

Joint Bill

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JOINT BILL TO DISSOLVE THE CLUB SPORTS FUNDING UMBRELLA AND REQUIRE DIRECT TEAM-LEVEL GRANT APPLICATIONS FOR TRANSPARENCY AND COMPLIANCE

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WHEREAS Club Sports has reallocated voter-approved Annual Grant line items after the election, which is prohibited by the *ASSU Constitution, Article V §1(C)(4)*;

Funds disbursed according to a specific budget and/or purpose may not be spent except in a manner that follows that specific budget and/or purpose.

WHEREAS Club Sports has changed allocations without formal approval, and the ASSU

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Constitution, Article V §7(E)(1) requires a 2/3 vote to modify an Annual Grant;

Although it is mandated that Annual Grants be allocated to expenses that can be projected accurately, if it becomes necessary, a group may request to modify the Annual Grant... This request shall pass by a 2/3 vote of the relevant Association legislative body.

WHEREAS the [FY 2024–25 Club Sports distribution](#) included individual reallocations ranging from –81% (Surf)¹ to +120% (Men’s Lacrosse)², in violation of ASSU Constitution Article V §1(C)(4) and §7(E)(1);

WHEREAS this pattern of reallocation is not limited to FY 2024–25; in [FY 2023–24](#) the Club Sports Council made multiple reallocations exceeding 100% without the required modification approval — such as Running³ (+221%), Women’s Rugby⁴ (–44%), and Badminton⁵ (+63%) — in violation of ASSU Constitution, Article V §1(C)(4) and §7(E)(1) requiring expenditures to follow the approved budget and any modification to be approved by a two-thirds legislative vote.

WHEREAS the umbrella structure denies individual teams direct access to Quick Grants, because the *Joint Bylaws, Article VI §7(A)(1)(b)(v)* allow only the principal of an Umbrella to apply for Standard or Quick grants on behalf of constituents;

Only the principal member may apply for Standard or Quick grants on behalf of any constituent member.

WHEREAS teams funded through the Club Sports Council are barred from other Fee funding sources, entrenching unequal treatment, per *Joint Bylaws, Article VII §7(A)(2)(a)*;

Any organization receiving funds from the Club Sports Council shall not be eligible for General or Special Fee funding from any other source.

WHEREAS altering approved amounts after the electorate’s vote disregards the controlling approval standard, and the ASSU Constitution, Article V §7(C)(1) sets the

¹ Surf: Voter-approved \$17,659.64; allocated \$3,388.41 (–\$14,271.23, –81%)

² Men’s Lacrosse: Voter-approved \$8,647.72; allocated \$19,000.00 (+\$10,352.28, +120%)

³ Running: Voter-approved \$4,766.66; allocated \$15,311.72 (+\$10,545.06, +221%)

⁴ Women’s Rugby: Voter-approved \$24,317.91; allocated \$13,500.00 (–\$10,817.91, –44%)

⁵ Badminton: Voter-approved \$2,964.27; allocated \$4,830.75 (+\$1,866.48, +63%)

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approval threshold for Annual Grants;

An Annual Grant shall be deemed to have passed if a majority of those voting on it were in favor.

WHEREAS postseason and other unforeseen costs have been covered via informal internal shifts rather than the Quick Grant mechanism, and the *ASSU Constitution, Article V §9(A)* governs Quick Grants for unpredicted expenses with approval thresholds;

Quick Grants shall be allocated... for expenses that could not be predicted in time for an Annual or Standard Grant... Quick Grants under \$6,000 shall not require the approval of the relevant Association legislative body... Quick Grants of \$6,000 or more shall require the 2/3 approval of the relevant Association legislative body prior to being disbursed.

WHEREAS all organizations receiving Fee funds must spend in accordance with the budget authorized by voters or the legislative bodies, *Joint Bylaws, Article VII §7(A)(14)*; and

Any student organization... shall be required to expend all funds of that organization in accordance with its budget as authorized by the members of the Association... or by the relevant Association legislative bodies... unless and until a budget [modification] is approved.

