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SUBJECT: Proposed Policy Modification: Subcommittees of Standing Committees, Faculty Handbook, Chapter II

The current policy on subcommittees of standing committees does not reflect current practices in electing the subcommittee membership. Membership is elected by college (or, in the case of student membership, by ASI), and subcommittees are not currently throttled on their overall size. The changes represent an alignment with the current expectations for subcommittee membership.

The Senate Executive committee recommends the following changes:

- Lines 4-5: This language is removed, since standing committees do not appoint or elect the subcommittee membership. Replacement language is not provided to allow colleges to continue to use their current practices for appointing or electing their representatives to the subcommittees – while remaining agnostic on any variation in practice between colleges at this time.
- Line 5: clarifying the word choice to denote that subcommittees only report to one standing committee, based on which standing committee the subcommittee has been appointed to. This allows the language to remain open to any future changes, where subcommittees may report to standing committees other than Educational Policy Committee (EPC).
- Lines 7-8: Subcommittee membership is not limited or throttled by standing committees. Instead, each subcommittee follows the same model of college representation, student representation, and any appropriate *ex officio* members based on the subcommittee's charge. Removal of this language better aligns with current practices.
- Lines 12-13: Replacing the old diagram due to typos (particularly for the OPA committee)

1 **Subcommittees of Standing Committees**

2 (Senate: 5/11/67, 3/26/68, 10/31/79, 1/5/82; President: 5/15/67, 4/2/68, 12/5/79, 1/18/82; Editorial
3 Amendment: 9/03)

4 Subcommittees of standing committees of the Academic Senate are appointed or elected by each standing
5 committee (in consultation with the Nominations Committee if desired), and they report to the THEIR
6 respective standing committee.

7 Each standing committee reviews all its subcommittee memberships with a goal of substantially limiting the
8 size of those memberships. Each standing committee is responsible for determining procedures for the
9 implementation of Senate policy for all of its subcommittees.

10 All recommendations made by subcommittees of standing committees of the Academic Senate are forwarded
11 to the respective standing committees for official action.



