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Council of Representatives Meeting
Saturday, February 22, 2014; 4:00 PM
Meeting Five

Action Items

1. Discussion on new funding guidelines for UOC tabled to next meeting.  
   Yonghyun, Connor

2. Study Break Sunday night in Bass Café  
   All, 2/23 at 11 pm

Attendance

Present
1. Danny Avraham
2. Kyle Tramonte
3. Andrew Grass
4. Leigh Hamilton
5. Eli Rivkin
6. Ben Ackerman
7. Maia Eliscovich-Sigal
8. David Lawrence
9. Sara Samuel
10. Vicky Chou
11. Leah Motzkin
12. Grant Fergusson
13. Grant Bronsdon
14. Khalid Attalla
15. Michael Leopold
16. Sara Miller
17. Yaphet Getachew
18. Jamie Halberstam
19. Kevin Kory
20. Allison Kolberg
21. Saifulah Khan
22. Connor Feeley
23. Andi Peng
24. Madeline Bauer
25. Joseph English
26. Ewurama Okai
27. Yonghyun Kwon
28. Kristoffer Acuña
29. Bechir-Auguste Pierre
30. Azan Virji
31. Steven Goulas
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32. Ahron Singer
33. Sukriti Mohan
34. Michael Herbert (guest)
35. Matthew Lloyd Thomas (guest)
36. Sterling Johnson III (guest)
37. Diana Rosen (guest)
38. Tyler Blackmon (Guest)
39. Scott Stern (guest)
40. Mike Wolner (guest)

Excused Absence
1. JR Reed

Unexcused Absence
1. Michael Marcel

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).

• Meeting Start 4:00 pm.
• Announcements
  o YCC Dinners
    ▪ Azan – already made the list, will be mailed shortly
  o Introduced Guests
  o Forum on New Residential Colleges – Danny Avraham
    ▪ Student Life Forum – Monday, 2/24 in the Branford Common Room from 7-8 pm
    ▪ Academics Forum – Tuesday, 2/25 in Calhoun Fellows Lounge from 7-8 pm
    ▪ Expansion Committee wants to hear student concerns about what could come from new residential colleges
  o Study Break on Sunday – Eli Rivkin
    ▪ TOMORROW, 2/23 in Bass Café at 11 pm
    ▪ Wear your YCC T-shirts
    ▪ There will be Insomnia cookies
    ▪ Vicky – Didn’t they do insomnia cookies last year and they went too quickly?
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- Eli – we would stagger it
  - Grant F – for nut allergies could we separate boxes
    - Eli – Yes
  - Kris – Inefficient in delivering cookies over the past few weeks
    - Eli – Noted.
    - Eli – We will probably go with Insomnia

- **UOC Grant Cycle S5** – Ben Ackerman
  - *Approved by unanimous consent*
- **UOC Funding Guidelines** – Yonghyun Kwon
  - This does not include specific figures since that requires additional statistical analysis
  - Assessed Problems
    - There is no real way to further meet student demands due to limited budget
    - Feedback from student leaders indicate that the vagueness of guidelines and outdated figures that lead to unrealistic expectations are the biggest problems
    - Misuse of funds
    - Lack of historical data
    - Data received from organization is self reported
  - General Directions
    - Given limited budget, goal is efficiency: Impact is more important than complete equality (but equality amongst those that have the same impact is imperative).
    - Ensure clarity and provide realistic expectations of grant allocations to student organizations
    - Efficient and accurate systems are a must.
  - Grant Adjudication Standards
    - Impact
      - Number of people affected: Yale Undergraduates and/or larger public
      - Promotion of diversity and vibrancy of campus life
    - Need
      - Current Financial Standing Analysis
        - Other Sources of Income
        - Expected Expenditures
      - How vital it is to the maintenance of the organization
  - **Proposal 1A: Tier System to Determine Impact & Eligibility for All Grants**
    - Assign tiers to individual organizations based on evaluation of impacts on campus life and previous expenditure at the beginning of each semester.
    - Limit allocations of funds based on assigned tier level.
    - Pros
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- Allows for the decisions regarding allocations and impact to be separated, allowing for equitable allocations
- Provide clearer expectations to organizations applying