WHEREAS the *ASSU Constitution, Article V, §10(C)(5)* empowers the Undergraduate Senate and Graduate Student Council to review and reallocate student fee-derived reserves to ensure they are used for their intended purpose and in the best interest of the Association membership.

Upon a 2/3 vote of the relevant Association legislative body, the group's reserves shall be transferred into the Quick Grants Fund and the group will be unable to apply for an exemption in the next academic year.

THEREFORE BE IT ENACTED BY THE ASSU LEGISLATIVE BODIES:

THAT beginning with the FY26–27 fiscal year, corresponding to the Winter 2026 Annual Grant cycle, the Club Sports Council shall no longer receive or redistribute ASSU Student

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Activities Fee funds on behalf of individual Club Sports teams, but may continue to apply for and administer its own ASSU funding for Council-level operations, training, and administrative programs, consistent with the ASSU Constitution and Funding Guidelines.

THAT the Financial Manager shall, prior to FY26–27, prepare for transition by:

- Placing a hold on any new or outstanding umbrella disbursements beyond FY25–26;
- Ensuring that all FY25–26 expenditures adhere strictly to the voter-approved budget, purpose, and line-item authorizations in accordance with *ASSU Constitution, Article V §1(C)(4)*; and
- Collaborating with individual Club Sports Financial Officers to identify and submit any required Annual Grant modification for FY25–26 to the Undergraduate Senate and Graduate Student Council for a two-thirds (2/3) vote of approval prior to any redirection of funds, as required by *ASSU Constitution, Article V §7(E)(1)*.

THAT the Financial Manager, in coordination with the Club Sports Council and relevant University offices, shall verify the undergraduate and graduate composition of each Club Sports team prior to FY26–27, using the most recent official team rosters on file. Funding and legislative oversight for each team shall be assigned according to the following breakdown:

- Teams composed of 70% or more undergraduate students shall fall under Undergraduate Senate (UGS) jurisdiction;
- Teams composed of 70% or more graduate students shall fall under Graduate Student Council (GSC) jurisdiction; and
- Teams with a membership mix between 30% and 70% undergraduate and graduate students shall be administered jointly by both legislative bodies.

This ensures each team's funding and oversight align proportionally with its student membership, maintaining equitable governance between the UGS and GSC.

THAT during FY25–26, the Financial Manager and the respective legislative Funding Chairs shall coordinate with the Club Sports Council to:

- Confirm individual ASSU accounts for each Club Sports team;
- Provide each team with its historical budget and expenditure data; and

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- Offer guidance on preparing future Annual and Quick Grant applications.

THAT beginning in FY26–27, each Club Sports team shall apply directly as a VSO for ASSU funding, as follows:

- Annual Grants for predictable or recurring requests.⁶ Not all teams will require an Annual Grant; teams with smaller or variable budgets may rely solely on Quick Grants.
- Quick Grants for expenses below the Annual Grant threshold.
- Postseason Competition Quick Grants may also be requested separately for eligible postseason activities, including registration, event fees, transportation, and lodging tied to competition dates. Teams with an Annual Grant remain eligible for Postseason Quick Grants under this subsection only, provided they submit proof of qualification for postseason competition.

THAT an administrative cap of \$5,000 per Postseason Competition Quick Grant⁷ request per team is established, subject to constitutional approval thresholds. Multiple requests may be considered if tied to distinct postseason events.

THAT ASSU funds allocated under this Act may not be used to cover graduate student travel expenses.⁸ Mixed teams must cost-allocate to ensure that undergraduate ASSU funds do not subsidize graduate travel, and all graduate travel costs must be covered through non-ASSU funding sources.

