## Agenda topics

### 5 MINUTES

**SHOUTOUTS**

### [PRESENTER]
**Discussion**

Natalie – Calhoun SAC who has been showing up to the events committee meetings and is planning the YCC Pep Rally.

**Sophomore Seminar Committee** – DUSs of various programs are very excited about starting a Sophomore Seminar program. The committee is making great progress.

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**Executive Board Updates**

**Switch Event**: We need people for loading and taking out sound equipment. Sign-up was passed around during the meeting.

**Summer Storage (update by Dan)**: On Wednesday, Dan met with Deb Belmore, assistant to the Council of Masters to discuss summer storage options. Last year, we had YCC Summer Storage. 140 people participated. Now, because of the changes in storage regulations, the idea is to institutionalize a way of storing things at Yale outside the college. The discussions involve the options that we could use. Including YCC, Summer Storage about 10 YCC members used outside storage. Colleges all have different limits on the numbers of boxes that student can store so some colleges are more in need than others. Dan is interested in putting together a survey for students to see who needs summer storage. From there, we can have better information to examine options.

One option is signing up through a website – five boxes delivered to you, sign up for a pickup time. They are then delivered in the fall. The company is collegeboxes.com and already works with Harvard, etc.

Another option is pod storage, or large containers that could be shared between, say two colleges or large groups of people. You would buy in with a group and split up the space. It's about $450 for 8 people, although the pods seem small for what students would like to store (futons, lamps, etc.) The problem with this is what we have with YCC Storage - limited to a day or two and people have exams, leave early, etc.

So moving forward, we’ll get a survey out to students and look into the exact costs for each option. A decision will be made three weeks into the second semester.

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**Committee Updates**

**Mental Health**: Working on a survey to be sent out to all students (next semester), working on “Mental Health Week” with a keynote speaker and events. Question for the Council: in terms of the name and feel of the “week,” what direction do we want to head?

**Academics**: The committee had a great meeting this week. Last year, the committee had looked at qualitative feedback. The committee this year is looking into setting up some sort of standardized feedback halfway through the semester. Perhaps this would take the form of a specific set of office hours that are planned and encourage by departments. This would apply to Teaching Fellows for large lecture courses with sections. Archit mentioned that we should really look into final feedback as well.

**Dining**: Joey: Salads, quality of food decrease, sustainability. Josh: Durfees open earlier, swipes meal plan. People respond to these complaints/ come to meetings.

**Sophomore Seminar Committee**: Met with American Studies and will be meeting with Political Science this week. History is also on the agenda for a meeting.

**UCS Committee**: UCS approached FCC to promote Freshman Blitz week, but they only had two days to help out and were limited in what they can do. For next year, Nathan suggested that they work with UCS earlier.

**UOFC**: Will be running a 5K initiative for groups to collaborate on events.

**Gender Neutral Housing**: The committee has finished its survey and will be sending it out this week. The committee will also be meeting with current students in gender neutral suites.

**Facilities**: Trial run of bins and whiteboards in Silliman will happen very soon.

**Sophomore Class Council**: The Sophomore Snowball will happen on December 2nd with Christmas decorations, lots of desserts, a classy affair. The no-shave November competition is in full swing. Next week, there is a DUS dinner for history. These dinners have been going really well.

**Freshman Class Council**: Had to get in contact with Harvard licensing for this year’s T-Shirts. The Council will hopefully be selling these shirts this week.
Committee Updates and Goals for the Semester/Year (generated over the previous week):

Tech Committee: YCC's tech committee has four overarching goals for the year. First, we are working to publicize and work with the student body on the transition to EliApps. Second, we are working with Yale IT to look at effective solutions to replace the panlist system. One tangible result here will be the mailman user guide, which we are currently waiting to hear from the Student Techs on. Thirdly, we've worked to create an email system for the posting of grades at the ends of semesters. Through work with University Registrar Gabriel Olzowski, it looks like this goal will be successful. Finally, we are hoping to find a replacement for the current OCI/OCS system to put in place for the upcoming academic year. We are looking forward to running the YCC App Challenge this year, with assistance from the Events Committee.

