ASSU Executive
LRP - Community

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ASSU Mission Statement

“The ASSU is over one hundred and ten years old and it is the only organization at Stanford of which every student is a member. The ASSU provides funding to over five hundred volunteer student organizations (VSO). These organizations in turn provide the majority of cultural, political, recreational and religious programming for the entire campus. The financial independence that the ASSU affords student organizations is one of the founding principles of the organization.”
ASSU Mission Statement

“The ASSU also works to represent the interests, needs and perspectives of Stanford students at every level of decision making within the university. We advocate on behalf of Stanford students on issues such as cost of living, diversity, student life and student activities space. Each year the ASSU strives to innovative new projects and create new services that will improve the quality of student life offered at Stanford.”
Branches of the ASSU

- Executive
- Undergraduate Senate
- Graduate Student Council
- Stanford Student Enterprises
- Many more
  - Nominations Commission
  - 650+ voluntary student organizations
  - Stanford Student Store

*We will submit formal proposal on behalf of the ASSU in June*
Key Topics

Student groups
Residential Life
Diverse & Safe Community
Student Groups
Stanford has an increasing number of space and resource-intensive student initiatives.

We need to increase support for lab, art, and meeting space and secure sustainable funding for large-reaching student projects.
Voluntary Student Organizations (VSOs)

● Stanford Student Enterprises manage $16.5 million in assets that funds VSOs and operations of ASSU

● 650+ VSOs for both Undegrad and Grad students, growing each year

● Annual Grants help fund student-led activities that contribute significantly to the Stanford community.
  ○ Annual Grants are yearly allocation for VSO’s with budgets greater than $6,000

● Steady increase in number of Annual Grants in past 5+ years
  ○ Growth in two key areas: Arts and Sciences
Arts VSOs

- Arts initiative from last LRP increased facilities, resources for the arts
- Resulted in rise in interests in arts groups on campus
- Resource intensive (staging, supplies, costumes, etc.)
- Limited access to performance and rehearsal spaces for nonacademic projects
Science VSOs

- Huge capital expenditures
  - Stanford Space Initiative ($118,000)
  - Solar Car ($95,000)
  - BIOME ($50,000)
- Often require expensive equipment and lab space
- Increased number of engineers leads to increased demand for these organizations
Student and VSO space on campus

- Old Union and Tresidder Student Union both increasingly encroached by Administrative offices directly replacing ASSU student space
- Limited space for VSOs, specifically performance and rehearsal space
- New student union dedicated entirely for student use
Residential Life
Residential life is a key part of the educational experience at Stanford.

We need to ensure that our housing options provide support and community, while remaining affordable and accessible.
Small Residential Undergraduate Communities

- Undergraduate body to grow in next 10 years
- Intimate communities
- Popular residential opportunities
  - All-freshman dorms
  - Row houses
  - Themed houses:
    - Ethnic themed houses (Ujamaa, Casa Zapata, Okada, Muwekma-Tah-Ruk)
    - Cultural Houses (Casa Italiana, French House, etc.)
    - High student involvement (Outdoor House, Branner etc.)
Greek Life

- ~40% of Freshman women rushed Greek organizations this year
  - Steady increase for past 3 years
- New Sorority (Alpha Chi Omega)
- 3 Greek organizations moving into houses in 2017-18 (Sigma Phi Epsilon, Sigma Psi Zeta, Sigma Theta Psi)
  - Housed Greek Organizations 17-18: 7 fraternities, 3 sororities, 2 multicultural orgs
- Multicultural Greek Organization membership also steadily on rise
Graduate Student Housing

- Many graduate students pay more than half their income for housing
- Concern for lack of community and isolation from Grad students
- More immediately, limited parking and access to ridesharing services
Diverse and Safe Community
Students of all backgrounds and identities should feel supported and safe at Stanford.

We need to center diversity & inclusion in the university’s physical space, resources, and student makeup.
Community Center Support

- Entrenched support for community centers
  - Black Community Service Center, Asian American Activities Center, Native American Cultural Center, El Centro, Women’s Community Center, LGBT Resource Center

- Two communities seeking community centers:
  - First-Generation Low Income
  - Disability
Student Demographics

- Only 7 schools currently need-blind for international students, we are not one of them
- Option to apply for financial aid for international students in subsequent years
- Financial support for low-income students at all levels of their academic careers (course fees, etc.)
Culture and awareness surrounding sexual violence and well-being

- Physical spaces like Windhover encourage well-being practices on campus
- Integrating support systems and resources into residential environments
- Physical presence for prevention and intervention offices on campus and in residences
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