THAT any ASSU-derived Club Sports Umbrella reserves (unrestricted balances originating from Student Activities Fee allocations) shall:

⁶ Each Association legislative body may interpret Annual Grant eligibility in accordance with its own funding procedures. The Undergraduate Senate generally applies the Annual Grant process to predictable requests above \$7,500, while the Graduate Student Council may require Annual Grants for any organization with recurring expenses, regardless of total amount.

⁷ This provision establishes a separate postseason category because the Undergraduate Senate (UGS) does not permit Annual Grant groups to apply for regular Quick Grants. Creating a distinct Postseason Competition Quick Grant ensures that teams with Annual Grants can still request limited, short-notice funding for verified postseason events—maintaining fairness and flexibility without conflicting with existing UGS funding restrictions. The ASSU Funding Chairs will work with the Club Sports Executive Council during the FY25–26 transition year to develop clear qualification standards, documentation requirements, and timelines for postseason Quick Grant eligibility.

⁸ This restriction reflects existing [Graduate Student Council \(GSC\) policy](#), which does not permit the use of graduate-assessed Student Activities Fee funds for travel expenses. To maintain consistency across both legislative bodies, undergraduate-assessed ASSU funds also may not subsidize graduate travel. This provision ensures alignment with current funding rules and is not intended as a penalty for graduate participants.

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- Be reported to UGS and GSC within 21 days of this Act's passage, including balances, sources, and encumbrances; and
- Be transferred at the close of FY25–26 to a Postseason Competition Pool⁹ administered jointly by the UGS and GSC Funding Chairs and used exclusively for Postseason Competition Quick Grants authorized under this Act.

THAT no additional deposits shall be made to the Postseason Competition Pool after the initial transfer; the Pool shall remain active until fully depleted, with the Financial Manager publishing an annual public report of all disbursements, balances, and purposes. Upon depletion, the Pool shall be closed.

THAT for the remainder of FY25–26, any Annual Grant funds under the umbrella shall be administered by the Club Sports Council under existing rules, and may be expended only in accordance with voter-approved line items and purposes unless a duly approved modification is obtained.

THAT the Joint Bylaws are amended to strike *Joint Bylaws Article VI §7(A)(2)(a)*, which authorizes the Club Sports Council to distribute funds to its constituent teams and makes those recipients ineligible for other ASSU Fee funding.

THAT the Undergraduate Senate and Graduate Student Council, through their respective Funding Committees, shall collaborate during FY25–26 to review and standardize funding guidelines across both legislative bodies where feasible.¹⁰ This review shall identify and reconcile key discrepancies to promote equity and uniformity for all student organizations, undergraduate and graduate alike.

⁹ The Postseason Competition Pool serves as a short-term, transitional measure to manage remaining Club Sports reserves. These funds were originally derived from student fees intended for athletic competition and cannot be redirected to general reserves without violating the constitutional requirement that funds be spent for their approved purpose (*ASSU Constitution, Article V §1(C)(4)*). The pool ensures these reserves continue supporting competition-related expenses during the transition to team-level funding. Once fully used, any remaining balance reverts to the ASSU general allocation process, closing the transition period transparently and in accordance with voter intent.

¹⁰ This clause responds to ongoing inconsistencies between Undergraduate Senate (UGS) and Graduate Student Council (GSC) funding practices—particularly around Annual Grant eligibility thresholds, travel funding, and Quick Grant access. Standardizing core funding guidelines will promote clarity, fairness, and transparency for student organizations that operate across both populations, reducing administrative confusion and ensuring that similar activities are evaluated under comparable criteria, regardless of legislative jurisdiction.

