Bill to Create an Association Joint Legislative Committee on Judicial Affairs
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Action Requested: Majority Approval by the Undergraduate Senate and Graduate Student Council

WHEREAS: Article II, Section 2 of the Joint By-laws of the Association states that: “The US and the GSC shall jointly have the power to create joint legislative committees for specific purposes, to vest in them all appropriate powers of the US and the GSC, and to designate the chair of each. All substantive actions of a joint legislative committee shall take the form of recommendations to the US and the GSC, except as otherwise provided herein.”; and

WHEREAS: Based on feedback from the Stanford Community, the Undergraduate Senate and the Graduate Student Council have determined that the situation surrounding Judicial Affairs requires the specific attention of a joint legislative committee

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

THAT: the ASSU Joint Legislative Committee on Judicial Affairs be created, and,

THAT: this Joint Legislative Committee be charged with the following mission:

A. To review and educate the Association on the current status of Judicial Affairs at Stanford University

B. To act as representatives of the ASSU and the Student Body to the Administration on matters pertaining to Judicial Affairs

C. To develop strategies and action plans for recommending changes to the current Judicial Affairs processes

D. To work closely with the Board on Judicial Affairs, the Office of Community Standards, and members of the Stanford Community in identifying procedures to ensure that the Stanford Student Judicial Charter of 1997 is appropriately adhered to, and the Judicial Affairs system serves the interests of the Stanford student body

E. To keep the Joint Legislative Bodies of the Association satisfactorily updated on all matters pertaining to judicial affairs, and to recommend specific actions to the Joint Legislative Bodies, and,
THAT: the following parties shall be members and have equal voting rights in the Joint Legislative Committee:

A. The Chair of the Administration & Rules Committee (Parliamentarian) of the UG Senate
B. The Parliamentarian of the Graduate Student Council
C. The Chair of the Advocacy Committee of the UG Senate
D. One additional member of the Graduate Student Council
E. One additional member of the UG Senate, and,

THAT: the Joint Legislative Committee shall be co-chaired by the Parliamentarians of the Undergraduate Senate and the Graduate Student Council.