

## Explanation of the Amendment

Currently, an explicit prohibition on discrimination is in the ASSU Joint Bylaws but nowhere to be found in the ASSU Constitution. This amendment simply adds that language from the bylaws to the Constitution, with some modifications to strengthen the text's effect. The amendment provides that all governing documents, officers, and branches of the Association must refrain from discrimination on the basis of a variety of protected characteristics.

## Text of the Amendment

**Insert into the Constitution:**

# Article I: Name, Scope, Membership, and Independence

## Section 9. Non-Discrimination Statement

1. In undertaking any authority granted to it by the Constitution of the Associated Students of Stanford University: the Joint By-Laws, the Undergraduate Senate By-Laws, the Graduate Student Council By-Laws, any other governing document of the Association, the Undergraduate Senate, the Graduate Student Council, the Presidency, the Constitutional Council, and all other Officers, Branches, Agencies, Service Organizations, and Committees of the Association, must not discriminate against any individual(s) or organization(s) on the basis of race, color, creed, sex, gender, gender identity, gender expression, socioeconomic status, religion, ethnicity, religious beliefs (or lack thereof), nationality, national origin, sexual orientation, veteran or military status, physical or mental ability, perceived or actual disability, familial status, pregnancy, genetic information (including personal or family medical history), any other characteristic protected by applicable law, or any other characteristic protected by the University's non-discrimination policy.
2. The legislative bodies shall have power to enforce, by appropriate legislation, the provisions of this section.