• Cons
  - Elitist backlash
  - Undermine the potential of smaller or newer groups

• Possible Metrics:
  - Number of people: Demonstrated attendance (Organization Management System, swipe in the future)
  - Diversity & Uniqueness: Faculty/professional endorsements

• Will have to be established in concert with the YCDO

- Proposal 1B: Tier System to Determine Impact & Eligibility for Events Only
  - Statistical analysis shows that Events Grants display both a higher average and a more even spread of requested funds than Administrative Grants. Therefore this would not only be effective in taking care of surface demand but also relatively easy to apply in the status quo (as opposed to Administrative Grants).

- Proposal 2A: Segment Application Types
  - Create new categories and set definite limits for each category
    - Administrative
    - Events
    - Durable Goods and Advertising
    - Publications
    - Start Up (New Organization)

- Durable Goods & Advertisements
  - Must provide the purchased materials for proof before award is fully confirmed
  - For large and heavy items may request for UOC members to come to the site (e.g. speakers)
  - Same goes for any advertising or equipment funding awarded under Event Grants

- Publication
  - Set a specific proportion aside to publications
  - Number of people: Student Survey - 40% says it is meaningful enough to be funded
  - Diversity & Uniqueness: Written endorsements of 5 different faculty members in the field
Discussion: General Questions

- Ben – any questions about UOC’s current guidelines?
- Sterling – A lot of service organizations have received far less than they have requested, so how do you measure impact?
  - Ben – Fantastic questions, this issue has been important for us this year. First, how many Yale students have been impacted by the funds we give out. UOC receives $205,000 annually. We look at the broader figures as well. Question of figuring out where impact of service meets impact of student life is difficult to determine.
- Sterling – Yale students impacted over other community services, should that mean service organizations should look for other sources of funding outside of UOC?
  - Ben – We tell all student organizations to apply for as many student organizations as is possible. We have gotten better at distributing funds, but we can’t fund everything due to lack of funds.

Discussion: Proposal 1A

- Grant F – how would we assign tiers that would accurately represent organizations?
  - Yonghyun – actual expenditures last semester will be important to look at. If they had a budget of $500, unlikely they will need $5000 for example. Impact portion is what UOC already does when they assess applications. I’m suggesting that same process happens, but done beforehand.
  - Grant F – will the organizations know their tier?
    - Ben – Will know their tier.
    - Danny – If this is approved we should also have an appeal process in place.
- Leah – How many tiers are you planning on having?
  - Yonghyun – we have to figure it out
- Maddie – How does the tier system take into account that the biggest organizations get the most outside funds?
  - Yonghyun – Goes back to standards of having need to maintain the organization. Problem is data is currently self-reported. We will be relying on those reports until we have better system.
- Vicky – How will implementation of the tier system impact people applying for grants?
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• Yonghyun – application process will remain the same, and tiers will be assigned before the fiscal year starts.
  o Ben – Will plan for it, but will also figure it out when the Dean’s Committee makes their decisions.

• Ewurama – If big organizations have little needs, will they have a lower tier?
  o Yonghyun – We do have to work out the specifics of assigning tiers based on the expenditures.
  o Ben – Most of the time when student organization applications are rejected based on need, its because they want to go above what they already have.

• Joe – Coming from UOC, I think there will be significant backlash being assigned into a lower tier.
  o Ben – System very similar to what exists at Cornell.
  o Yonghyun – Student organizations may appreciate having more realistic expectations.

• Khalid – Why do we need to formalize tiers rather than informal tiers?
  o Yonghyun – I think it will make it clearer.
  o Khalid – Have it but not label. Post it and suggest what student organizations should apply for.
  o Ewurama – For example, if you are a student organization with X impact, then you should apply for this.

• Kevin – We can’t really hold any group accountable, so I’m wary of giving fixed guidelines since people may game the system.
  o Allison – Giving tiers gives the opportunity for people to understand why they are getting the money they are.
  o Yonghyun – In an auxiliary recommendation, we have discussed creating a larger UOC (more cross-sectional representation).

