A bill to approve the collection, disbursement, and refund schedule of undergraduate and graduate student fees for Fiscal Year 2014

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Action Requested:
2/3 approval of each legislative body

WHEREAS, the ASSU Financial Manager is charged with overseeing financial accounting for both the ASSU and Stanford's 700+ student groups, which includes both undergraduate and graduate student groups; and

WHEREAS, under Article V of the ASSU Constitution, the ASSU annually levies fees upon the undergraduate and graduate populations of the ASSU to fund student groups, initiatives, and programs for those populations; and

WHEREAS, the fees levied on each student includes the approximate per-student amount of each General Fee and Special Fee that was approved pursuant to Article V of the ASSU Constitution; and

WHEREAS, the fees levied on each student also include administrative surcharges and the Quarterly Waiver Buffer, as well as other surcharges levied consistent with the ASSU Joint Bylaws, Article VI, §7.A.7; and

WHEREAS, under the ASSU Constitution, Article V, §3.A and the ASSU Joint Bylaws, Article VI, §7.A, it is the duty of the ASSU Financial Manager to compile an accurate schedule of all fees to be levied, their total amounts, and their per-student amounts; and

WHEREAS, the ASSU Financial Manager and Assistant Financial Manager have compiled the attached schedule that summarizes the collection, disbursement and refund of all fees to be charged to students; and

WHEREAS, the ASSU Financial Manager and Assistant Financial Manager believe that the attached schedule accurately represents all fees that shall be charged to be students, and believes that all the fees levied in the schedule are authorized by the ASSU Constitution; and

WHEREAS, continuing recent practice, the ASSU Financial Manager requests that the attached fee schedule reflect a single lump disbursement of student fee money instead of using the quarterly split mandated by the ASSU Joint Bylaws, Article VI, §7.A.9; and

WHEREAS, the attached schedule conforms to the five principles specified in the ASSU Constitution, Article V, §3.A; and
WHEREAS, this action requests an exemption from the ASSU Joint Bylaws, which is equivalent to changing the ASSU Joint Bylaws; and

WHEREAS, this action therefore requires a 2/3 majority approval of each legislative body under the ASSU Constitution, Article II, §10.C.2;

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

THAT the attached schedule for the collection, disbursement, and refund of ASSU fees is hereby approved; and

THAT the provisions of the ASSU Joint Bylaws, §7.A.9 shall not apply to this schedule.