A Bill to Overrule Amendments Passed by the Board on Judicial Affairs

Graduate Student Council Bill
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Action Requested: Consensus or Majority approval by the Graduate Student Council

WHEREAS the Stanford community values transparency and accountability, as expressed in Article I, Section 7 of the ASSU Constitution and elsewhere,

WHEREAS one purpose of the Student Judicial Charter of 1997 is “To guarantee students a central role in establishing judicial policy,”

WHEREAS the Student Judicial Charter of 1997 declares that “All members of the Stanford community are invited to propose suggestions about modification of judicial procedures to the Board,”

WHEREAS the Board on Judicial Affairs holds closed-door meetings and fails to disclose its deliberations in its meeting minutes,

WHEREAS the subcommittees of the Board on Judicial Affairs, which do much of the Board’s work, meet in secret and do not keep minutes,

WHEREAS the Board on Judicial Affairs has made amendments to the Bylaws to the Student Judicial Charter, the Student Conduct Penalty Code, and its Honor Code Interpretation,

WHEREAS the Board on Judicial Affairs has offered no basis, reasoned or otherwise, for its amendments to the Bylaws to the Student Judicial Charter, the Student Conduct Penalty Code, or its Honor Code Interpretation,

WHEREAS there is also no record of the Board on Judicial Affairs’ deliberations on these amendments and Honor Code Interpretation,

WHEREAS such secrecy and lack of accountability is inconsistent with principles of transparency and accountability and with the Student Judicial Charter of 1997,

WHEREAS the Graduate Student Council has authority under Section III.2.B of the Student Judicial Charter of 1997 to overrule these amendments,

THEREFORE be it enacted by the Graduate Student Council of Stanford University,

THAT all adoptions and modifications to the Bylaws to the Student Judicial Charter made by the Board on Judicial Affairs during the Spring Quarter of 2013 are overruled,
THAT all adoptions and modifications to the Student Conduct Penalty Code made by the Board on Judicial Affairs during the Spring Quarter of 2013 are overruled,

THAT all adoptions and modifications made to the Honor Code Interpretation by the Board on Judicial Affairs are overruled.