



Students + Institution



What are official channels for direct student engagement with the university?

- ASSU
- Faculty Senate
- University Committees
- Ad Hoc Committees
- Board of Trustees Committees

ASSU

- Separate 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation
- Led by students, for students (self-governance)
 - ASSU Constitution*
- Structure:
 - Executive Branch
 - Legislative Branch
 - Undergraduate Senate
 - Graduate Student Council
 - Business Operations: Stanford Student Enterprises

The ASSU and the University

- ASSU Constitution
 - Controls how the ASSU governs itself, but **is not** binding on the Board of Trustees
 - Can be amended; all amendments provided to the University President for review
 - **Board of Trustees retains final authority over the University under law and under the Founding Grant.**
 - University will follow the ASSU Constitution to the extent that it does not conflict with the Trustees, University Policy or law.
- ASSU Senate Committee on Nominations (NomCom)
 - Nominates students to University Committees, Ad Hoc Committees and Board of Trustee Committees
- Faculty Senate
 - ASSU is invited to several meetings each year to raise issues of concern to students, and can bring up issues for discussion

More on Committees

- University Committees
 - Ex: Advisory Panel on Investment Responsibility and Licensing
 - **University President** writes charges to committees and appoints to members from those nominated by NomCom.
- Ad Hoc Committees
 - Ex: for Long-Range Planning Area Steering Groups, students selected from both ASSU-nominated and self-nominated students
 - **University administrators** may select individual students for these committees at their discretion
- Board of Trustees Committees
 - Students nominated by ASSU or other parties, recommended by the University President, appointed by the Chair and confirmed by the Board.
 - One undergraduate and one graduate student invited to annual terms on each of the following committees: Development, Finance, Land and Buildings; Alumni and External Affairs; Special Committee on Globalization