



Fourteenth Meeting of the Eighth Undergraduate Senate

Tuesday, January 15, 2007—7:00 PM—Law School, Room 90

- 1) 7:00 PM – Call to Order, Roll Call, Acceptance of the Agenda
- 2) 7:01 PM – Open Forum (Anyone in attendance please feel free to request to address the Senate at this time on issues absent from the rest of the Agenda)
- 3) 7:03 PM – **Reports**
 - (a) Financial Manager Matt McDonald.
 - (b) President, Elizabeth Heng & Vice President, Lauren Graham
 - (c) Publications Director, Brendan Marten
 - (d) Nominations Commission Co-Chairs, Jake Kraft & Amanda Marshall
 - (e) Elections Commissioner, Bernard Fraga & Assistant Elections Commissioner, Alex Wu.
 - (f) OSA Representatives, Nanci Howe and Shelley Tadaki
 - (g) Senate Committees –
 - (i) Administration and Rules Co-Chairs, Danny Arbeiter & Marcelo Worsley
 - (ii) Appropriations Chair, Valerie Villarreal
 - (iii) Campus Advocacy Chair, Mondaire Jones
 - (iv) Communications Chair, Tomi Onatunde
 - (v) Student Life, Housing, and Education Chair, Priyanka Goel
- 4) 7:15 PM – **Action Items**
 - (a) Executive Bill 01 – “To Fill Vacancies to the Constitutional Council”
 - (b) SF01 – “Special Fees Commissioner Bill”
 - (c) Advocacy Bill 02 (Revised) – “Increasing Graduate Student Diversity”
- 5) 7:20 PM – **Previous Notice**
 - (a) Executive Bill 02 – “Re-Application Process for the Financial Manager Position”
- 6) 7:25 PM – Adjournment

To Fill Vacancies to the Constitutional Council

Author: Elizabeth Heng, ASSU President

Sponsors: Lauren Graham: ASSU Vice President
Mondaire Jones: Undergraduate Senate Advocacy Chair
Marcelo Worsley: Undergraduate Senator A&R Co-Chair
Danny Arbeiter: Undergraduate Senate A&R Co-Chair
Candace Jones: Undergraduate Senate
Jenny Allen: Graduate Student Council Co-Chair
Donna Winston: Graduate Student Council
Paul Gurney: Graduate Student Council Chair
Cullen Buie: Graduate Student Council

Submitted: 8 January 7007

Action Requested: Approval

WHEREAS the Constitutional Council is currently short three members,

WHEREAS it is in the best interest of the Association to have a complete council to hear constitutional cases,

WHEREAS the ASSU President established a Constitutional Council Selection Committee to independently interview and recommend nominees to the Constitutional Council,

WHEREAS the Constitutional Council Selection Committee has interviewed the nominees in depth,

WHEREAS these nominees have demonstrated the skills, background, and interest necessary to be judicious and objective members of the ASSU Constitutional Council,

THEREFORE BE IT ENACTED BY THE UNDERGRADUATE SENATE AND GRADUATE STUDENT COUNCIL OF THIS ASSOCIATION:

THAT the following nominees be appointed to serve on the Constitutional Council
Micah Block, JD, '09
Evan Cox, Sophomore, '09
Aaron Jackson, Sophomore, '09

To Confirm the 2006-2007 Assistant Elections Commissioner for Special Fees
Elections Commission Bill 02

Author: Bernard Fraga, Elections Commissioner

Sponsor(s): Elizabeth Heng, ASSU President
Hershey Avula, Senate Chair
Jenny Allen, GSC Member

Submitted: 8 January 2007

Action Requested: Approval by 2/3 of both legislative bodies

WHEREAS the current members of the Elections Officers' Selection Committee (EOSC), as defined in Appendix I, Section 2.C.1, have nominated Alex Wu as the 2006-2007 Assistant Elections Commissioner for Special Fees,

WHEREAS Alex Wu, with his experience as Funding Coordinator of SSE Capital Group, is highly qualified and capable,

WHEREAS the committee recommends that the Association legislatures confirm this individual as the 2006-2007 Assistant Elections Commissioner for Special Fees,

THEREFORE BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE BODIES OF THIS ASSOCIATION:

THAT Alex Wu be confirmed as the 2006-2007 Assistant Elections Commissioner for Special Fees.