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THAT the Undergraduate Senate and Graduate Student Council shall, in consultation with the Office of the General Counsel and the Office of the Vice Provost for Institutional Equity, Access & Community, jointly develop and finalize Title IX-compliant funding guidelines ensuring equitable, transparent, and parity-based allocation of ASSU funds across all men's, women's, and co-ed athletic and competitive student organizations, to be incorporated into the next revision of the ASSU Funding Guidelines by the end of Winter Quarter 2026.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the ASSU affirms its deep appreciation for the dedication of Club Sports student-athletes, coaches, and volunteers whose leadership and passion strengthen our campus community; commits to a transparent and collaborative transition to team-level funding; and directs the Funding Chairs and Financial Manager to provide continued guidance and oversight throughout implementation.

The ASSU reaffirms that this reform is not a reflection of fault or intent, but a necessary correction to ensure that Club Sports funding fully aligns with the ASSU Constitution, Joint Bylaws, and the will of the student body. This action upholds the principles of student leadership, fiscal integrity, and fairness, ensuring that every team continues to compete and thrive under a funding system that is equitable, accountable, and true to the spirit of shared governance.

Appendix

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Appendix I – Club Sports Funding (2024–25)

The table compares the Annual Grant amounts approved by student vote with the actual distributions made by the Club Sports Council in FY 2024–25.

- “Annual Grant Approved (\$)” refers to the amount authorized on the Spring 2024 ballot and approved by a majority of voters.
- “Distribution of Annual Grant (\$)” shows the amount each team actually received through the Club Sports Council.
- “Difference to distribution (\$)” captures the variance between the voter-approved budget and the amount disbursed.

Positive numbers indicate under-distribution (the team received less than approved). Negative numbers in parentheses indicate over-distribution (the team received more than approved).

This table illustrates discrepancies between voter-approved budgets and final allocations, forming the factual basis for the bill’s findings on constitutional noncompliance.

Sport	Annual Grant Approved (\$)	Distribution of Annual Grant (\$)	Difference to distribution (\$)
Aikido	1,035.75	0	1,035.75
Alpine Club	9,345.20	3,221.49	6,123.71
Archery	10,696.17	17,226.85	(6,530.68)
Badminton	16,869.45	8,368.39	8,501.06
Baseball	13,647.79	5,686.97	7,960.82
Beach Volleyball	0	0	0
Boxing	0	7,000.00	(7,000.00)
Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu	858.55	3,381.22	(2,522.67)
Climbing	7,972.13	4,484.53	3,487.60
Cricket	0	7,000.00	(7,000.00)
Cycling	9,989.80	14,879.78	(4,889.98)

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Sport	Annual Grant Approved (\$)	Distribution of Annual Grant (\$)	Difference to distribution (\$)
Dragon Boat	21,362.36	8,585.89	12,776.47
Equestrian	22,005.67	45,350.00	(23,344.33)
Figure Skating	34,314.78	26,114.45	8,200.33
Fly Fishing and Tying	546.04	0	546.04
Golf	3,539.20	9,445.77	(5,906.57)
Horse Polo	27,914.14	22,836.20	5,077.94
Ice Hockey	34,857.42	29,854.21	5,003.21
JKA Shotokan Karate	445.67	0	445.67
Jugger	0	0	0
Jump Rope	445.67	1,894.60	(1,448.93)
Kayak	445.67	0	445.67
Kendo	9,162.20	5,514.95	3,647.25
Men's Basketball	7,270.54	0	7,270.54
Men's Lacrosse	27,831.32	39,900.00	(12,068.68)
Men's Rugby	11,425.95	15,000.00	(3,574.05)
Men's Soccer	11,482.22	5,890.90	5,591.32
Men's Ultimate	14,581.09	27,988.97	(13,407.88)
Men's Volleyball	5,787.15	4,663.89	1,123.26
Men's Water Polo	2,634.69	2,694.21	(59.52)
Muay Thai	6,658.52	6,368.37	290.15
Pickleball	6,867.72	6,316.00	551.72
Powerlifting	0	7,305.00	(7,305.00)

