Proposed University Budget Cuts May Cripple A3C

The downturn in the economy has taken a significant bite out of Stanford University’s endowment, leaving a budget shortfall and requiring university-wide reductions.

In two recent statements, Provost John Etchemendy announced that budget cuts of approximately $100 million dollars, close to a 15 percent reduction, will be made next year. In addition, he stated that over the last fiscal year and the next, the university will spend $1.8 billion of the endowment’s principal, just to cover operating expenses. Budget planning assumptions estimated a loss in the endowment of 20 to 30 percent. That figure is now trending higher and it may be a long time before the endowment’s value returns to previous levels.

Although specific allocations to the community centers are yet to be determined, the staff at the Asian American Activities Center has been asked to submit a proposal to reduce their budget by 15 percent. Needless to say, if implemented, such a reduction in an already lean budget would devastate the center’s programming and support for students.

In this time of unprecedented economic challenges, if you are making a donation to Stanford University, please consider expressing your support and commitment to the A3C and its programs by designating your contribution to the Asian American Activities Center. Directions on how to designate your contribution follow below:

- Visit the Stanford Giving page: http://giving.stanford.edu/giving/home?indexredir=r
- Click on the lower right corner "Make a Gift Now" link
- On the next page, select "other" under the "school or group to which you wish to make a gift."
- Then click continue
- On the next page under “further designation,” click on "other designation"
- Then in the "Special Instructions/Other Designation" box below enter "Asian American Activities Center ."

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**Holiday Helping Hands**

In the spirit of giving back to the community, SAPAAC members got together on December 20, 2008, to assemble winter care packages for the homeless. Thanks to the contributions and in-kind donations of SAPAAC members, we were able to assemble ten bags filled with food, toiletries, and blankets, which were delivered to City Team in Downtown San Jose for distribution to those in need. We hope you can join SAPAAC when we do this again in the future.

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Check the SAPAAC web site for the most current information on these and other events.
Faculty Development Initiative: Bringing AA Faculty to the Farm

In September 2007 Stanford launched the Faculty Development Initiative (FDI), a five-year effort to appoint the best scholars in the nation whose research focuses on the study of ethnicity and race. Through FDI, Stanford’s Center for Comparative Studies in Race and Ethnicity (CCSRE) received funding from the Provost’s office for 10 billets (faculty positions) to be used jointly by CCSRE and the School of Humanities and Sciences towards hiring faculty specializing in ethnic studies, including Asian American Studies.

SAPAAC has been meeting with CCSRE faculty since the billets were announced to ensure that Asian American Studies faculty are aggressively recruited to fill a portion of these billets. This issue is especially important given the low rate of retention of such faculty at Stanford. In February 2009, Board members met with Professor Al Camarillo (History), who is leading the initiative as Special Assistant to the Provost for Faculty Diversity, to get an update on the FDI. Professor Camarillo noted that CCSRE expects to make 10-13 appointments in the next five years. Two FDI positions have been filled so far - Tomas Jimenez in Sociology and Gary Segura in Political Science. Due to budget cuts, the eight other searches that were planned to be completed this year have been stopped temporarily. SAPAAC wanted to ensure that the hiring Asian American Studies faculty was a priority with the FDI. Professor Camarillo assured SAPAAC that he was working with current Asian American Studies faculty to develop positions in this area, and that he and the Provost are committed to continuing to recruit for the FDI positions, though the recruitment process will be on a longer time horizon than originally envisioned.

SAPAAC can play an important role during the recruitment process to encourage Asian American Studies candidates to come to Stanford. SAPAAC can host a reception for recruits to introduce them to Asian American student, staff, faculty, and alumni communities. In addition, members can meet with candidates to share their experiences and perspectives on the Asian American community at Stanford and welcome them to a community supportive of their work at Stanford.

SAPAAC will continue to keep up with the FDI situation. Issues Committee Co-Chair, Anu Menon, will contact Professor Camarillo at the end of summer for an update on the billets and recruitment of Asian American Studies faculty.

SAPAAC Board Committees

The easiest, low-key way to get involved in SAPAAC is to join a committee. Contact the following Board members for more information, or simply visit our website at www.sapaac.org.

