Bill to Charter the ASSU Community Action Board

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WHEREAS the ASSU Community Action Board falls within the definition of a Service Project, which the By-laws state in Article IX, Section 1.D.1 is "intended to be semi-autonomous student-run agencies, subject to the oversight of the President of the Association and the relevant Association legislative bodies. The primary function of each shall be to support the student organizations, activities, and/or services specified in its charge, in the manner outlined in these By-Laws, the US By-Laws, and the GSC By-Laws”, and

WHEREAS the ASSU Community Action Board is responsible for fostering cross-community interactions and identifying and advocating for institutional changes that positively benefit students from Stanford’s identity-based communities, and

WHEREAS these services are valuable but might suffer in execution and quality if left under the ASSU Executive because of the variation in executive platform and lack of institutional memory associated with year to year transitions and the political cycle, and

WHEREAS the quality of these projects and initiatives, the effectiveness of their implementation and the long term prospects for sustainability would improve under the guidance of one consistent structure, and

WHEREAS the ASSU is uniquely poised to create this structure, and

WHEREAS this structure would also allow for the execution of the Board’s goal to connect communities and identities, and identify diversity needs, which is especially salient in this era of increased diversity at Stanford, and

WHEREAS these initiatives need an institutional home so that they can be developed into autonomous service projects,

THEREFORE BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE BODIES OF THE ASSOCIATION

THAT the ASSU Community Action Board shall be chartered as a Joint Service Project, and

THAT the attached document (“Community Action Board Charter”) be ratified as the charter of the ASSU Community Action Board.

Community Action Board Charter

A. Definitions (i.e., Board = CAB)
   1. For the remainder of this Section, the Community Action Board shall be referred to as the CAB.

B. Charge (i.e., purpose of CAB)
   1. The CAB will be composed of representatives from across Stanford’s diverse communities. Individually, we will strive to support the work of the student organizations within our respective
communities. Together, we work toward mutual goals, building cross-community solidarity and developing our collective potential action.

2. The CAB will foster cross-community collaborations by a) attending and promoting the various communities’ events and b) offering funds for joint programming initiatives between two or more different communities

C. Officers and Governance (i.e., what positions will exist, and what will their responsibilities be)

1. The CAB shall consist of:
   a. One or two Chairs. The Chair(s) shall:
      (i) Set and hone the strategic vision for the CAB.
      (ii) Call and facilitate meetings, and set their agendas.
      (iii) Direct advocacy efforts in collaboration with university administrators.
      (iv) Act as the primary spokesperson(s) for the Board.
      (v) Exercise any authority granted to the Chair under this Charter or otherwise delegated to the Chair by the legislative bodies.
      (vi) The Chair(s) shall serve for a one year term.
   b. Representatives from various Stanford communities. These representatives shall:
      (i) Be self-motivated to apply for a position on the Board (that is, we will have no regulations for which communities are/are not permitted representation, although all communities will be invited to send a representative to the board).
      (ii) Have a representative awareness of the events and issues within their communities.
      (iii) Help the Chair(s) plan and execute the Board’s goals.
      (iv) Attend each meeting, or make up missed hours through additional work.
   c. The ex-officio members of the Board shall be the Undergraduate and Graduate Senate Liaisons.

2. Selection process:
   a. In the Spring Quarter of each academic year, the current CAB shall select the Chair(s) for the next year through an open application process. This application process shall consist of, at minimum, a written application and an interview.
   b. The CAB Selection Committee shall consist of the current CAB Chair(s), the newly selected Chair(s), and one representative from the Elected Bodies of the Association. This Selection Committee shall solicit applications for each Representative. This application process shall consist of (at least): a written application and an interview. The most qualified, passionate, and committed applicants will be selected (subject to majority confirmation by the Joint Legislative Bodies of the Association).

D. Budget

1. The Association legislative bodies shall approve, reject or modify the budget of the CAB. The requirements for approval or modification shall be specified in the respective By-Laws of the Association legislative bodies.

2. The Division budget shall consist of The Programming Budget, which shall be used to support and cosponsor activities and events created between two or more parties from different campus communities. Interested students must apply for this money, and their proposals must be approved for cosponsorship by the CAB.

E. Policies (i.e., policies for giving out $$, kicking people off Board, etc.)

1. If Chair(s) and Representatives fail to meet the aforementioned expectations, they will be removed from the Board.