

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

Has your VSO received funding from the ASSU Undergraduate Senate Appropriations Committee in prior years? If so, how much and when?

We received special fees last year for a total of \$11,550.00.

Have you registered your events/organizations with events.stanford.edu? (note: registration is mandatory) (yes/no)

yes

How large is your officer core?

Our officer core consists of 6 people.

If you applied for Special Fees last year, is there an increase in the amount you're seeking this year? If so, why?

Last year's special fees did not cover our entire budgeting costs for the magazine. This year's special fees will cover a greater amount of the budgeting costs for the magazine.

Please define the services provided by your group with the Special Fee, as per the ASSU Constitution:

Publication of the Stanford Progressive.

Please list all: 1) assets, 2) reserves, 3) authorized and unauthorized non-ASSU bank accounts, 4) sources of funding other than Special

We receive an annual \$2000 donation from the Center for American Progress.

What events/programs does your group hold throughout the year for the Stanford Community?

We publish biquarterly issues of The Progressive which are distributed around campus as well as host occasional movie screenings or debates.

What is the fundamental goal/purpose of your VSO (please limit your response to 50-100 words)?

We're progressive in the broadest sense of the word: we believe in progress. We think that humans can identify and solve problems to better their collective condition. We're serious about not enforcing an ideological perspective. As policymakers, journalists and pundits, elected officials, organizers, entrepreneurs, academics, intellectuals, technocrats, capitalists, and visionaries of every stripe, the people on this campus are going to be running the world someday. Until then, there's the Progressive. This magazine is about what we as Stanford students think of the outside world: how we understand it, how we want it to be, and how we hope to get it there.

What percentage of your total membership is undergraduate? Graduate?

About 95% of our total membership is undergraduate. About 5% is graduate

Have you applied for Special Fees in the past 3 years? If so, please detail the outcome of each attempt.

Yes, we applied for special fees last year and the year before last and received special fees both times. Three years ago we applied and did not receive special fees.

How do you plan to publicize your events/programs to the greater Stanford community? Have you registered with Events at Stanford?

We distribute our magazines twice a quarter and also email lists (both our list and other lists) to announce our publication. We have a website that is updated with each new issue and magazine stands located around campus. We have registered with Events at Stanford.

How many members are on your email list?

There are over 100 members on our email list.

If you are an umbrella group, please list the groups for which you are applying for Special Fees, their ASSU account numbers, and contact

information for their financial officers.

We are not an umbrella group.

Please describe a few past events organized by our VSO (please limit your response to 50-100 words).

Our events are almost strictly our publications, which come out twice a quarter and provide Progressive commentary and news analysis on current events. They are distributed around campus as well as published on our website. Although we don't have many events, we generally host about one per year. In the past we have had debates with other publications on campus and organized film screenings and Q&A with directors.

What are the three largest line item requests in your budget and why?

Printing costs to publish the magazine

What is the average attendance at your events?

We distribute 3,500 copies twice a quarter and get 3,000 hits per month on our website.

What is your total membership?

We have about 60 members total.

When and why was your VSO established (please limit your response to 50-100 words)?

The Progressive was restarted three years ago by students seeking to provide a progressive voice for Stanford students. At the time, progressive perspectives were lacking at Stanford, and the Progressive was intended to fill that void. Since that time, the Progressive has grown into its present form: a popular publication presenting progressive viewpoints. We publish biquarterly progressive commentaries and news articles and also maintain our website, which gets over 3,000 hits per month.

Why are you requesting Special Fees?

We are requesting Special Fees to better provide the Stanford community with a forum to debate both political and social issues here on campus, nationally, and internationally as well.

BUDGET DETAIL

	Budgeted	Requested	Recommend	Approved	Petitioned	Elected
General overhead expenses	\$(12,705.00)	\$12,705.00	\$12,705.00	\$12,705.00		
General cost of copies of the Progressive.						
7140						
Copies (Not Marketing)						
(Undergraduate Special Fees/Annual)						
<i>3,500 copies of 6 issues at \$2,262.08. This number is more than the requested amount, so the remaining balance will be made up by Center for American Progress grants.</i>	\$(12,705.00)	\$12,705.00	\$12,705.00	\$12,705.00		
APPLICATION TOTALS	\$(12,705.00)	\$12,705.00	\$12,705.00	\$12,705.00		