Yale College Council
Council of Representatives Meeting
Wednesday, September 3, 2014
Meeting One

Action Items

1. Executive Board nominations
2. 2014-15 YCC Budget Vote

Attendance

BK   David Liu   x
BK   Vicky Chou   x
BR   Grant Fergusson
BR   Anna Lu   x
CC   Ari Zimmet
CC   Sarika Pandrangi   x
DC   Tyler Mikulis   x
ES   Benjamin Martin   x
ES   Isiah Cruz   x
JE   Tyler Blackmon   x
JE   Phan Nguyen   x
MC   Adam Gerard   x
MC   Azan Virji   x
PC   Yaphet Getachew   x
PC   Megan Ruan   x
SY   Magdalena Zielonka   x
SY   Chadd Cosse   x
SM   Michelle Mboya   x
TD   Kristoffer Acuña   x
TD   Alexandra Simon
TC   Ashley Wu   x
TC   Alexander Cruz   x

Michael Herbert   x
Maia Eliscovich   x
Jaime Halberstam   x
Connor Feeley   x
Joe English   x
David Lawrence   x
Madeline Bauer   x
Layla Khuri   x
Isaac Morrier   x
Tina Yuan   x
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).

Board introductions and nominations for appointed positions
Joe, Chief of Staff
- Vote: Unanimous Consent
David Lawrence, Academics Director
- Vote: Unanimous Consent
Layla Khuri, Student Life
- Vote: Unanimous Consent
Madeline Bauer, University Services
- Vote: Unanimous Consent
Isaac Morrier, Communications Director
- Vote: Unanimous Consent
Tina Yuan, Student Organizations Director
- Vote: Unanimous Consent

YCC Communications Overview – Maia
Request for projects ideas from council members and the student body at large

Existing and Ongoing Projects
- Academic Projects
  - Shopping period reform
  - Credit/D/fail reevaluation
  - Pre-med Reevaluation
  - Minors
  - Latin honor system
- University Services Projects
  - Meal Plan Revision
  - UCS professional counseling
  - Financial Aid (including student contribution)
  - Transportation services- accessibility -summer
  - Charger borrowing program -summer
  - Whole Milk in the dining hall
  - Personal Librarian
  - Water Stations in Libraries
- Student Life Projects
  - Sexual Violence Report
  - Gender Neutral Housing for Sophomores –on its way
Process for project completion
1. You get assigned by Maia
2. Initial brainstorming meeting w/chair
3. Set up course of action & meeting times
4. Do research at peer institutions
5. Come up with a recommendation
6. Make fancy power point slides + written proposal
7. Present to chair
8. Present to Council
9. If approved, the policy will be brought to the administration by the EBoard or transitioned directly into the implementation phase

2014-15 Budget Overview – Connor Feeley
Breakdown of the budget
- Revenues
  - $15,000 from the previous year’s budget
    - Historically low, due to relatively small allocation from previous YCC
  - $191,000 (tentative) from student activities fee
  - $40,000 from the President’s office
  - $4,000 from various sponsorships
- Expenses
  - $30,000 campus events fund
  - $2,500 administrative fund (overhead costs for YCC)
  - $195,000 Spring Fling fund
  - $20,000 community fund (to subsidiary bodies like class councils)
- Our surplus (projected $2,500) is much lower for next year’s budget
  - Incentive to get an increase in student activities fee this coming year
  - We will “more than make up for” the relatively low surplus

Discussion
- Vicky Chou: What was the rationale behind the Spring Fling allocation
  - Connor: It was designed with last year’s budget in mind, which was expanded significantly primarily due to higher artist costs. The number is roughly the same.
  - Jaime: There is also potential for ticketing, which will enable use to ensure only Yalies will be able to attend Spring Fling.
Connor: Yalies will still attend at no cost, but we will ensure that outside guests are paying if they attend.

Freshman attendee: For the freshmen, can you explain the SAF debate?
Connor: Last year, we proposed to increase the SAF to $125, and we put it to the student body as a vote to ensure they wouldn’t have issues with this increase. We are going to continue to pursue this increase. The average for the Ivy League is roughly $160, which allows the student governments to do a lot more for the student body. We want to ensure our student body is a flourishing community, and a SAF increase will help the YCC make this mission more feasible.

Azan: Has this increase been implemented yet?
Michael: No, we’re still working on that as a project.

Tyler Blackmon: Where is the UOC funding delineated in this budget outline?
Connor: The UOC funding isn’t up for negotiation because it isn’t determined by the YCC, so it isn’t presented here. We were just presenting aspects of the budget that are up for debate.
Tina: There is money, however, that comes from the Dean’s Office and the President’s office for the UOC.

Vote: Motion for unanimous consent to approve the 2014-15 YCC Budget
Unanimous consent approved

The Bigger Picture – Michael Herbert
Introduction: Focusing student energy through the YCC like light.
Inspiring student confidence and engaging student interest are the primary objectives.

How to inspire confidence
Be proactive and be competent
If you have questions, reach out to us (the Board, the YCC at large)
If we aren’t getting things done, students won’t believe in us

Engaging student interest
Every student at Yale should know who their representatives are
Get involved in your colleges!
Attend the college council meetings, but go the extra mile
Get involved in IMs (shout out to Magdalena)
Get to know people via conversations and through face time in the dining halls
Go to office hours in rotating residential colleges with Michael
Find your owns ways to get involved
Move in day, snack breaks, etc.
Phan: Solicit ideas from your respective colleges as to how you should engage with college members
She is part of JE SAC, which is a great way to get involved in a variety of events thrown by the college. Meet a lot of college members from other classes.
“I want you to have OCD with your projects.” If everyone just does their job to their best capacity, as a whole, as a team, we’re going to accomplish a lot more.
• Shows clip form Rocky 3 about the “eye of the tiger”
• “There is no limit to what we’re capable of”