of a Faculty Congress¹ to replace the Faculty Council
 - a. having as voting members: faculty elected (as in the bylaws) by direct ballot in each college and by non-college faculty; The Steering Committee; and the chairs of all the standing committees;
 - b. having as *ex officio* members with voice but no vote: representatives of the administration, ASMSU and COGS, and two faculty members of the Athletic Council designated by the President (each with specified reporting responsibilities);
 - c. the agenda of which is set by TSC; and
 - d. which is chaired by the TSC chair.
4. Propose a University Council (replacing the Academic Council)
 - a. members of which are the Faculty Congress, chairs of the College Advisory Committees, and other members as in the bylaws (Appointed Council, members of ASMSU and COGS, designated standing committee members, the President, the Provost, and designated *ex officio* members);
 - b. the agenda of which is set by TSC; and
 - c. which is chaired by the Provost.
5. Propose that the Faculty Congress
 - a. communicate to the faculty and speak for the faculty, especially in matters reserved to faculty in the bylaws;

¹ Alternative name: Faculty Senate. Actions of Faculty Council since presentations by Task Forces 2–5 have overtaken some of the recommendations of the Task Force 1 report in mostly minor ways.

- b. make recommendations, provide advice, inform and seek faculty input on major initiatives;
 - c. be responsive to academic and university issues as an effective partner in governance;
 - d. elect the chair of TSC annually from among the eight elected members (lifetime limit: the lesser of three years or terms), and replace TSC members on leave as necessary;
 - e. review, revise, approve, or return matters from the University Committee on Faculty Policy and Tenure, and the University Committee on Curriculum.
6. Propose that the University Council review, revise, approve, or return matters from the Athletic Council, the University Committee on Academic Governance (UCAG), the University Committee on the Budget (UCB), the University Committee on Student Affairs (UCSA), the University Undergraduate Committee (UUC), and the University Graduate Committee (UGC).
7. Propose that TSC
 - a. solicit input from faculty, accept referrals, and forge agreements with other bodies;
 - b. communicate frequently and directly with the administration, College Advisory Committees, officers of COGS and ASMSU, and the Board of Trustees (replacing faculty liaison representatives);
 - c. set the agendas for Faculty Congress and University Council;
 - d. refer matters to all committees, informing and coordinating committee agendas; and
 - e. act in an executive capacity only when other governance committees are not in session and if especially rapid responses are required.
8. Propose that the Secretary for Academic Governance
 - a. have or obtain intimate familiarity with both the University Bylaws for Academic Governance and parliamentary procedure (including *Robert's*);
 - b. be alert to, and prevent, infractions.
9. Propose the following committee changes:
 - a. establish the University Committee on Faculty Policy and Tenure (combining the functions of a subcommittee of the current University Committee on Faculty Affairs, and the University Committee on Faculty Tenure) with delegated authority for recommendations on faculty personnel policy, formal and procedural rules and policies on tenure;
 - b. establish a standing University Committee on the Budget (undertaking the functions of a subcommittee of the University Committee on Faculty Affairs) in which members have three-year terms and a faculty member of the Athletic Council appointed annually by the President serves *ex officio*;
 - c. establish the University Undergraduate Committee, replacing the University Committee on Academic Policy;
 - d. establish the University Graduate Committee, replacing the University Graduate Council.
10. Propose name changes from 'Academic Senate' to 'Faculty Assembly' and from 'Faculty Council/Congress' to 'Faculty Senate'.