Update on Unification of the Participatory Governance Council Standing Committees

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- Suggestions received from various sources prompted a review of all Standing Committee
 Descriptions and Purposes, and we have determined that we need to unify those
 documents to ensure consistency and clarity.
- To that end, we have reviewed the Standing Committee Descriptions/Purposes with the Chancellor, and we have identified some global changes that we will be asking the chairs to review with their committees. These include:
 - Standardizing the membership: every committee should have 3 representatives each for students, faculty, classified professionals, and administrators; every committee should also have 3 alternates for each of the groups noted here.
 - Clarifying that the appointment of the chair is at the discretion of the Chancellor and noting what position in the College has traditionally served as chair (based on area of responsibility).
 - Noting in every case that a committee may elect a co-chair if desired.
 - Updating to the 2024 Accreditation Standards.
 - We will be providing the chairs of the committees with edited versions of their description and purpose (using tracked changes) for review with the committee members. Each committee will need to recommend the changes to PGC by the end of this semester, and PGC will be asked to accept those changes.
 - In general, beyond this review period, every Standing Committee should review their description and purpose at least at the outset of each academic year to ensure clarity and common understanding.