# Yale College Council

## Council of Representatives Meeting

Sunday, September 14, 2014
Meeting Two

## Action Items

1. Constitutional Amendments on
   a. Article III
   b. Article IV
   c. Article VII

## Attendance

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Minutes

Please note that the minutes reflect the conversation held during the Council of Representatives meeting, but may not contain every comment and are not intended to reflect exact quotations. Comments in italics are notes to give context to the minutes. The layout of the minutes is the Presentation of the Issue, Presentation of the Discussion, and Recording of the Vote. Unless otherwise noted, the Presentation of the Issue is done by the person whose name is next to the heading for that issue. Comments by representatives or other attendees are preceded by their name (e.g. Jane: comment).

Task Force Update (MAIA)
- Will be comprised of YCC and non-YCC members
- Title XI, Financial Aid, and Sexual Climate Task Forces
- YCC is handling the application process, deadline is September 20th

UOC Overview (TINA)
- The UOC provides all funding for student groups on campus
- There are six cycles per semester in which groups can apply for funding
  - Roughly $20,000 allocated per semester
- In Cycle 1, $134,700 was requested overall, the vast majority of which was administrative grants for running clubs
  - Cultural groups accounted for the majority of funding requested
  - Service/Outreach and performance are close second and thirds
- We granted 19.7% of funds requested

Amendments (MAIA)
- Article III
  - Article III, Section Five: Transition of Power (New Section): No later than the first day of summer break, the sitting executive board shall relinquish control of all communication, financial, and administrative accounts to the newly-elected executive board. It is the responsibility of each newly-elected officer to meet individually with the current holder of his or her office to ensure that he or she is aware of any remaining duties or pending project(s) to which he or she must attend after taking office.
  - Article III, Section Six: The Vice President (Addition): Serve as the primary manager of the Academics, Student Life, and University Services Directors.
  - Article III, Section Seven: The Chief of Staff (Addition): Meet with the seven Directors of the Executive Board on a biweekly basis to monitor the status of their projects and initiatives. The Chief of Staff shall coordinate primarily with the Finance, Events, Student Organizations, and Communications Directors.
    - Yaphet: Why can’t we just make the transition when the new council meets for the first time in May? Then they can hold a real vote on the appointed EBoard members.
    - Maia: It’s difficult to say when exactly that meeting would happen, and therefore it makes it difficult to pick a date for transition.
    - Joe: And according to the constitution, that vote on the EBoard is official
    - Vote: PASSED, unanimous consent
• Article IV
• Article IV, Section Four: Production & Design Team (Addition): It shall provide photographs, videos, graphics, illustrations, and design for the Communication Team’s material as well as web development and back-end support for YCC web services.
• Article IV, Section Three: Communications Team (New Section): The Communications Team shall manage content on the YCC website, social media platforms, and other forms of communications. It shall write and publish the monthly newsletter, advertisements, all social media posts, and YCC website updates. The team shall consist of writers, marketers, social media managers and any other position the Communications Director deems necessary. The Communications Team shall work under the supervision of the Communications Director. Members of the Communications Team can continue to serve from year to year and new members shall be appointed by the Communications Director through an application process in September.
• Article IV, Section Three: Undergraduate Organizations Committee (UOC) (Alteration): The Student Organizations Director shall present an overview of the funding cycle to the Council of Representatives and the Executive Board, including statistics on the amount of funding requested and allocated, the status of the UOC budget, and a summary of the distribution of funds between various categories of student organizations. This overview shall be published on the YCC website.
  o Maia: We want to get rid of the process of voting because the Council doesn’t truly add insight into the process. We trust the UOC members because they know what they’re doing more than we do.
  o Vicky: There were times when the UOC Director would ask questions of the Council about funding decisions. What would happen there?
  o Tina: The Student Organizations Director can still discuss with the Council at meetings or over email, but it won’t be constitutionally required for every single cycle. It will be much more fluid.
  o Ben: Is there no power check on the UOC then?
  o Tina: The power check last year was just nominal, so there really isn’t any de facto change from the status quo. If students and their groups have issues though, they can totally speak with their finance managers and me to rectify their concerns. So that is a powerful power check on its own.
  o Joe: And Tina is too humble to say this herself, but the UOC really knows what it’s doing. They read over a hundred applications per cycle and are very familiar with the nuances of university funding and the grant process. Involving the Council in the process really adds nothing.
  o Vote: PASSED, unanimously

• Article VII
• Article VII, Section Four: Removal of an Appointed Member (New Section) The President and Vice President, in coordination, may remove an appointed Executive Board member or an associate representative from office at their discretion. An official statement of removal and reasons for dismissal must be submitted, in writing, to the dismissed member, the Executive Board, and the Council in order for the dismissal to be final. If any other member of the YCC would like to remove an appointed member from office, and if the President and/or Vice President are unwilling to remove said member
from office, the process for removal of an elected member (per Article VII, Section Three) may be invoked.
- Yaphet: Why should the Council not be a part of the removal part, if they’re part of the appointment part?
- Michael: If the president of the United States wants to remove the Treasury Secretary, he can fire them, even though the Senate confirms the Secretary initially. The Council’s check comes in when the vacancy is going to be filled, because they will again need to approve the new director.
- Azan: I feel like that makes sense. The President and the Vice President are the ones that choose the appointed members in the first place, and it should be their choice to remove them if they see fit.
- Vote: PASSED 14-3
  - Dissent: Yaphet Getachew (PC), Ashley Wu (TC), Alexander Cruz (TC)

Mandatory Events (JAIME)
- Fall Events:
  - Farm Tours (September 20, 27, October 4, 11)
  - Chalk Talks (TBD)
  - Fall Show (November 6)
  - Harvard-Yale (November 22)
- Azan: Now that H-Y is at Harvard, do we have more money to spend on other events like Spring Fling?
- Jaime: No, when it’s held here, we get extra money from the Dean’s office, so that doesn’t factor into our budget this year.

Social Chair (JOE)
- Joe: Continuing to accept applications until 11:59pm tonight. They will handle all internal YCC bonding events, mixers, etc.

Trello Introduction (MAIA)

Solid Meeting Time (MICHAEL)
- To be decided via Doodle Poll, sent out tonight.