

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

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

December 5, 2006 - \$1500.00
 October 4, 2005 - \$3865.00
 May 20, 2005 - \$395.00
 April 29, 2005 - \$700.00
 January 12, 2005 - \$2508.00

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

Yes

How large is your officer core?

4

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

We did not apply for Special Fees last year.

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

QSA provides non-heteronormative social events that are safe spaces for all involved and provides an avenue for queer activism to everyone at Stanford. Our events are open to all Stanford students and include large social events such as Genderfuk, Queer Formal, and Queer Parties as well as events that promote queer activism, such as the Freedom to Marry rally and anti-homophobia dorm workshops.

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

Current assets: \$2,363.93
 Current reserves: \$1971.35
 Non-ASSU bank accounts: none
 Other sources of funding (for the year 2007-2008): \$1000 from the LGBT Center for Genderfuk. Possibly funding from the ASSU Senate.

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

No.

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

Flyers/posters, e-mails/electronic flyers, Events at Stanford calendar postings, Facebook events, Facebook advertisements.
 Yes, we have registered with Events at Stanford.

How many members are on your email list?

80

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).

Genderfuk - Annual Level IV drag party attended by hundreds of Stanford students as well as off-campus students. It tests the boundaries of gender with outward appearance and creates a safe space for transsexuality.

Freedom to Marry rally - We stage mock marriages, hand out cake and informational flyers, and host a speaker. We also distribute non-heteronormative valentines to freshmen.

Anti-homophobia dorm workshops - We teach and hold discussions in freshman dorms about homophobia and what people can do to be queer allies and fight homophobia.

Queer Formal - Runs alongside the traditional winter/spring formals and provides a non-heteronormative alternative.

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

Honorarium fees make up the largest line item, because we organize a lot of large social events throughout the year - Genderfuk, Queer Formal and three Queer Parties - and each requires us hiring a DJ (and an MC as well in the case of Genderfuk).

The second largest item is event food, mostly due to Queer Formal, but also because we need to provide snacks and refreshments at various events such as the Freedom to Marry rally and Genderfuk.

The third largest item is facilities rental, because we need to pay a room rental fee to the house hosting each of the Queer Parties.

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

Queer Parties [Fall, Winter, Spring] - We organize one Queer Party every quarter with another QVSO. It is a queer-themed party that meets the need of the queer community for visibility and for its own social scene.

Anti-homophobia dorm workshops [Fall, Winter, Spring] - These are held periodically throughout the year in freshman dorms. We teach and hold discussions about homophobia and what people can do to be queer allies and fight homophobia.

National Coming Out Day [Fall] - We help the LGBT Center publicize its events and table at White Plaza with other QVSOs, handing out informational flyers and "I support Queer Rights" signs.

Freedom to Marry rally [Winter] - A rally held annually in Winter Quarter at a time that roughly corresponds to the national Freedom to Marry Day and Valentine's Day. We stage mock marriages, hand out cake and informational flyers, and host a speaker. We also distribute non-heteronormative valentines to freshmen dorms.

Queer Formal [Winter] - Queer Formal runs alongside the traditional winter/spring formals and provides a non-heteronormative alternative to those events.

Genderfuk [Spring] - Genderfuk is the annual big drag party held at Tresidder and is attended by hundreds of Stanford students as well as off-campus students. Part party and part drag show, it tests the boundaries of gender with outward appearance and creates a safe space for transsexuality.

National Day of Silence [Spring] - We table at White Plaza with other QVSOs, handing out informational flyers and "I support Queer Rights" signs.

Q-Spot [Fall/Winter/Spring] - QSA sponsors a Q-Spot event at the LGBT Center every year. It provides a casual social event for the LGBT community and also helps raise the visibility of QSA.

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

The goal of QSA is to promote a more tolerant and accepting campus community, inform the campus community about how to make a difference in queer issues, and provide social support for queer and allied students. These factors can be especially helpful in aiding first-year students who are adjusting to Stanford and promoting the quality of life in all students. Our ultimate goal is a campus environment where queer issues are part of everyday consciousness.

What percentage of your total membership is undergraduate? Graduate?

90% undergraduate, 10% graduate

Why are you requesting Special Fees?

We are requesting Special fees in order to increase our involvement on campus with the LGBT community; this year QSA has picked up the Queer Party events held every quarter and that has put a lot of stress on us financially. However these events are highly successful in bringing together not only QSA and a second cosponsoring VSO, but also a variety of students at the actual event. And finally, our goal is to be more autonomous in the future, relying less on the money of other VSOs and the LGBT-CRC in order to provide programming.

What is the average attendance at your events?

500 for Genderfuk; 100 for Queer Formal; 100 per Queer Party; 75 for Freedom to Marry Day rally; 75 for Q-Spot; 20 students per dorm workshop; 15 per QSA social.

What is your total membership?

30

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

QSA was established in October 2004 to raise awareness of queer issues on campus and provide social environments that are not heteronormative and are safe spaces for all involved.

