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Dear Stanford,

At the beginning of this quarter, you took a leap of faith and entrusted your 2018-2019 school year to us. We couldn’t be more grateful. In the time since we took office mid-Spring quarter, we’ve learned many important lessons, met with all levels of administrators, and heard from many of you about your priorities for next year. Today, we’re excited to share with you our progress over the past five weeks.

During the campaign, we made 5 promises to you and today we’re updating you on the status of each of those promises. We’ve put together a brief report detailing our work over the past quarter, some important university updates you should be aware of, and highlights from the other branches of the ASSU. We hope that you’ll take a few moments to read through our report.

We also have two exciting opportunities we wanted to highlight. More specifics are provided at the end of this report.

1) We’re hiring an ASSU Communications Director! We know that these reports and emails could look so much better. If you’re passionate about communication and graphic design, be sure to check it out!

2) The ASSU Nominations Commission is still looking for students to serve on over 10 university committees. These committees consider a wide range of really important issues, so if you’re looking for a way to get more involved in shaping university policy please apply!

Finally, we want to wish all of our graduating classmates the best of luck wherever the next step of your journey takes you. Congratulations!

With Gratitude,

Shanta and Rosie
The Executive Team

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Our Quarter in Review

Who we've been meeting:

- Persis Drell, Provost
- Susie Brubaker Cole, Vice Provost for Student Affairs
- Megan Pierson, Chief of Staff to President Marc Tessier Lavigne
- SARA Office Staff
- Title IX Office Staff
- Lauren Schoenthaler, Senior Associate Vice Provost for Institutional Equity and Access
- Pam Karlan, Chair of the Advisory Committee on Sexual Assault Policies and Practices
- Shirley Everett, Senior Associate Vice Provost for Residential & Dining Enterprises
- Ralph Castro, Director of Office of Alcohol Policy and Education
- Jeff Raikes, Chair of the Board of Trustees
- and many others!

60+ meetings in 6 weeks with administrators, student groups, and ASSU leaders

10+ hours spent interviewing students for cabinet and Constitutional Council

15 members of the ASSU Executive Cabinet
Title IX Coordinator Search

We know that representation matters. We promised in our campaign to uplift diverse student voices because important decisions are made in committees that often seem inaccessible and exclusive to students. We sought to allow as many students to participate in the search for a new Title IX Coordinator as possible.

- Met with Provost and Lauren Schoenthaler to discuss what options for student engagement in search committees could look like given challenges such as confidentiality, pre-advertised format to candidates, unideal timing in the quarter, etc.
- Lauren agreed to have 2 of the 5 interview panels be entirely students with a total of 20 students between the two
- Created a plan to send out an all-campus email to open up participation to the entire student body, allow ASSU sole discretion over student interviewer selection, make the process as accessible to students as possible (call-in option, early morning before classes and late afternoon after classes with food at each session)
- ASSU provided student feedback directly to the search committee and Provost, thereby eliminating fears that student feedback will be filtered by administrators

“Even during the busiest time of the quarter, we had more students apply than we could take.”

Shanta Katipamula
ASSU Executive President

25+ students applied to be student interviewers
President's Commitments
Long Range Planning (LRP)

- Need-blind admissions for international students
- Increased resources for community centers
- Expanding undergraduate enrollment
- Expansion of on-campus housing for graduates
- More need-based financial aid for student parents

Read more about the LRP here.

Undergraduate Residential Experiences - Res X

- Through the Long Range Planning process, a new task force has been formed to consider the vision for undergraduate living and learning experiences. They will consider the following themes:
  - first-year student housing
  - residential neighborhoods
  - staffing structures
  - upperclass housing assignments through the draw
  - governance structures

- The committee will hold online and in-person town halls over the summer to solicit student feedback on these themes. We encourage you to participate if your schedule allows for it. More information on the task force can be found here.

New CAPS Director
Dr. Bina Patel

We are excited to welcome Dr. Bina Patel as she assumes her new role as CAPS Director this July. Dr. Patel brings familiarity with CAPS and Stanford, as she has been with CAPS since 2010. You can read more about her appointment here. We look forward to working with her over the coming year to change the conversation and policies surrounding mental health and wellness at Stanford.
Our 5 Promises

1. Redefine Sexual Assault
   As promised, we met with both the Provost and the Chair of the Advisory Committee on Sexual Assault Policies and Practices to advocate for a better, more inclusive definition of sexual assault that reflects our community’s lived experiences. We are awaiting the committee’s recommendations to the Provost and we will be working with the Provost throughout the summer and next year as these policies are changed.

2. Meal Plan Flexibility
   We met with Residential and Dining Enterprises (R&DE) leaders to share student concerns and begin discussions of how R&DE can help address the ongoing food needs of cost-burdened undergraduate, coterm, and graduate students. As promised, we shared concerns about undergraduate meal plans and learned more about the structure of graduate meal plans. We look forward to continuing these conversations and pushing for change through our regular meetings with R&DE leaders.

3. Mental Health and Wellness Vision
   We promised to meet with the new CAPS Director to start charting a vision for student mental health and wellbeing, however the new CAPS Director will not start until this summer. Therefore, this quarter we laid the groundwork by discussing our mental health priorities with Dr. Jim Jacobs, Vice Provost Susie Brubaker Cole, and Chair of the Board of Trustees Jeff Raikes. We look forward to continuing these conversations throughout the summer as Dr. Bina Patel begins her role as Director of CAPS.

