

2022 Judicial Charter Committee Charge

INTRODUCTION

The 2019 Judicial Charter Committee Charge created the Committee of 10 (C-10), charged with “examining whether the current [Student Judicial] Charter [of 1997] and related policies create a system of student accountability that aligns with the values and needs of today’s campus community, including fostering student development and learning.” The [2019 Charge](#) provided a series of specific questions to pursue, which the C-10 have made significant progress toward addressing, including drafting a new- judicial process that fosters student development and learning. However, more remains to be done before the Charter update is complete. Due to unexpected delays (including those related to the 2020 pandemic), the original timeline was insufficient to fully complete the goals set in the 2019 Charge. Therefore, the Board on Judicial Affairs (BJA) proposes the following revised charge so the Committee can continue their work.

MEMBERSHIP

The Committee shall be expanded beyond the original iteration of 4 students, 4 faculty, and 2 staff to diversify representation, decrease the workload on individual committee members, and increase flexibility. BJA proposes that there be 5 students, 5 faculty, and 2 staff voting members. The Committee would henceforth be known as the C-12. The BJA charges C-12 with electing a faculty and student co-chair.

C-12 faculty members shall be selected by the Faculty Senate Committee on Committees. The BJA requests that faculty appointed to the C-12 include a lecturer with experience with large introductory classes and the current accountability process.

C-12 student members shall be selected by the Associated Students of Stanford University (ASSU) Nominations Commission and consist of both graduate and undergraduate students.

C-12 staff members shall be appointed by the Vice Provost for Student Affairs (VPSA). BJA requests that VPSA appoint one staff member with considerable recent experience with the current student conduct process who can provide insight into the needs and experiences of the staff of the Office of Community Standards (OCS). BJA also requests that one staff member be appointed with considerable recent experience with student academic experiences on campus.

C-12 members are expected to be actively involved in the consensus building and other work outlined in the Charge below. Members who do not meet expectations shall be removed and replaced.

The C-12 shall create and/or revise a membership agreement between appointees in order to establish working norms and articulate expectations.

CHARGE

The C-12 shall continue to pursue the charge outlined in the 2019 Judicial Charter Committee Charge document: to “examine whether the Fundamental Standard requires interpretative refinements,” “whether the University should continue to operate under the Honor Code as written for matters of academic integrity,” and to “determine whether amendments are required to the Charter in order to align our administrative processes with our community values.”

The Stanford community as a whole will be impacted by any such revisions. Therefore, any proposed changes will require compromise to balance the potentially disparate interests of different stakeholder groups. Consequently, the C-12 shall work toward building consensus with the five university bodies whose approval is necessary to enact their recommendations. Toward this end, the C-12 shall communicate regularly with the Faculty Senate, ASSU Undergraduate Senate, ASSU Graduate Student Council, the President’s Office, and the Board on Judicial Affairs.

The C-12 should encourage each of these bodies to provide their respective feedback and suggest necessary data gathering efforts to promote wide-ranging stakeholder buy-in.

The C-12 shall communicate regularly with the BJA to keep them abreast of progress. The C-12 may provide interim recommendations to the BJA as the C-12 analyzes and identifies improvements that the BJA could implement on an earlier timeline.

COMMITTEE SUPPORT & ENGAGEMENT

The BJA feels strongly that for C-12 to achieve an understanding of the needs of the Stanford community and build consensus, C-12 will need support from across the university. Toward that end, the BJA respectfully proposes the following:

VP&SA should appoint and/or hire a non-voting Project Manager with bandwidth and institutional knowledge to ensure the work of the C-12 progresses expeditiously. This person would be responsible for ensuring continuity as members change (by, for example, aggregating and maintaining onboarding documentation), consistent outreach and bidirectional communication with stakeholders (both the approving bodies and the broader Stanford community), and coordinating regular meetings of the C-12. While committee members are expected to fulfill their responsibilities, the BJA believes it vital that there be a person charged with managing the execution of this work in an organized, collaborative, and timely way.

The Vice Provosts for Student Affairs, Undergraduate Education, and Graduate Education should proactively provide the C-12 contact person(s) in all relevant stakeholder groups. Specifically, the BJA requests the C-12 be given contacts in the Centers for Equity, Community and Leadership; Residential Education; the Office of Community Standards; the Office of Student Engagement; the Graduate Life Office; the Center for Teaching and Learning; Academic Advising; and all seven Schools. Additionally, the C-12 should be provided a dedicated contact in IRDS for whom this project is a priority.

The Office of Community Standards should prepare a report detailing demographic trends in the current disciplinary process. This will assist the C-12 in evaluating the equitability of the current process and determining what adjustments, if any, would be warranted.

PROPOSED PROCESS AND TIMELINE

In consideration of the feedback from all stakeholder bodies, the BJA proposes that the C-12 perform the following tasks:

- Work with the approving bodies and the entities identified in Committee Support to create data collection and outreach plans tailored to each stakeholder group, to the satisfaction of each approving body.
- Solicit feedback directly from OCS staff who have worked with the current OCS process to hear their experiences and learn from their subject matter expertise, and solicit feedback from faculty and staff who have worked on previous Charter revisions.
- Keep the Stanford community as a whole apprised of the C-12's timeline, goals, and progress. The BJA recommends this be handled by the C-12 Project Manager.

The C-12 should complete its work and present a final proposal by the beginning of Winter quarter 2022-23, first to the BJA, and then in coordination with the BJA, to other approving bodies.

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