BUDGET DETAIL

	Budgeted	Requested	Recommend	Approved	Petitioned	Elected
Freedom to Marry rally	\$(288.97)	\$288.97	\$286.00	\$286.00	\$286.00	
A rally held annually in Winter Quarter at a time that roughly corresponds to the national Freedom to Marry Day and Valentine's Day. We stage mock marriages, hand out cake						
6560 <i>Freedom to Marry Rally - Cakes, sparkling cider, forks and plates</i>	\$(150.00)	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	
Event Food (Undergraduate Special Fees/Annual)	75*snack					
7220 <i>Non-heteronormative Valentines [300 black on colored paper X \$0.07/black on colored paper X 1.0825 with tax]</i>	\$(22.73)	\$22.73	\$21.00	\$21.00	\$21.00	
Marketing Copies / Print Expenses (Undergraduate Special Fees/Annual)	tax included					
7220 <i>Freedom to Marry Rally - Flyers [300 b&w X \$0.05/b&w X 1.0825 with tax]</i>	\$(16.24)	\$16.24	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$15.00	
Marketing Copies / Print Expenses (Undergraduate Special Fees/Annual)	tax included					
7420 <i>Freedom to Marry Rally - Speakers rental from SCN</i>	\$(100.00)	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	
Equipment Rental (Undergraduate Special Fees/Annual)						
Genderfuk	\$(1,685.92)	\$1,335.92	\$1,181.00	\$1,181.00	\$1,181.00	
Annual Level IV drag party that tests the boundaries of gender with outward appearance and creates a safe space for transsexuality.						
6240 <i>Genderfuk - Labor for delivering, setting up, and picking up staging & lighting [deliver & set-up: 2 workers X 2 hours; pickup: 2 workers X 2 hours = \$404.80 last year]</i>	\$(400.00)	\$400.00	\$400.00	\$400.00	\$400.00	
Casual Labor (Undergraduate Special Fees/Annual)						
6310 <i>Genderfuk - DJ honorarium</i>	\$(400.00)	\$400.00	\$400.00	\$400.00	\$400.00	
Honoraria Fees (Undergraduate Special Fees/Annual)						
6310 <i>Genderfuk - MC honorarium</i>	\$(200.00)	\$200.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	
Honoraria Fees (Undergraduate Special Fees/Annual)						
6340 <i>Genderfuk - Security [4 SEPs X 4.5 hours X \$24/hour = \$432] (\$350 paid for by the LGBT Center)</i>	\$(432.00)	\$82.00	\$82.00	\$82.00	\$82.00	
Security Services (Undergraduate Special Fees/Annual)						
6560 <i>Genderfuk - Food & drinks</i>	\$(150.00)	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	
Event Food (Undergraduate Special Fees/Annual)						
7220 <i>Genderfuk - Flyers [200 b&w X \$0.05/b&w X 60 color X \$0.60/color + 40 posters X \$1.25/poster] X 1.0825 with tax</i>	\$(103.92)	\$103.92	\$49.00	\$49.00	\$49.00	
Marketing Copies / Print Expenses (Undergraduate Special Fees/Annual)						
Q-Spot	\$(200.00)	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$200.00	
QSA sponsors one Q-Spot event at the LGBT Center every year. Casual social event for the LGBT community; raises the visibility of QSA.						
6560 <i>Q-Spot - Food & drinks [\$2 snacks/person X 75 people]</i>	\$(150.00)	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	
Event Food (Undergraduate Special Fees/Annual)						
7410 <i>Q-Spot - Decorations</i>	\$(50.00)	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	
Equipment Purchase (Non-Cap) (Undergraduate Special Fees/Annual)						
Queer Formal	\$(1,116.24)	\$1,116.24	\$1,115.00	\$1,115.00	\$1,115.00	
Provides a non-heteronormative alternative to the traditional winter/spring formals, allows graduate and undergraduate students to mingle.						
6240 <i>Queer Formal - Cleanup fee for GCC</i>	\$(50.00)	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	
Casual Labor (Undergraduate Special Fees/Annual)						
6310 <i>Queer Formal - DJ honorarium</i>	\$(400.00)	\$400.00	\$400.00	\$400.00	\$400.00	
Honoraria Fees (Undergraduate Special Fees/Annual)						
6560 <i>Queer Formal - Food & drinks</i>	\$(500.00)	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	
Event Food (Undergraduate Special Fees/Annual)						
7220 <i>Queer Formal - Flyers [300 b&w X \$0.05/b&w X 1.0825 with tax]</i>	\$(16.24)	\$16.24	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$15.00	
Marketing Copies / Print Expenses (Undergraduate Special Fees/Annual)						
7410 <i>Queer Formal - Decorations</i>	\$(150.00)	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	
Equipment Purchase (Non-Cap) (Undergraduate Special Fees/Annual)						

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Queer Parties I, II & III	\$(2,034.44)	\$2,034.44	\$2,013.00	\$2,013.00	\$2,013.00	
Held once per quarter; three in total. Social event that meets the need of the queer community for visibility and for its own party scene. Mixes the LGBT and co-op communities						
6310 Honoraria Fees (Undergraduate Special Fees/Annual)	<i>Queer Parties - DJ honorarium [\$400/party X 3 parties]</i>	\$(1,200.00)	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00
7220 Marketing Copies / Print Expenses (Undergraduate Special Fees/Annual)	<i>Queer Parties - Flyers [(280 b&w X \$0.05/b&w + 20 color X 0.60/color) X 1.0825 with tax]/party X 3 parties]</i>	\$(84.44)	\$84.44	\$63.00	\$63.00	\$63.00
7410 Equipment Purchase (Non-Cap) (Undergraduate Special Fees/Annual)	<i>Queer Parties - Decorations [\$50/party X 3 parties]</i>	\$(150.00)	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00
7510 Facilities Rental (Undergraduate Special Fees/Annual)	<i>Queer Parties - Room rental fee for each house hosting the party [\$200/party X 3 parties]</i>	\$(600.00)	\$600.00	\$600.00	\$600.00	\$600.00
APPLICATION TOTALS	\$(5,325.57)	\$4,975.57	\$4,795.00	\$4,795.00	\$4,795.00	