Dear Student Leaders,

After meeting with a number of students these past few weeks, it was inspiring to hear that some leaders have found creative ways to maintain connection and stay engaged with your members. We also heard from some of you that are challenged by it. We hear you and want you to know that we are committed to student engagement.

As we continue preparing for Autumn Quarter, we wanted to give you updates on where the Office of Student Engagement is at on a number of topics:

**Key Items**

**Financial Planning**

- The ASSU/SSE is working to roll out a sound financial plan for student fees to allow groups to engage with their members while recognizing the limitations on programming. Our utmost priority is to be creative and responsible with the student activities fee. More information will be released in the coming days.

**Virtual Resources**

- We are looking at different ways for student organizations to continue to stay engaged virtually. Check out our new [virtual events planning guide](mailto:studentengagement@stanford.edu) for tips on how to successfully host an online program. Additional resources and information will continue to be added on the website. If you have ideas for innovative resources or ways to support your organization virtually, please email us at studentengagement@stanford.edu.

**Activities Fair**

- The tentative dates for the Virtual Activities Fair are Thursday, September 17-Friday, September 18, 2020. Please note that we have added an additional day to the fair.
- We are in the process of finalizing a virtual involvement fair platform. This platform will give student organizations the ability to brand their own booths, upload videos/photos/documents, and meet potential recruits via live chat and video conferencing. Information on how to sign up for the fair and tips on how to recruit virtually will be sent in the coming days.

**Key Information**

**Numbers for Membership of a Student Organization**
The ASSU shared with us that a few students have brought concern to them around the minimum requirement for student organizations needing to be 10 students. As a commitment to reviewing our policies in our Solidarity Statement, we will be reviewing the policy. For the time being, please continue to stay engaged. For additional information, please contact Amanda Rodrigue <amrod@stanford.edu> and Ankita Rakhe <arakhe@stanford.edu>.

New Organizations Applications: Summer Review

- Given where we are at with the state of the global pandemic and the anti-Black racism movement, the Office of Student Engagement would like to open a new short window of opportunity to submit applications for new student organizations during the Summer. This means that organizations may become active starting in the Fall. The deadline to submit an application is Monday, August 17 by 10:00 a.m.. For more information on the new org process, please go to this website. Note: All of the steps outlined on the OSE website will still be required, despite the condensed timeline for the summer application period.

Frosh and New Transfer Student Engagement

- As a reminder, student organizations are not permitted to recruit and hold events for new incoming frosh and transfer students for your organization before an incoming student enrolls in courses at Stanford. Recruitment activities may begin during the second day of New Student Orientation. No incoming undergraduate student should be offered organization membership or asked to represent a student organization until the conclusion of the New Student Orientation.

CardinalSync Interim and Future Plan

- With CardinalSync phasing out, the following is our interim plan, before we select the next permanent platform:
  - To update your leadership for your student organizations:
    - Please email studentengagement@stanford.edu with updates to leadership. We will update our records internally. You can check your registration status and currently listed leadership here.
    - We are updating this information manually so this document will not be continuously updated. This reflects the information we have as of Wednesday, August 5.
  - To access your constitution or to make changes:
    - Please email studentengagement@stanford.edu.
  - We are developing a process for event registration:
    - More to come once guidelines are updated to reflect our virtual setting.
  - Any forms we previously hosted on CardinalSync will be replicated as a Google Form on our website when the application periods are open.
  - Our goal is to have a new platform by early 2021.

As we were sharing with an ASSU leader, we have to continue to remind ourselves that we are going through a global pandemic and an anti-Black racism movement. We will do best when we operate from a culture of kindness, care, patience, grace and gratitude. We will continue to communicate with you as important information is finalized and get through this together as one community.

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