4. Elevate Housing Concerns
   We promised to present to the Graduate Housing Advisory Committee (GHAC) and Undergraduate Housing Advisory Committee by the end of spring quarter, however decided to wait until next year to give our cabinet directors more time to prepare and allow for new students to be appointed to these committees so as to ensure students were present for these important conversations. We did, however, raise our concerns about disability accommodations and housing affordability with R&DE leaders and will be following up with them to ensure better housing options moving forward.

5. Put Our Money Where It Matters
   As promised, we sat down with the Provost to discuss the university budget and Stanford’s recent commitment to increasing funds for community centers. We are partnering with VPSA, our cabinet directors, and student activists over the summer and fall to discuss ways in which we can continue this year’s successful advocacy efforts through the next budget cycle. We are also monitoring the Long Range Planning Design Groups, some of which will consider how best to support community centers, to ensure proper student representation occurs.
"This past quarter, members of the Undergraduate Senate have been preparing for an effective and efficient term. Through a newly introduced transition class, Senators have learned more about University policies and developed plans for their personal projects. While exploring topics to focus their projects on, many Senators met with campus administrators and students to discuss on-campus issues. These issues included mental health, supporting the FLI community, service workers’ rights, and diversity in academic departments, among many others. More information on these projects will be available on the ASSU website and updated as Senators pursue them throughout the upcoming school year."

- Jianna So, Deputy Chair
20th Undergraduate Senate

The Executive Committee has created a Task Force on Constitutional Reform to consider changes and updates to the Constitution. Over the summer, representatives from Exec, Senate, Graduate Student Council, and Stanford Student Enterprises will create a project charter. Proposed changes will be introduced publicly before the legislative bodies in the Fall.
**Financial Updates**

**SERVICE NOW**

We know that it can be difficult to get good, quick support for ASSU requests when you need it - especially for reimbursements. By September 1, ASSU will integrate its support requests with ServiceNow, the same platform to be used by other University partners like the Student Services Center.

**STUDENT FEE**

The fee is your contribution to ASSU grants for graduate and undergraduate student initiatives. For the first time in years, the undergraduate fee is decreasing. Undergraduates will contribute 176/quarter. Graduate students will pay $44/quarter.

**NEW MYGROUPS**

Over the last two years, we’ve created a brand new platform for myGroups, the ASSU platform to manage requests to receive and use student organization grants. We hope the new platform will:

- Improve students’ user experience with a more streamlined, intuitive platform
- Enhance data security
- Improve accessibility for students with disabilities
- Make the platform mobile-friendly
- Improve institutional knowledge for student organizations
- Offer direct deposit and faster reimbursements
- Allow any student to initiate a reimbursement
- Allow Financial Officers to increase their focus on proper financial management

**Important Dates (subject to change)**

- June 29 - July 16: Transition from old to new myGroups
  - To facilitate the transition, you will not be able to access myGroups
  - We will not be able to process requests submitted during this period
- July 17: new myGroups launches
  - The outgoing MyGroups system will be accessible for informational purposes only
LoMo Phillips graduated from Stanford in 2017 with a BA in Art History and a concentration in Contemporary Studies. She hails from Detroit, Michigan and enjoys karaoke, eating noodles, and travelling. She is excited to serve as the next ASSU Financial Manager and CEO of Stanford Student Enterprises (SSE). She hopes to fully support the ASSU in its future projects and endeavors, and explore new opportunities for partnerships for SSE. Her door is always open, so feel free to drop by with questions or if you just want to say hi!

Luka Fatuesi '17
Governance & Special Projects Manager

Kevin Martinez '17
Business & Operations Manager
WE ARE HIRING

COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR

About 8 - 10 hrs per week; minimum 5 hrs of work in-office
$16.25 per hour minimum

- Manage graphic design, marketing and branding efforts for the entire ASSU
- Coordinate the dissemination of ASSU updates via our website, blog posts, op-eds, etc
- Design and draft ASSU regular campus-wide emails, with guidance from the ASSU Executives

FOR INTERESTED APPLICANTS APPLY AT SSE.STANFORD.EDU/OPEN-POSITIONS
Apply to University Committees!

See what committees still need members and apply! Further details below.

Available Committees

- IT Services Advisory Group
- Administrative Panel on Human Subjects in Non-Medical Research
- Administrative Panel on Radiological Safety
- Office of the President: Athletics, Physical Education, and Recreation
- Office of the President: Environmental Health and Safety
- Stanford in Washington Program Committee
- Alcohol Advisory Board
- Graduate Housing Advisory Committee (GHAC)
- KZSU Advisory Board
- Vaden Health Insurance Advisory Committee
- Freshman Parking Permit Waiver Committee
- Bicycle Safety Committee
- Bookstore Advisory Committee
- Office of the Registrar: Registrar/Student Forum
- Student Initiated Course (SIC) Advisory Committee
- Climate Task Force
- Committee on Residential Learning (CORL)

How to Apply

Apply Here: https://goo.gl/forms/zmgZxRFpQ3c9QQQO32
Applications are now accepted on a rolling basis
If you have any questions, email nomcom@assu.stanford.edu
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