Meeting Minutes 10.28.17

Met with Dean Chun
— Presented Survey Questions and he’s very interested in our projects and topics
— Cre/D/Fail project moving forward
— Off Campus housing (~40% seniors off campus)

Meeting with Dean L
— Changes in the Yale Drug Policy
— Medical amnesty includes other drugs in addition to alcohol

Sal Meeting with Dean Shurmeister?
Dean of Undergraduate Education
— Course Drop fees and art and architecture fees and clustering courses around other subjects
— Project on creating website that will group courses into different topics/areas of concentration/
— Shopping period posting syllabi project

Fall Survey
— about 650 responses, looking to have a second push for survey responses

OCS
— goal of project is to help First-Years become more involved with the OCS/more aware of the resources
— Peer Institutions: some have first-year workshops with the OCS to introduce the first years to the resources available and some have second semester workshops for resumes/linkedin/etc
Currently Yale doesn’t have any specifically OCS related events during camp yale nor do we have the second semester workshops
— OCS has drop in hours, but the location is kinda far (55 Whitney)
— Can send your resume to them and get feedback
— A lot of opportunities are for junior summer internships or after graduation jobs
— OCS holds the key to a lot of Yale funding: http://funding.yale.edu/
— Caution of doing something during Camp Yale because of the intimidation factor
— Alumni Network could also benefit first-years
— First-Year only OCS events/panlist?
— OCS good to help with ISA
— Perhaps a Q and A panel would be beneficial for first years
— question from Dean Lazarbar: are First Year students the best group to target for this project?
— First Year spring could be good: a lot of sophomore summer opportunities have deadlines a full year before (in the first year summer), so information before then would be good
— suggestion: OCS drop in hours closer to campus occasionally
— Pre Professional Advising
— Simplicity website for OCS (kinda confusing); have a clinic of how to use simplicity
— perhaps get data on how much of yale is using simplicity

Funding for Domestic Internships/ opportunities
— looking for something similar to the ISA (funding scholarship to go abroad over the summers)
— harder to find funding for domestic opportunities; inhibits people from taking domestic internships
— trying to understand how intense the problem is, how many students does this impact
— should we push for a separate pool of funding for domestic internships? Or allow ISA funding for domestic internship
  — former solution is harder logistically (more money); latter doesn’t get people to go abroad as much
— alternative solution is another source of funding
— currently stratifying the survey by major, field, (imbalance for humanities and social science vs. stem),
— Questions: What should we push for yale to do to have more domestic opportunities
— Current funding website is hard to navigate
  — maybe create a filter for domestic vs. abroad activities
— Lack of STEM opportunities; ask yale to add more Yale stem funding/ opportunities
— many of the fellowships are very directed
— After first year, STEM fellowships decrease a lot
  — would have to seek funding/ payment from a lab
— some residential college fellowships allow you to use your funding for the student contribution
— Dean’s fellowship is for research in the US (≈80 people)
— site for science and quantitative reasoning websites
— bulldogs in the bluegrass through the yale club of kentucky
— nothing at yale for self-design domestic opportunities

Shuttle Routes
— Shuttle system will have to be readjusted for new colleges
— Spoke with the head of the shuttle system and someone who works in administration
— shuttle system owns 60 vehicles that can be reallocated; can get drivers
— limiting factor is that the budget is fixed, so if we want to change something, something will have to go
— will have to work with the grad school student government
— focus groups
— data on bus use/ shuttle ridership
— blue and orange lines slightly different after science hill
— different sized buses— red line has sharper turns
— idea for shuttles to go further off campus (like to stop and shop etc.)

Focus Group Week
— Focus group week is in two weeks
— Example of how to run a focus group
  — short slide show or a handout describing project
What the problem is, how we plan to solve them, and foreseeable problems
  — questions you want to ask (A LOT)
  — open floor for suggestions
— maybe snacks?
— also try to facilitate participation so that one person does not dominate the discussion