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Sport	Annual Grant Approved (\$)	Distribution of Annual Grant (\$)	Difference to distribution (\$)
Running	20,959.37	12,460.77	8,498.60
Skates	5,767.00	3,016.00	2,751.00
Ski & Snowboard	7,350.66	19,710.43	(12,359.77)
Squash	1,701.48	1,162.90	538.58
Surf	17,659.64	3,388.41	14,271.23
Swimming	13,958.91	9,235.81	4,723.10
Table Tennis	1,872.67	3,771.46	(1,898.79)
Taekondo	18,060.57	15,077.42	2,983.15
Tennis	3,847.86	9,009.19	(5,161.33)
Triathlon	7,825.70	32,098.38	(24,272.68)
Women's Basketball	2,425.31	1,041.95	1,383.36
Women's Lacrosse	7,599.26	4,431.73	3,167.53
Women's Rugby	12,481.27	15,000.00	(2,518.73)
Women's Soccer	445.67	1,374.20	(928.53)
Women's Ultimate	47,719.62	38,305.78	9,413.84
Women's Volleyball	7,865.21	5,047.68	2,817.53
Women's Water Polo	0	7,000.00	(7,000.00)
Wrestling	0	7,000.00	(7,000.00)
Wushu	3,528.22	1,000.00	2,528.22
TOTAL (\$)	501,061.28	526,104.75	(25,043.47)

Source: Internal financial spreadsheet prepared by Susan Benton, Director of Accounting & Operations, Stanford Student Enterprises (SSE), derived from GrantEd allocation data (ASSU Financial System).

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Appendix II – Club Sports Funding (2023–24)

The table compares the Annual Grant amounts approved by student vote with the actual distributions made by the Club Sports Council in FY 2023–24.

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This table illustrates discrepancies between voter-approved budgets and final allocations, forming the factual basis for the bill’s findings on constitutional noncompliance.

Sport	Annual Grant Approved (\$)	Distribution of Annual Grant (\$)	Difference to distribution
Aikido	3,832.82	5,130.00	(1,297.18)
Alpine Club	9,354.98	8,550.00	804.98
Archery	29,181.48	5,130.00	24,051.48
Badminton	2,964.27	4,830.75	(1,866.48)
Baseball	481.48	7,011.00	(6,529.52)
Beach Volleyball	0	0	0
Boxing	0	0	0
Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu	3,947.62	9,499.99	(5,552.37)
Climbing	3,888.91	3,948.00	(59.09)
Cricket	0	0	0
Cycling	26,645.55	10,000.01	16,645.54

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Sport	Annual Grant Approved (\$)	Distribution of Annual Grant (\$)	Difference to distribution
Dragon Boat	3,175.28	13,729.53	(10,554.25)
Equestrian	31,103.51	52,917.00	(21,813.49)
Figure Skating	20,396.26	14,535.00	5,861.26
Fly Fishing and Tying	39.75	1,111.50	(1,071.75)
Golf	0	8,550.86	(8,550.86)
Horse Polo	11,771.44	22,931.23	(11,159.79)
Ice Hockey	15,168.55	25,178.88	(10,010.33)
JKA Shotokan Karate	0	1,000.02	(1,000.02)
Jugger	0	0	0
Jump Rope	4,701.02	9,191.25	(4,490.23)
Kayak	0	0	0
Kendo	0	1,125.00	(1,125.00)
Men's Basketball	0	7,250.40	(7,250.40)
Men's Lacrosse	8,647.72	19,000.00	(10,352.28)
Men's Rugby	1,058.43	6,750.00	(5,691.57)
Men's Soccer	11,809.67	5,207.94	6,601.73
Men's Ultimate	30,245.48	21,802.50	8,442.98
Men's Volleyball	6,054.59	10,167.68	(4,113.09)
Men's Water Polo	3,431.15	4,268.48	(837.33)
Muay Thai	0	0	0
Outdoors	0	5,985.00	(5,985.00)
Pickleball	0	0	0

