December 2, 2017 meeting

- Devyn: overview of the situation
  - YDN coverage of Saif Khan
  - YCC representative brought these allegations to the YCC and the CEC
  - Closed council meeting
  - Openly hostile after bringing the allegation forward
  - A lot went wrong with this situation
  - Respect, equity in our organization
  - Take allegation seriously
  - We want to start a discussion
  - Any questions: nothing rn

- Matt: this isn’t our organization, none of us were here, but this is something we need to think about going forward, around any sort of allegation against a candidate or member, we want to move forward from this

- Full council questions

- How could YCC have responded differently
  - Addison: logistical question: how confidential was information kept? I don’t think it would be wrong to keep it within the committee
  - concerns were not addressed, there could have been better communication
  - Mo: what happened after she went to CEC,
    - Devyn: she brought it up to President, Saif used closed council to make claims that she was making baseless accusations
  - David: so no one reported?
  - Aadit: students shouldn’t have final say on this
  - Ben: that’s what article said
  - Mo: did they do anything to address it?
  - Devyn: brought concerns to Dean Gentry (Student Affairs) and Sara went to Title IX
  - Addison: even the though title IX was notified, investigation takes a long time. What do we do in the mean time during elections?
  - Matt: YCC president at the time didn’t handle it well. It was very top down structure that year. We want you to disagree with us and not accept our word as final.

- What changes can we make?
  - Heidi: how the CEC responds to allegations. Different allegations have different responses.
  - Kat: defining eligibility. A person has to hold these standards, if they are violated, this happens
  - Aadit: if you have a screening process. Open forum for candidates, raise questions
Lorna: less about what our institution responses should be, but how we hold our friends and classmates accountable to ensure that these things don't happen in the first place. Vigilance in your day to day life

Qusay: has the procedure changed for closed meetings?

Devyn: clarifying reasons for closed meetings. You need to inform council of your reason, for example, could be a requirement. Don't want to be blindsided.

Mo: closed meeting?

Devyn: closed to rest of yale

Steven: everything we do needs to be on the record. Don’t want to open the door

Lorna: what is the purpose?

Devyn: if something is developing, that’s what these meetings can be use for

Matt: never known about closed meeting

Kiran D: only pres, cos, vp can call a closed meeting? If it’s just for developing information, doesn’t seem to be needed for anything else

Aadit: council meeting independently from executive board the same thing?

Matt: no, it is very different

Alex: we are a bit distracted. No reason for closed door meeting. Title IX case length. We have to be mindful of the person who is running, innocent until guilty. We can’t get anywhere to remove someone in a week

Aadit: remove after the investigation?

Alex: yes

Ryley: YPU meets to decide who is qualified for office.

Alex: no, not appropriate. These events are tricky, these people are dealing with actual adjudicative processes.

• How can we prove to students that our current YCC is different from that of 2013-14?

Aadit: response?

Matt: it is a possibility if we think it is appropriate

Ben: think that should be done. It is an important response to make

Alex: listening sessions?

Matt: are people talking about this?

Addison: family members who reached out to me about this

Daniel: yeah people asked me about this at a wedding

Matt: published in the YDN, front page news

Kiran D: brought it up to a few people, being proactive. The worst response is one that people hope doesn’t become a story. Informing people that this happened, and what concrete steps we will be taking to act on this

Azaria: showing the yale community that we are not this YCC, showing them our actions. It is an ongoing thing. People trust you, and it is important to show that that trust is valid

Qusay: connecting students more directly with Title IX. important to set the direction of how to address it when it comes up on campus

Alex: ratify an apology to the person

Matt: any changes in guidelines have to be voted on?
○ Nick: no, it is the VP’s authority, but I would like it to be an ongoing conversation
● Lorna: support group for anyone who has experienced sexual misconduct, it is a place to discuss. Monday @ 8pm. Contact Lorna

Small Group discussions:

Working groups update!

Project updates!

We will be meeting with reps to rethink