A bill to allocate discretionary funds to providing bins for compost and compost waste bags to graduate students

Graduate Student Council Bill
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Action Requested: 2/3 approval by the Graduate Student Council

WHEREAS graduate student residences now have compost bins next to recycle bins and dumpsters,

WHEREAS Stanford Housing provides recycling bins in graduate students’ personal spaces but not compost bins,

WHEREAS provision of bins for compost, as well as Bio Bags, would help promote composting and encourage graduate students to and make it easier for them to compost their waste and utilize the community compost bins now available outside their residences,

WHEREAS standard kitchen countertop-style bins (to be used to carry compostable waste), along with sets of Bio Bags (waste bags to be used for compost), can be distributed to students on a lottery basis (i.e., students will be informed of the opportunity to receive these materials at no cost and can sign up if interested; the Graduate Student Council can then lottery off the limited number of bins and bags its purchases among those students who express interest),

WHEREAS the Graduate Student Council also may be able to garner feedback from recipients of these materials to determine how composting initiatives within graduate residences can be improved and whether such bins and bags do indeed assist residents in composting their waste,

WHEREAS one hundred 3-gallon Bio Bags (four packs of twenty-five) can be purchased for approximately $24 and one standard Rubbermaid-like 3.5-gallon waste bin can be purchased for approximately $10,

WHEREAS the Graduate Student Council can lottery off approximately one hundred sets of Bio Bags (one pack of twenty-five bags per student) and one hundred waste bins (one bin per student) to graduate residents who express interest in receiving such materials,

THEREFORE BE IT ENACTED BY THE GRADUATE STUDENT COUNCIL:

THAT the Graduate Student Council allocate $2000 from discretionary funds to the purchase of waste bins for compost and Bio Bags to be provided to Stanford graduate residents.