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Sport	Annual Grant Approved (\$)	Distribution of Annual Grant (\$)	Difference to distribution
Powerlifting	0	0	0
Roundnet	147.63	2,653.92	(2,506.29)
Running	4,766.66	15,311.72	(10,545.06)
Skates	0	0	0
Ski & Snowboard	42,556.75	17,099.99	25,456.76
Squash	2,372.18	6,198.78	(3,826.60)
Surf	0	0	0
Swimming	4,834.52	7,200.01	(2,365.49)
Table Tennis	0	6,096.92	(6,096.92)
Taekondo	16,935.28	12,119.99	4,815.29
Tennis	10,402.55	5,557.51	4,845.04
Triathlon	32,842.62	30,649.92	2,192.70
Women's Basketball	1,866.52	2,696.67	(830.15)
Women's Lacrosse	1,651.86	10,807.20	(9,155.34)
Women's Rugby	24,317.91	13,500.00	10,817.91
Women's Soccer	6,168.11	3,420.00	2,748.11
Women's Ultimate	31,872.43	48,448.65	(16,576.22)
Women's Volleyball	5,576.04	11,031.10	(5,455.06)
Women's Water Polo	0	0	0
Wrestling	0	0	0
Wushu	0	0	0
TOTAL (\$)	414,211.02	477,594.40	(63,383.38)

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Source: Internal financial spreadsheet prepared by Susan Benton, Director of Accounting & Operations, Stanford Student Enterprises (SSE), derived from GrantEd allocation data (ASSU Financial System).

FAQs

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FAQs — Joint Bill to Dissolve the Club Sports Funding Umbrella and Require Direct Team-Level Grant Applications for Transparency and Compliance

Why is this reform necessary?

For years, the Club Sports Council has managed one of the largest student funding pools at Stanford. While well-intentioned, its structure has enabled significant reallocations of voter-approved budgets without the legislative votes required by the ASSU Constitution.

In certain years, individual teams saw funding decreased or doubled after the election — changes that violated Article V of the Constitution, which mandates that all spending follow the budget approved by students or the legislative bodies. These were not acts of bad faith, but consequences of an outdated funding system that placed too much discretion in a single council.

This bill modernizes that system. It restores transparency, fiscal accountability, and consistency with the constitutional rules that govern all other student organizations.

What changes will this bill make?

Beginning in Fiscal Year 2026–27, the Club Sports Council will no longer receive or redistribute ASSU funds. Each Club Sports team will instead apply directly to the ASSU as an independent Voluntary Student Organization (VSO).

During FY25–26, the Financial Manager and Funding Chairs of both the Undergraduate Senate (UGS) and Graduate Student Council (GSC) will work with Club Sports leadership to ensure a smooth transition. Every team will open or confirm its own ASSU/SSE account, complete Financial Officer training, and prepare its first direct funding application.

Starting in Winter 2026, teams may apply for:

- Annual Grants for significant, recurring needs.
- Quick Grants for smaller or unanticipated expenses below the Annual Grant threshold.
- Postseason Competition Quick Grants for verified postseason travel, lodging, or registration costs, up to \$5,000 per request, subject to normal constitutional approval thresholds.

This system gives teams direct control over their budgets, equal access to grants, and

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transparent financial oversight.

How will oversight and jurisdiction be determined?

To ensure balanced representation, the Financial Manager, in coordination with Club Sports and relevant university offices, will verify each team's composition before FY26–27.

- The UGS will oversee teams with 70% or more undergraduates.
- The GSC will oversee teams with 70% or more graduate students.
- Both bodies will jointly administer teams with a 30–70% mix.

Undergraduate Student Activities Fee funds cannot be used for graduate travel. Mixed teams must cost-allocate expenses to ensure that undergraduate fees do not subsidize graduate participation, aligning with GSC Funding Guidelines and ASSU policy.

What will happen to existing Club Sports reserves?