Increasing Graduate Student Diversity

Joint Undergraduate Senate and Graduate Student Council Resolution

Authors: Cullen Buie, Donna Winston, Courtney Bonam, Polina Segalova,
Mondaire Jones, Lisa Llanos

Submitted for Consideration: Tuesday, December 5, 2006

Action Requested: Approval; Requires 2/3 of joint Association legislative body

WHEREAS Article I, Section 5 of the ASSU Constitution renders the Association to be “the sole representative of the entire Stanford student body”, and

WHEREAS the ASSU commends the University for making diversification of Stanford’s graduate student population a primary function of the newly created Vice Provost of Graduate Education, and

WHEREAS all students of Stanford University stand to benefit from an education that features a diversity of experiences and insights, and

WHEREAS undergraduates have a vested interest in graduate student diversity as a means of increasing faculty diversity, and

WHEREAS Stanford University Provost John Etchemendy states, “An institution like Stanford must reflect the multi-racial, multi-ethnic society and pluralistic democracy that serves as a foundation to the university. Otherwise, we could not call ourselves world class.”, (Excerpted from <http://graddiversity.stanford.edu/welcome/index.html>), and

WHEREAS Stanford University’s current graduate population neither reflects the diversity of the state of California, nor of the United States, with regard to gender and underrepresented U.S. minorities, and

WHEREAS Stanford University currently does not require its schools and departments to establish diversity goals for their graduate population, and

WHEREAS Stanford University currently does not require its schools and departments to annually assess their levels of graduate student diversity, and

WHEREAS Stanford University currently does not require its schools and departments to develop action plans to increase graduate student diversity, and

WHEREAS the Associated Students of Stanford University wish to establish Stanford as the leading producer of female and underrepresented U.S. minority (in particular,

African American, Chicano/Latino, Native American) Ph.D.s and faculty amongst its peer institutions,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Associated Students of Stanford University strongly request:

THAT Stanford University develops and publishes a comprehensive 5-Year Plan for fostering graduate student diversity by the end of Spring Quarter 2007, and

THAT as one of many components to the 5-Year Plan, Stanford University require all schools and departments to set goals for increasing graduate student diversity, and

THAT the Vice Provost of Graduate Education designate a liaison to the Graduate Student Council to facilitate open communication on diversity efforts, and

THAT Stanford University partners with peer institutions to form a consortium of universities publicly dedicated to the task of reaching out to qualified female and minority candidates for the diversification of their respective graduate student populations, and

THAT the University incorporates funding for diversity programs and initiatives into the Stanford Challenge, and

THAT Stanford University treats the recommendations outlined in this bill as a bare minimum description of what can be done to increase graduate student diversity.

Re-Application Process for the Financial Manager Position

Author: Elizabeth Heng, ASSU President
Lauren Graham, ASSU Vice President

Sponsors: Adam Beberg: Graduate Student Council, Hershey Avula: Undergraduate Senate Chair, Justin Fishner-Wolfson: Stanford Student Enterprises Board Chair

Submitted: 15 January 2007

Action Requested: Approval by 2/3 of the Undergraduate Senate on 22 January 2007
Approval by 2/3 of the Graduate Student Council on 23 January 2007

WHEREAS Article VI, Section 1.E.6 of the Joint By-Laws states: a Financial Manager has the option to re-apply for one additional one-year term in an accelerated re-application process.

WHEREAS the Financial Manager Selection Committee has interviewed and evaluated the current FM's performance and goals

WHEREAS the Selection Committee believes that the current Financial Manager is highly qualified and has the ability to improve the Association's goals

THEREFORE BE IT ENACTED BY THE UNDERGRADUATE SENATE AND THE GRADUATE STUDENT COUNCIL:

THAT Matt McDonald shall serve a second term as Financial Manager