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Stanford University, January 21 - Stanford trustees today (Thursday) voted to ask court approval to increase its membership from 15 to 23, including three who would be direct representatives of the Alumni.

The plan, since it involves amendment to the University's Founding Grant, will not be effective until it is approved by the courts, it was emphasized by Lloyd W. Dinkelspiel, president of the board,

The new members would be elected by the existing board.

The three "alumni trustees" would be elected from a panel recommended by the Executive Board of the Stanford Alumni Association. They would serve five-year terms.

The five other new members would be elected for ten-year terms.

"We have had two purposes in formulating this plan," Mr. Dinkelspiel declared. "One is to give more direct representation on our board to our steadily growing alumni body. The other is to provide the board with more manpower to handle the increasing load of work occasioned by development of the University lands, fund raising, the decision to move our Medical School, and other problems."

Russel V. Lee of Palo Alto, president of the Stanford Alumni Association, reported that the alumni executive board supports the alumni trustee plan.

"I predict this proposal will be a source of great satisfaction to alumni as individuals and will greatly strengthen relations between the Alumni Association and the University administration," Dr. Lee stated.

Eleven of the University's current trustees are alumni.

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