Advocacy & Issues:
Anu Menon, Sandy Yuen, Mae Lee

Communication & Membership:
Bianca Ling, Maria Chow Zajac, Kathryn Chow Han, Rishi Mandal

Events:
Jonathan Chow, Ron Nakao
The Haas Center for Public Service at Stanford University connects academic study with community and public service to strengthen communities and develop effective public leaders. The Center aspires to develop aware, engaged and thoughtful citizens who contribute to the realization of a more just and humane world.

As part of its mission, the Haas Center maintains two email lists for announcing service-related opportunities:

**service4all:** This list is for announcing public service events of interest to the Stanford community. All members of the community may subscribe and post.

**haas-programs:** This list is for announcing service related programs available through the Haas Center for Public Service. All members of the community may subscribe but only Haas Center staff may post.

Please note: You may subscribe to one of these two email lists. Any announcements sent to **haas-programs** will also be sent to **service4all**.

To join or leave a list:

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**Stanford Public Interest Network (SPIN) Fellowship Program**

The Stanford Public Interest Network (SPIN) is an initiative driven by a group of alumni in the San Francisco Bay Area and New York City administered through the Haas Center for Public Service in collaboration with the Stanford Alumni Association, Career Development Center and with funding from the Stanford Associates. SPIN is a member of The Alumni Network, a national collaborative associated with Princeton Project 55. Originally founded in 2003 and re-launched in 2007, SPIN aims to build a network of Stanford alumni working in the public interest and to operate a fellowship program that places recent Stanford graduates in full-time paid positions in nonprofit organizations and government agencies (organizations pay fellows a $31,800 stipend plus full health benefits). The purpose of the fellowship program is three-fold: to recruit talented students to work in public service, to engage alumni working in and committed to public service, and to assist public interest organizations in finding qualified staff.

**Calling all nonprofit leaders:**

Would you like to hire a motivated, energetic and talented staff member without the resumé onslaught provoked by a Craigslist ad? Do you have a wish list of “back-burner” projects that you are ready to move on, if only you could solve the staffing issue? Are you looking for a hassle-free, high-yield hiring process?

The Stanford Public Interest Network fellowship program can help! The SPIN fellowship program ([http://haas.stanford.edu/index.php/item/1839](http://haas.stanford.edu/index.php/item/1839)) places recent Stanford graduates in full-time, paid positions in dynamic nonprofit organizations and government agencies. As a partner organization, you create a position description and agree to provide a $31,800 + health benefits stipend for a 12-month commitment from the fellow and you receive up to three candidates who have been vetted by a competitive review and interview process. Get maximum talent for minimum HR process!

Nonprofit Partners can apply online at [http://haas.stanford.edu/index.php/item/1839](http://haas.stanford.edu/index.php/item/1839). Contact Abby Conover ([aconover@stanford.edu](mailto:aconover@stanford.edu); 650.723.8375) with questions or to learn more about the program. We appreciate the opportunity to serve your organization by helping to meet your staffing needs.
About SAPAAC...

Mission
To promote and support the educational, professional, and social interest of Stanford Asian Pacific American (APA) alumni and the Stanford Community.

Goals
• To provide avenues for interaction for APA alumni,
• To keep members informed of APA affairs related to Stanford,
• To serve as role models for Stanford APA students,
• To inform the Stanford Administration of APA concerns and issues,
• To encourage hiring, promotion, and retention of APA faculty, and
• To serve the community.

Membership Drive
Do you know fellow Stanford APA alums who haven’t joined SAPAAC yet? Encourage them to join today!

Send them to www.SAPAAC.org/join.html.

Call to Action: Directing Your Donations to the A3C
SAPAAC encourages Asian American alums to direct their giving to the Asian American Activities Center (A3C).

Why? If you simply give to the general fund, the University has the absolute discretion to determine how to spend your dollars. But if you give to the A3C, or specify that your gift is intended for the A3C, then your generous donation will be used in a way that directly and meaningfully benefits Asian American students and alums, such as funding programs for Stanford APA’s and other student services around campus.

So please help the A3C, and direct your donations to the Asian American Activities Center.

For more info about donating directly to the A3C, contact the Advocacy & Issues Committee or email SAPAAC at sapaac@stanfordalumni.org. The Asian American Activities Center is online at http://a3c.stanford.edu.

Submissions for Future Newsletters
Got an interesting story for the SAPAAC Newsletter? Want to send us some photos of recent SAPAAC events? Planning an event of interest to Stanford APA students or alums? Let us know about it.

Submissions may be sent as plain text or email attachments to Kathryn Chow Han ’98 at katychow@stanfordalumni.org.