• Maddie – The tier system is not ensuring funding, so I think this will give greater visibility to funding decisions.
  o Ewurama – Pigeonholes organizations, which may not be good since they may get stuck in a cycle.

• Ben – Conversation has been productive, but we need to move on, so we will postpone debate to next week as well. Please email us

- Discussion: Proposal 1B
  - Tabled for next week.
- Discussion: Proposal 2A
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- Allison – accountability for alcohol is necessary, but may not be feasible to have people turn in flyers.

- **Dean Search Committee** – Kyle Tramonte
  - President Salovey informed Danny that an undergraduate student should be put on the advisory committee for the selection of the new dean of Yale College.
  - Nomination is required by Monday, 2/24.
  - Danny has decided to turn this authority to the Council of Representatives.
  - Precedents
    - GPSS – Assembly was given authority to nominate, steering committee selected their own president.
    - Harvard – Dean’s advisory selection committee included two students: UC President and VP.
  - Options
    - (1) Council nominates and elects
    - (2) Student wide application process
      - Solicit written applications
      - Conduct interviews
      - Executive board vets and selects student
    - (3) Campus wide election

- Discussion
  - Danny – On Tuesday, President Salovey told me to nominate a student. I have decided to transfer this authority to the council.
  - Khalid – What are Danny’s thoughts?
    - Danny – I’d like everyone else to get the chance to voice their opinions on this matter since I have passed on the authority.
  - Maddie – What is the timeline of deciding?
    - Kyle – we need to decide today.
  - Diana Rosen – The campus wide election seems vague. Would it be possible to nominate people here and then have a campus wide election?
  - Tyler Blackmon – Third option would have details that would need to be worked out. We can work out details of a campus-wide election. I would like to do this, and this matters a lot to me. Crucial that we look at precedent here. Opportunity for us to take this seriously. People will look back to figure out how we do this, so students should have a voice in some capacity.
  - Scott Stern – Students will question the legitimacy of a choice that they don’t elect. Whatever the details are of an election is secondary to having a direct election.
  - Allison – This body has already been elected. I would also like to hear from Danny what he thinks.
• Danny – I’ll respond at the end.

- Grant B – I thought of a hybrid approach. We email student body and solicit applications, selecting smaller group ourselves, and smaller group will be elected. Make sure people are competent, but people still get to elect someone. We are all dedicated to this being a democratic process.

- Grant F – We are being naïve here about the need for a public election on this issue. During the recent referendum after weeks of campaigning and canvassing only 50% of students participated. This election will need to be held in a day or two. This process won’t be right because it will be a very weak representation of students. Elections aren’t just held for the sake of elections, the process needs to be legitimate.

- Jaime – I think the idea of an application is valuable because it gets rid of issues of other options, but with the hurried timeline an application may not be feasible to do by Wednesday.

- Maddie – I agree with the democratic idea, but one thing I have learned is that so much of the inner workings of the administration are not known by the student body, so it is most important to have someone who would know that. Even if there is an election, the person would have to get caught up very quickly.

- Ewurama – A campus wide election may be unprepared and not crafted well.

- Andi – I agree that precedence is important, and it would be bad precedent to have YCC kick every committee appointment back to the student body. YCC needs to preserve values that representatives represent students.

- Joe – Constitution says YCC is voice of the student body. If that is true, person on the committee needs to be from the YCC. President or Vice President was elected by student body so having one of them makes the most sense.

- Azan – This is a really big thing, so I would be more comfortable with the Executive Board interviewing all applicants to this position.

- Yonghyun – Is this issue radically different from other issues YCC has addressed so far? At first glance it may seem to be, but actually it may not be.

- Saif – Proposal 3 may turn into more of a popularity contest; whereas Proposal 2 may be more appropriate to have a qualified person.

- Leigh – Have we ever done a campus-wide election for a committee?
  • Kyle – No.

