

Stanford Community of the Left (or Stanford United Front  
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The Stanford Community of the Left is a campus-wide coordinating organization. Its basic purposes are: to help existing and future radical organizations coordinate their activities; to provide means of communication between these organizations and the campus community; to provide organizational structure for those people not presently acting within established groups; to allow a much broader community to participate in making decisions and in planning and executing activities.

The Steering Committee consists of one representative from each campus residence, one representative from each existing organization of the left, and one representative from each group of 10-20 people of the left (students, faculty, staff, outside agitators) that wishes to call itself a group. This last classification will optimally be groups within departments, schools, classes, or off-campus living groups, but is not necessarily limited to this definition.

Each participating political organization ~~independently~~ will decide what person will represent it at any particular steering committee meeting. Campus representatives will be likewise chosen by those members of the Stanford Community of the Left in each residence. If there is only one member in a residence, he will be the representative. If there is no member in a residence, the steering committee will try to recruit one to serve as representative.

The autonomy of the participating organizations is in no way to be compromised. The Community of the Left may approve a project and decide to support it, or it may decide not to support a project, but it has no authority to veto or ~~publicly~~ publicly to disapprove any project of any member organization. The membership, mailing, and telephone lists are to be freely available to all participating organizations.

Each representative of a residence has the responsibility to keep his residence informed of projects and activities, will attempt to recruit, and will have the primary responsibility for initiating projects within the residence (such as seminars, study groups, opinion polls, research activities, etc.).

Membership of the Stanford Community of the Left consists of all those belonging to participating organizations and any individual who signs as a member. General membership meetings are to occur at regular intervals. These general membership meetings have the same decision-making powers as the steering committee. They also provide an opportunity for discussion about ideology and the direction of the movement. The Chairman will be elected by the general membership, and can be recalled by it at any time. Elections will be held each quarter. The Chairman or one-third of the steering committee can at any time call an extraordinary meeting of the general membership.

The steering committee will choose from itself an executive committee of five persons. The executive committee has the carefully restricted powers to make quick administrative decisions (on such matters as the calling of rallies, issuing press releases, coordinating projects, calling emergency steering committee meetings, etc.). It is in no way a policy-making body.