



**Agenda Items**

1. Preregistration Fair Presentation
2. Room Request Centralization Presentation
3. Graduate and Professional School Mentors Presentation
4. Move Out Deadline Presentation
5. Petitions for Associate Membership
6. Reminders

**Attendance**

BK	Diksha Brahmhatt	x	Joseph English	x
BK	Ethan Young	x	Madeline Bauer	x
BR	Mollie Johnson	x	Amour Alexandre	x
BR	Shannon Flores	x	Daniel Tovbin	x
CC	Michael Yuan	U	Sammy Bensinger	x
CC	Luis Patiño	x	Josh Hochman	x
DC	Joseph Cornett	E	Megan Ruan	x
DC	Daniel Hamidi	x	Joel Bervell	x
ES	Sydney Wade	x	Maya Sweedler	x
ES	Joseph Tomchak	x	Phan Nguyen	x
JE	Benjamin Held	x	Alex Cruz	x
MC	Kevin Sullivan	x		
MC	Carter Henschien	x		
PC	Lauren Sapienza	E		
PC	Sofia Braunstein	E		
SY	Christopher Bowman	x		
SY	Avery Thompson	x		
SM	Katherine Oh	x		
SM	Peter Huang	x		
TD	Joshua McGilvray	E		
TC	Devyn Rigsby	x		
TC	Shah Kahn	x		

## Minutes

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### **Preregistration Fair**

#### **Presentation by Devyn Rigsby, TC '19:**

- Centralizing advice for preregistration for freshman
- Potentially starting next fall: August 29 (day of preregistration) and one the day before
- Ensures freshmen know what classes are right for them
- Informal format
- Teaches freshmen how to use the website
- Particularly helpful for English placement
- Use freshman advisers, FroCos, Deans to publicize event

#### **Questions:**

- Ethan: It's a necessary event. Wants freshmen to understand to what extent preregistration means for a class.
- Christopher: Does the academic fair already cover this information?
  - Some of the information is, but since Camp Yale is so crazy, freshmen can't plan ahead
- Carter: Unsure if people will want to go. Another option: standardize websites and have more comprehensive websites.
- Kate: Professors at academic fair advised freshmen on how to shop. Wonders if we can bring them in.
  - Mollie: Good idea, as it can serve as a reminder.

### **VOTE TO SUPPORT PREREGISTRATION OPEN HOUSE: PASSED WITH UNANIMOUS CONSENT**

### **Room Request Centralization**

#### **Presentation by Shah Khan, TC '19**

- Explained that there are three different systems, one for each of the following: class rooms, study spaces, residential colleges
- Possible solutions:
  - Google Calendars for each individual college on their website that shows when rooms are booked
  - Ask residential colleges to create a website that allows every student to book rooms (but expensive, and not every college allows students from other colleges to book their rooms)
- Use existing Yale website (Yale RRS) and work with ITS to add residential colleges
  - Already features a calendar

- Requires NetID and majority of rooms that can be reserved and confirmed there
- Some colleges are already thinking about moving on; Branford already has
- Saves time for operation managers, students, etc.
- Implementation
  - Work with masters and operation managers
  - Provide feedback about Branford's experience and make presentations to teach them how to work the site
  - Connect them with Matt Pretka from ITS to help with setup

### Questions

- Diksha: any way to get Masters' Office hours on the site and explain when people need to pick up keys/work with Masters Aides?
  - Sure
- Carter: Did you talk to colleges other than Branford?
  - Yes, Trumbull — they're waiting on Branford
  - Goal is to get Trumbull on the site by early spring
- David Liu: Is the RRS easily found?
  - You'll have to search Yale room reservations
  - Can also get the site on college websites
- Ethan: how are reservations verified?
  - The ones that need confirmation will say so, and push the request to the appropriate party
  - But some don't need confirmation
- Joel: Any way to check that people actually use their reservations?
  - No

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### **Grad and Professional School Mentors**