Facilities Committee: The Facilities committee meets with Yale Facilities when a particular need is brought to its attention by the student body. It has also been working with Yale Facilities on a long-term project to bring bins to the laundry rooms on campus to make it easier to store completed laundry when all of the dryers are in use.

Sexual Harassment Committee: Sexual Climate/Harassment: YCC Sexual Climate/Harassment Committee is collecting information from student groups and the administration on Yale's sexual climate. We are looking at ways that the YCC can work to make campus sexual culture open to all perspectives and comfortable for all members. In addition, the committee is working to ensure that the process for dealing with cases of sexual harassment is streamlined, effective, and efficient. We want to ensure that all campus resources are readily available, and that every Yale student believes their situation will be dealt with in a serious and committed manner. Over the coming weeks, the committee will be meeting with administrators and working to gain a better understanding of the University-wide report commissioned by President Levin, as well as his response. We look forward to finding ways to finding how this report can effectively mesh with our campus community.

Science and Engineering: The Science and Engineering Subcommittee is looking forward to designing numerous initiatives over the course of this academic year. First, we are in the process of creating a Mentoring Program in which freshmen science and engineering majors will be paired with upperclassmen mentors. We will be working with departmental Directors of Undergraduate Studies to facilitate this program, in addition to providing DUS dinners for each department. Through Undergraduate Career Services, SES will work to integrate "1-click searches" for science and engineering opportunities. We will also be compiling the resources within UCS and the greater Yale community for undergraduates searching for an internship or research position in science or engineering. Lastly, stay tuned for science and engineering trips around the northeast and many more initiatives from SES 2011-2012!

Academics: The Academics Committee has drafted a proposal for improvement to Cr/D/Fail class selection. The proposal would allow students to opt-in to Cr/D/Fail after five weeks of classes. This allows students more time in a class to determine which classes would be best served (or not) as Cr/D/Fail. The detailed proposal, outlining possible problems and solutions, has been sent to Dean Miller. If you have any academic concerns or thoughts on things that could be improved, please contact the committee here.

Sophomore Seminar: The Sophomore Seminar Committee is currently working with various departments and administrators to expand seminar offerings for sophomores. The Committee stems from the demand heard by YCC from sophomores for seminar opportunities similar to those available to freshmen and in-major juniors and seniors. The committee has contacted the Directors of Undergraduate Studies of various Yale departments and has begun to meet with them individually to discuss the need for such a program and options for implementing it. The Committee is collaborating with departments looking to gain more information on student interest and have developed specific proposals for various DUSs to submit to their faculties.

Gender Neutral Housing: The Gender-Neutral Housing Committee is working hard to expand housing options for Yale students. After receiving counsel from University President Levin and Dean Miller, the Committee is reviewing the current Yale policy, policies of peer institutions, and possible methods of implementation. The Committee will send out a survey in the coming weeks to generate data for a report that will be presented to the Yale Corporation in February that will seek to aggregate student views on gender-neutral housing to ensure that administrators and Yale policymakers receive information reflecting the overwhelming support for expanding gender-neutral housing options for juniors. Any student with questions, comments, or concerns on the topic should get in touch with the committee here.

Dining: The YCC Dining Committee has been extremely busy this year. Recent collaborations with Yale Dining have yielded events such as "Best Meal Ever," "Fall Festival" and "Taste of Home." Additionally, the committee has worked with Yale Dining to bring students seven $7 meal deals at Durfee's that can be purchased during lunch from 11 AM - 5 PM everyday (including weekends from 12 PM - 5 PM). We have been diligently working to make sure that student voices echoing our own sentiments and dismay with the closing of comments are heard. The committee has particularly focused on overcrowding issues and issues related to the lack of space for student groups and athletic teams.