

Yale College Council
Council of Representatives Meeting
Saturday, September 19, 2015
Meeting Two



Agenda Items

1. Association of Yale Alumni Presentation
2. NROTC Handsome Dan Presentation

Attendance

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

Association of Yale Alumni (AYA) Presentation

Presentation by Steve Blum:

- AYA; YCC → Complimentary Purposes
 - YCC ensures that undergrads have a legitimate voice at/with Yale
 - AYA provides alums (Yale College and Grad/Professional) with a voice, empowers alums to lead/serve as Ambassadors of Yale, and communicates with Yale alums
 - YCC: EBoard, college reps, associate reps, committees/groups
 - AYA: Officers, BOG, elected delegates, at-large delegates, committees/groups
 - The YCC has a real voice with Yale's administration
 - The AYA nominates more than ¼ of the Yale corporation
- Alumni/AYA Facts
 - 160,000+ living Yale alums
 - 75 class groups (75 501(c)(3) groups)
 - Almost 200 Yale clubs
 - Almost 100 alumni shared interest/identity groups
 - More than 400 alumni delegates (classes, clubs and at-large)
 - Elected (mostly) 24-alum Board of Governors (BOG); 4 officers
 - Ex-officio BOG members? YCC, GPSS, University Secretary
 - Supported/empowered by AYA staff (36)
 - >\$4mm in annual funding (compensation + programs)
- Alumni/AYA Myths
 - The AYA mainly manages events and alums (“beef or chicken?”)
 - The AYA “really” seeks to induce alums to donate \$
 - You have to apply for AYA membership
 - AYA members pay dues
- AYA (and STAY) Programming and Events
 - Led by alumni volunteers (honest to goodness!)
 - Classes (age; reunions)
 - Clubs (geography)
 - Shared interest/identity groups
 - Yale Educational Travel (50 trips a year, almost always a professor on the trip)
 - Alumni Service Corps (in essence: Yale's alumni peace corps)
 - Strategic Initiatives (including STAY and Careers, Life & Yale)
- Points of Opportunity; YCC/AYA Collaboration
 - Attend AYA Board meetings (4x year) → real YCC input!

- Join/attend BOG Careers, Life & Yale subcommittee (4x year)
- Promote/attend AYA events such as:
 - Yale Day of Service (May 7, 2016)
 - Reunions (late May 2016; paid (!) clerk positions)
 - Yale-Jefferson Awards (need nominees)
- Promote/attend STAY/CLY events such as:
 - Changing Lives: Careers in Education, Health, Public Service and Social Entrepreneurship (Oct 17, 2015)
 - Humanities in Action (Nov 15, 2015)
 - Assembly speed-networking, lunches (Nov 19, 2015)
 - STAY/CLY Leadership Forums (Nov 6/7, 2015; and Feb 2016)
 - Financial Life After Yale (120 sessions; >3,000 (!) Yalies)

NROTC Handsome Dan Presentation

Presentation by Esteban Elizondo:

- NROTC wants to promote Handsome Dan to midshipman captain (this is already done in Texas, where the highest ranking member is the mascot)
- Handsome Dan is one of the most important symbols of Yale and has already taken part in some ROTC activities, including the annual military ball
- The goal is to strengthen bonds between ROTC and the rest of Yale and thank the university
- Might sound somewhat silly to address a dog with such respect, but it's about honoring and respecting the rank and the university
- The US Navy is currently considering the proposal, but it should get through
- Already have approval from Holloway, commanding officer, midshipmen staff
- Since Handsome Dan is our mascot too, NROTC wants to get YCC feedback

Discussion:

- Meg: Are these things that Handsome Dan would wear?
- Esteban: Yes, but we still need to speak with Handsome Dan's handler about how exactly it'd work. But let's say he is coming to our Military Ball, like he always does. We'd find a way to give him a midshipman cover. We're not sure as to whether he'd wear them 24/7 or only at H/Y and Military Ball. He probably doesn't want to walk around with a hat all day, but it would be for ceremonial events.
- Meg: Is this a ranking awarded to whichever dog is Handsome Dan at the time?
- Esteban: Yes. Right now his name is Sherman. We have enough rank insignia we can give it to each new Handsome Dan.
- Maddie: Why did ROTC go off campus previously?
- Esteban: It was due to protests during the Vietnam War. The unit here was fire bombed. We were established in 1926; most units established back then didn't keep their units during the Vietnam War either. Afterwards, it wasn't reinstated because of the ban on gays and lesbians serving openly in the military. We got the unit back on campus in 2012 after Don't Ask Don't Tell ended. We're still working to reintegrate ourselves with universities.
- Josh: Are there other ways you've discussed to further integrate NROTC with Yale?
- Esteban: I'm sure the midshipmen staff have discussed it, but this was an idea I presented to them that they let me go for. We have our military ball that we are trying to make

better (Amour will tell you more about that). We are also very active at the football games. We're actually a student organization so anyone can join if you want.

- Daniel: It sounds like animal cruelty to force a dog to wear something he doesn't want to wear.
- Esteban: We're probably just going to pin a gold bar to his collar. We're not going to put him in full navy white uniform (even though it'd be adorable). It's six bars attached to his collar and maybe a cover, but we haven't discussed that yet. Maybe just for a picture, but not full time.
- Avery: Is there any movement to integrate the air force unit with the rest of the student body?
- Esteban: We still need to work on that. The navy and air force unit work separately, and we are responsible only for our own unit and outreach. I can't speak for the air force on their intentions. There are 50 midshipmen and only 13-14 air force cadets.
- Mollie: What does the dog at A&M wear?
- Esteban: She wears a blanket that says "Reveille IX."
- Maddie: Should we do a vote to support the proposal?



Vote: PASSED, by unanimous consent