At the end of FY25–26, all unrestricted, ASSU-derived balances from the Club Sports Council will be consolidated into a new Postseason Competition Pool. This finite pool will be used exclusively for Postseason Quick Grants until the funds are fully depleted, with no new money added afterward.

The Pool will be jointly administered by the UGS and GSC Funding Chairs, in coordination with the ASSU Financial Manager, who will publish annual public reports detailing disbursements, remaining balances, and purposes. Once the Pool is exhausted, any small remaining balance will revert to the general ASSU allocation process.

This ensures every remaining dollar continues to serve Club Sports teams in competition rather than being locked in administrative reserves.

How does the bill ensure fairness and equity across teams?

The bill directs both legislative bodies to standardize their Funding Guidelines during FY25–26, resolving inconsistencies between undergraduate and graduate funding procedures.

It also mandates consultation with the Office of the General Counsel (OGC) and the Office of the Vice Provost for Institutional Equity, Access & Community (VPIEC) to develop Title IX-compliant funding guidelines. These guidelines will ensure equitable, transparent,

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and parity-based allocation of ASSU funds across men's, women's, and co-ed athletic and competitive student organizations.

The updated, Title IX-compliant Funding Guidelines will be formally incorporated by the end of Winter Quarter 2026.

How will teams be supported during the transition?

Throughout FY25–26, the Financial Manager and Funding Chairs will offer office hours, training sessions, and one-on-one consultations to help teams set up accounts and submit compliant applications.

By Week 10 of Fall 2026, the Financial Manager will submit a joint transition report to both legislative bodies, outlining each team's progress, account readiness, and initial grant activity.

This structured transition ensures every team is supported and that legislative oversight remains transparent and active throughout implementation.

Does this bill penalize anyone?

No. This legislation explicitly states that no retroactive penalties will be imposed. It is a corrective reform, not a punitive measure.

The current issues stemmed from structural shortcomings, not misconduct. This reform simply restores compliance with the ASSU Constitution and ensures a fair, accountable system for all student organizations.

What principles guide this reform?

The bill rests on three guiding principles:

- **Transparency:** All spending and allocations must be traceable and accessible to students.
- **Fairness:** All student organizations, athletic or otherwise, are evaluated under the same rules.
- **Stewardship:** Student fee money must be managed in strict accordance with the will of the voters.

This is a constitutional correction—not a censure. It honors the extraordinary dedication

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of Stanford's Club Sports student-athletes. It ensures their continued success under a system that is transparent, equitable, and true to the spirit of shared governance.

When will these changes take effect?

The 2025–26 academic year will serve as a year of preparation and accountability, while 2026–27 marks the full implementation of a fairer, more transparent, and constitutionally compliant funding system for every Club Sports team.

The transition will unfold gradually to ensure no disruption in funding or team operations. Throughout Fiscal Year 2025–26, the Financial Manager and Funding Chairs will guide teams through the transition, helping them open or confirm ASSU accounts, complete required training, and prepare their first direct funding applications.

By the end of Winter Quarter 2026, the ASSU will adopt Title IX–compliant funding standards developed in consultation with the Office of the General Counsel and the Office of the Vice Provost for Institutional Equity, Access & Community. These standards will ensure that all athletic and competitive student organizations—men's, women's, and co-ed—receive equitable and transparent access to ASSU funding.

At the end of FY25–26, any remaining unrestricted Club Sports reserves derived from the Student Activities Fee will be transferred into the new Postseason Competition Pool, which will be used exclusively to support postseason travel and competition until those funds are fully expended.

The umbrella system will formally dissolve at the start of FY26–27, when each team begins applying directly for ASSU funding as an independent Voluntary Student Organization. By this point, the joint oversight system between the Undergraduate Senate and Graduate Student Council will be fully operational.

In essence, this bill protects every team, respects every voter, and strengthens the foundation of student self-governance—ensuring that Club Sports funding remains constitutional, transparent, and equitable for years to come.