#### **Presentation by Carter Henschien, MC '18**

- There's OCS programs that exist, but they're poorly publicized
  - Low-income and minority students have expressed desires to speak with older students who might've had similar experiences
  - There's no current link between grad/professional school students and undergrads
- 69% of students said talking with GPSS students would be helpful; 35% thought OCS was helpful
  - So, students would rather talk to students
- Role of mentors:
  - College students complete YCC survey to catalog interests
  - GPSS solicits mentor volunteers, who fill out a similar survey
  - Match mentors and students at 1:2 or 3 person ratio
  - GPSS and YCC both promote service, but it will be housed within YCC
- Grad and professional schools have said they're down to do it
- Will be rolling out in the spring

### Questions

- Associate: How to address mentee surplus? Will juniors or seniors be preferenced?
  - Right now, there is no preference, though the topic has come up

- Needs to be promoted on both ends, and we can't know if we will have to preference people until signups happen
- Peter: Will there be some type of training for mentors? And if so, who covers it?
  - No, not right now
  - Current plan is to have a 'meet your mentors' event and have YCC fund it
  - No current plan for training
  - Will conduct survey at end of program and consider implementing training program once we see results
- Shannon: Are there general guidelines to sign up? Like be accessible over email, meet three times per semester?
  - Carter thinks it's an awesome idea
- Katherine: Will GPSS promote earlier, so we can get an idea of how many mentors are willing to participate? That will allow us to cap number of mentees.
  - YCC and GPSS will promote at the same time, but we'll pitch it as 'apply'
  - We can match people at a rolling basis
  - Assuming numbers won't match up
  - Josh: GPSS is willing to target certain schools after initial push
  - Amour: thinks this will be great, especially when Schwarzmans goes in
- Phan: Who reads through mentor applications?
  - Carter says we do
  - Phan points out this isn't sustainable, as it requires massive amounts of work
  - Sammy: maybe vice-president can take it over, as VP currently solicits applications for other standing committees or bodies
- Christopher: Can we get this into Yale College? It's a lot to put on one rep's shoulders, and could peter out after a year or two.
  - Open to having a standing body
  - Joe: Can fall under Communication Director's purview
- Associate: want to pair based on interests, rather than background, to ensure goals align
  - Carter likes the idea
  - Wants to find connections
- Megan: can we set it up like Tinder so students can swipe through and pick mentors?
- Diksha: rather than having a database, can we make it a mutual decision?
  - Kate: agree. Pairs need to have some agency in order to maximize chemistry

**VOTE TO SUPPORT GPSS MENTORS: PASSED**

### **Extending Move-out Deadline**

#### **Presentation by Sydney Wade, ES '18**

- Currently, students have to move out the at 12:00 after the final day of exams
  - Hard for everyone: facilities barely has enough time, students feel stress with move-out, things are stolen
  - Students are very unhappy with current requirements
- Students want to push deadline by five hours or 12 hours
  - Puts a lot of pressure on facilities, who already contract out lots of work
  - This year, every res college and OC building will be used for commencement
  - Term-time students also move in to Old Campus at 2:00 pm day of move-out
- Shared timeline for move-out in spring

- Improvements:
  - Don't extend current move-out policy
  - Advertise storage options much earlier
  - Assist and/or endorse Spring Salvage, a charity organization
  - Create student job/working program to have Yalies help Yalies pack/carry/move (coordinate with Dean Genoni and Master Chun)
  - Provide security options for monitoring personal belongings of post-term students for those two hours between move-out and move-in

### Questions

- Carter: How can we get students proactive?
- Daniel: Consider increasing accessibility of carts to move boxes, particularly from Old Campus to residential colleges
  - Lots of assent
  - Maddie: it's much more helpful to have more students positioned on Old Campus because it's hardest to move from OC into colleges (tends to be farther)

**VOTE TO SUPPORT MOVE-OUT RECOMMENDATIONS: PASSED**

**ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP PETITIONS: Unanimously passed**  
**Congrats, Ronny and Jaylen**

### REMINDERS:

1. **Financial Aid Town Hall on Monday at 7 p.m. in LC 102**
2. **YCC Toasting on Saturday, December 12 at 8 p.m. in Branford's Mendell Room**