Yale College Council  
*Council of Representatives Meeting*  
Sunday, September 28, 2014  
Meeting Four

**Agenda Items**

1. “It’s On Us” campaign update  
2. Project Proposal: Voter Registration Drive  
3. Associate Membership requirements

**Attendance**

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Minutes

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“IT'S ON US” Campaign Update

Presentation (MICHAEL):

• Pledge was released earlier today
• This is a big issue for the YCC agenda this year, perhaps the biggest
• “If we don’t go to a school where people feel safe, respected, and welcome, none of the other things are really going to matter.”
  o As the leaders on campus, it’s important to have a conversation about what our culture is at Yale
• Outlining the structure of the campaign
  o Evidence shows 1 in 5 women will be sexually assaulted while in college
  o There’s been an initiative by the White House to have all college students pledge to take a stand against sexual assault
  o I’m glad this initiative is happening, but it’s easy to just sign a petition and never think about it again.
  o We need to do something more active. There’s no room for what Tyler Blackmon called “slacktivism”
  o We’re designing this program to occur within student groups here at Yale so that students know how to take concrete steps to improve our campus culture
  o First step is to define what we want Yale campus culture to be
    ▪ Where one sexual assault is unacceptable and where people feel respected
  o Concrete steps for reform
    ▪ What can the administration do better to support victims?
    ▪ What kind of active dialogue can we encourage and facilitate?
    ▪ How can we ensure that Task Forces listen to victims, be their advocates?
  o I think if we do these things, we can have real impact on the student body
  o We really think we can make enough positive peer pressure to have this impact

Discussion:

• Grant: What form will these discussions take?
• Michael: We’ll meet directly with individual student groups (I’m meeting with the Alley Cats tonight), with individual administrator, and have Council members and EBoard members meet with groups they have a personal connection to.
• Layla: Talking in groups and just publishing these photos and pledges on line will go a long way for this campaign.
• Layla: Following up from last week, we went to a meeting as leadership, wrote down action items brought up by the council, and condensed them into the YCC pledge that
you received via email from Joe earlier last week. That will serve as a model for pledges constructed by student groups in the coming weeks. Take it to your groups as an example!

**Project Proposal: Voter Engagement**

**Presentation (TYLER)**

- In 1979, Supreme Court upheld student right to vote in town in which he attends college
- Students need information on:
  - How to Register to Vote
  - Where to vote on Election Day
- Currently, partisan groups are only way to get this information
- Bottom line: need a non-biased YCC guide and registration effort
  - Created a voting guide to be published by the YCC
  - How to vote, how to request absentee ballots, where to vote in New Haven, etc.
  - Will be published online
- YCC will assist the College Dems and Republican in a voter registration drive
  - We will officially request volunteers from the YCC via email

**Discussion**

- Isaac: “If you would rather take the time to vote in a less competitive race in your hometown, you may request an absentee ballot.” Can you explain that wording?
- Tyler: If our goal is voter engagement, we’re going to have a lot more people register if they choose not to get an absentee ballot (time is extremely short). But we can talk about the wording there.
- Maia: What about people who live off campus? Where will they vote?
- Tyler: There’s a look-up function in the document, so people can see where they should vote based on their address.
- Maddie: Can people vote in places that aren’t their officially determined location?
- Tyler: No, you have to go to the place that corresponds to the place you registered to vote? However, you can choose your registration address.
- Jaime: Is the far away voting location accessible by walk?
- Tyler: There will be shuttles running on election day to make it more accessible. The only way they’d be YCC is if we paid for them, but I’m assuming partisan groups will also have shuttles. Plus, it’s only four blocks.

**Associate Membership**

**Presentation (JOE)**

- Responsibilities:
  - Meeting attendance and participation
  - Project development and completion
  - Collaboration with EBoard directors
  - The Process:
  - Petition for membership, including a statement of interest
  - Pass an internal vetting process conducted by EBoard
  - Win a two-thirds majority vote of approval from the Council (after attending at least two Council meetings)