Minutes:

DSA Success!!!!
Fall Survey closed—

Tyler and Events
HY Party— usually at commons, but commons closed, but we’re having it in commons anyways
2 weeks away— lots of work that still needs to be done
**Action Items— Build hype about HY Party!
Planning on having a student DJ party
Graphics/ video for HY— need a design for the party
Video for advertising

Project Updates
- Midterm Feedback
  - Professors to Students and Students to Professors
  - Goal to increase feedback— want to push for new classes being introduced
  - Also want to get grades back at midterm season
  - Peer institution research
    - Other schools have similar programs
  - WGSS is good at taking feedback
  - Architecture is not as good at providing feedback
  - Google form set up for anonymous feedback continuously
  - Classes V2 used to have an anonymous feedback option

- Meals with Professors
  - Rename to meals with faculty?
  - Essentially a way for students to connect with those that are teaching them
  - Mutual free time to grab a meal (covered by yale)
  - How many students would be ideal? (1-3 maybe)
  - How much is reasonable for yale to offer as a voucher
  - How often and where would the meals take place?
    - Might be hesitant to have meals off campus— Dean Chun would prefer to have the meals in the DHall, but this might take away from the popularity of the program
  - Lots of similar projects in peer institutions
  - Fits with Yale’s focus on student-faculty interactions
  - Need to emphasize the benefits of an off campus interaction with faculty
  - Other sources of funding?
    - Residential colleges, specific department budget
  - Eating off campus might lead to a shift in focus of people who utilize the program
  - 1 person might be a little awkward
    - Ideal number around 3
  - Selecting professors to be in the program
Students ask their professors to grab the meal and set up a mutual time
  - Could ask for a pilot program with one department or so
  - Also get faculty to advocate for it as well

Dietary Restrictions
  - Looking into what it’s like to eat at Yale with an allergy
  - Accommodations vary based on dining hall/ chef
  - Across peer institutions
    - Fewer dining halls, so nicer allergen safe areas
    - Stamford and GW and UVA particularly have good conditions
    - Special kitchen areas
    - Yale is relatively behind its peers
  - Labels on Yale’s dining
  - Consistent recipes
  - Perhaps have a rotating dining hall for dietary restriction

Focus groups
  - Have a lot of questions prepared
  - Record the focus group
  - Have someone taking notes and someone moderating the discussion
  - Identify the problem— why is it a Yale specific problem, give background
  - Then round table introduction, explanation of their interests, etc.
  - Start with questions