



Wednesday, December 9, 2020

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Dear Student Organization Leaders,

As we conclude autumn quarter and begin winter closure we hope you will take this extended time to recharge, pause, reflect, and practice [self-care](#). I am grateful for the work many of you did to keep your organizations engaged.

The OSE team is also grateful for your resilience, flexibility and patience as we collectively navigate engagement and community in these evolving times. Our team has been working behind the scenes and with many of you as student leaders continue to adapt, troubleshoot and plan for an ever changing future. At our core is our commitment to providing you support to be the strongest communities you can be, virtual or otherwise. Below we have some updates that will continue to support our work together.

Campus Groups selected to replace CardinalSync

We are pleased to announce [CampusGroups](#) has been selected as our new student engagement platform. You may remember that CampusGroups was the platform we used for our first ever virtual activities fairs. After reviewing over six platforms and inviting two to present in-depth demonstrations, CampusGroups was the platform that stakeholders from our students, OSE, the Registrar, Stanford Arts, and others felt would best meet our needs now and in the future.

Phase one of implementing this new platform is already underway. This includes building our new platform and setting up our site for student organization upload. We are planning for a winter quarter 2021 launch for student group leaders. If you have questions about the platform or would like to be involved in the implementation phase, please contact the Office of Student Engagement at studentengagement@stanford.edu.

Our Continued Commitment to Racial Justice

At the end of the last academic year, our team wrote to you regarding our [commitment](#) to do our part in addressing systems of oppression, specifically anti-black racism and our commitment to actions that reflect our continued commitment to racial justice. Since that letter, we have done the following:

- With the gracious support from our office as well as The Office of the Vice Provost for Student Affairs, The Stanford Fund, the Office of Inclusion, Community and Integrative Learning and the Office of Alcohol Policy and Education, we have been able to provide funding through the

summer and the fall for [The Solidarity Fund](#). Since the summer, we have provided approximately **\$26,000** of funding for 20 student initiated projects and groups. The projects selected endeavor to create meaningful, close-knit ways for communities to contribute to inclusion, belonging and equity. We intend to provide funding again for the Winter Quarter.

- We committed to “having policies, processes and practices that are better informed by equity, inclusion and justice for all students”. This past quarter, Assistant Dean’s Ankita Rakhe, Inclusion, Community and Integrative Learnity, and Amanda Rodriguez, Office of Student Engagement, conducted an analysis of the Office of Student Engagements [48 current policies](#), using a social justice [framework](#). If you would like to be part of a focus group or to provide written feedback please sign up [here](#).
- We plan to take action on the feedback and begin to revise the policies in the Office of Student Engagement in the beginning of calendar year 2021.

Planning for Winter Quarter 2021

This past summer I wrote to you regarding the work of the [Phase 2 Student Organizations Implementation team](#), which was charged to look at ways student organizations could safely engage with one another while abiding by all state and county guidelines. That work was delayed based on the [decision not to bring cohorts of students to campus](#).

We are picking up this work once again as we prepare to bring students back to campus for [winter quarter 2021](#). As the Provost stated, we will plan to have some limited in-person outdoor gatherings during the last weeks of winter quarter, pending all health and safety guidelines. If you have suggestions for us regarding what you hope to see for student organizations and small, COVID-19 compliant gatherings please provide them [here](#). We will be sharing further updates in early Winter Quarter.

Reflecting on Autumn Quarter 2020

Our team was committed to support your organizations through the virtual autumn quarter. As we prepare for the future we would appreciate any feedback and insights you have about fall quarter, including successes and challenges. Please share your thoughts with us on this short form [here](#).

Our office will be closed from Saturday, December 12, 2020-Sunday, January 3, 2021. My team and I look forward to supporting you in the new year beginning Monday, January 4, 2021. Thank you for leading your student organizations during this time.

Sincerely,

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