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Open Letter to the Stanford Community:

Today Yale Braumstein, a student, was permitted to speak before the Board of Trustees of Stanford University. Following this action the Board held a discussion as to whether or not students should be represented at their meetings.

In response to the openness of the Trustees I would like to announce my sincere interest in receiving an appointment to the Board. As a student who has been in the Stanford community five years, and one who will soon become a member of a time honored profession, I believe that I am well qualified to sit on the Board and to deal with the complex problems of governance.

Of course, I can not--and would not--claim to represent the great majority of Stanford students in any sense, but I think that it is well known by the Trustees and the community that, with so many diverse interest groups on campus, no one could honestly make that claim. Instead let me only say that I will represent myself and my beliefs to the best of my ability in the same manner that each of the current members represents himself.

I would have no objection to the appointment of several other students with divergent viewpoints simultaneous with my own appointment. Indeed, I would encourage the Board to select a cross section of students.

I hope this suggestion is taken seriously as I think that its implementation would greatly improve the governance of the University.

Sincerely yours,

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