

Levels of Consensus (from Shuman)

http://www.csus.edu/ccp/collaborative/ccp_reaching_consensus_on_consensus.pdf

(see this website for an article describing consensus decision-making)

We might consider using these “levels” of consensus when it comes time to make key decisions and recommendations in the Project Advisory Committee:

1. I can say an unqualified "yes" to the decision. I am satisfied that the decision is an expression of the wisdom of the group.
2. I find the decision perfectly acceptable.
3. I can live with the decision; I'm not especially enthusiastic about it.
4. I do not fully agree with the decision and need to register my view about it. However, I do not choose to block the decision. I am willing to support the decision because I trust the wisdom of the group.
5. I do not agree with the decision and feel the need to stand in the way of this decision being accepted.
6. I feel that we have no clear sense of unity in the group. We need to do more work before consensus can be reached. (Kelsey 1991).