

TO: Andrew D'Apice, Paula Rainey
Co-Chairs, Library Building and Safety Committee
From: Taras Pavlovsky
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Good afternoon.

On Wednesday, March 13th, the Library Steering Committee (LSC) discussed the Library Building and Safety Committee's (LBSC's) Final Recommendation on the *Group Study Room Policy* that had been submitted to LSC on March 12th. Noting that the bar for a recommendation not to change an existing policy is somewhat lower than a recommendation to change, LSC unanimously voted that LBSC had both satisfied the charge and followed the three-step process. Opting to bypass the usual email transmittal, I took possession of the recommendation from LSC Co-Chair Amanda Cowell at the meeting.

The LBSC's recommendation encompasses three points. I will address each individually.

1. Maintain the current group study room policy.

I accept the LBSC's recommendation.

2. Implement technologies that will allow patrons to identify vacant group study rooms without having to roam the floors.

I appreciate that the LBSC is conveying information gleaned from the testimony that they heard, but inasmuch as this recommendation is outside the charge given to to the committee, I am setting it aside. As it happens, such technologies have been under development for a number of years already, and the pace of their development and implementation is beyond my control.

3. Change the wording on the group study room signs so that groups of users know how to contact library staff.

I accept the LBSC's recommendation and will work with appropriate personnel to develop improved wording for the signs and to make sure that all signs are updated.

Thank you for the time and effort that you have spent working on this charge. Please convey my thanks to all the members of the LBSC.