- Sara – People who should sit on this committee should be interacting with administrators like YCC does.
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- Leah – What is the role of the president? The president is the person who is the face of the student body to the administrators. That is the person who will represent the student body for the year. Administrators know him and they will know him well.
- Maia – Someone suggested that we filter candidates if we do Proposal 3. That wouldn’t be democratic. If we are already filtering, we should just decide ourselves.
- Richard – Whoever this is they have to be held accountable, so we will need someone that is pretty informed on the issues. Either way students will be represented and the person will be held accountable.
- Sara M – Question about the time crunch. Why can’t we push it back to next week?
  - Kyle – Salovey wants to name people to start searching.
  - Danny – He wants to announce the entire committee structure next week from my understanding.
- Yaphet – How does Proposal 2 work if the President and Vice President want to apply?
  - Danny – On most University Standing Committees YCC always has a representative on it. More spots for those committees as well. Most large committees have the YCC President as a member by default. When there is a committee with one slot normally an executive board member is appointed.
- Khalid – To respond to Richard. Anyone who is particularly passionate will apply. Campus-wide election may be rushed but what is the harm in allowing it to happen. If people don’t vote then they aren’t interested enough in the matter.
- Scott – I agree, and I don’t see any harm in having an election. YCC people can run. We have never had this opportunity before, so it should be as democratic as possible. People will not be happy if the one person to choose the Dean is not elected.
  - Danny – it’s important to clarify what the responsibility of this representative is. He or she will be a member of a committee with 12 other faculty members and the graduate student. This committee does not choose the next dean, they make a recommendation. And the student will not be the one person to choose, he or she is expected to be on the committee to provide broad student opinions after soliciting them.
  - Scott – the committee in effect choses because Salovey would not go against their recommendation.
- Kevin – What will the election process be? How would people running run?
• Kyle – very problematic in this short timeline but ideally same process as everyone does to have a YCC election. Submit candidacy statement, etc.
  • Tyler – Yes, this is an advisory committee, but Salovey will end up selecting the person the committee chooses. A lot of talk about YCC representing the students already, there should be an election because enough people care and people would want an election. There is a concern about some random person running and winning the election and undermine the election. The most qualified people for the position are in this room right now. To clarify I have no desire to be this person. To make sure this is exactly what the student body wants, we need to confirm it in an election. Harvard just elected a joke UC president, what if a joke president is elected and they are automatically a member of a crucial committee. You all are underestimating the maturity of Yale students.
  • Yonghyun – Who exactly are you representing when you say “many people.” Are you here because this is something that you’d like to happen or are you here as a representative of the student body?
    o Tyler – I’m not going to speak on behalf of the student body, but people want this.
  • Diana – We should just have people nominate candidates and then have an election. To Grant’s point about voter participation, YCC voter turnout is not particularly high but that does not invalidate the YCC.
  • Allison – If we do a campus-wide election, we need to solicit people to run. Campus-wide election would be good if we could pull it off. Would vetting candidates be okay?
    • Kyle – No it would not probably be an issue.
    • Allison – If we have 100 people want to run, would 100 be on a ballot.
    • Danny – Yes, if we go with option number 3, we need to let everyone run. Vetting candidates would not be appropriate.
  • Sterling – I’m leaning towards number 3, and am open to 2. GPSS just nominated their president, but YCC is not the same as GPSS. There is higher participation in GPSS because higher stake. Larger issues like sexual assault, mental health, class issues are everywhere, so we need an open process to have a student to advocate for these things.
  • Grant B – We need to solicit applications in some form regardless of what process we choose.
  • Grant F – Brandon Levin was not elected campus-wide and there was not outrage. If we put someone on this committee like Danny
who has relations with the Deans, he has already talked to vocal people on the issue. Someone else would be thrown on the committee without any prior knowledge. That would be irresponsible.

- **Mike Wolner** – I get that people on YCC care a lot about YCC, and people in other groups don’t care a lot about YCC but care about the Dean. Someone coming from a fraternity would know about fraternity while YCC would not know about these issues. Someone on a sports team would know about their issues as well. We need to elect someone who can get the most support from these groups.

- **Leigh** – In response to Mike, we need someone on the committee who cares about all issues, not just one. I’m in a sorority and a sports team as well – so there are people on YCC who do represent those interests. Thousands of people respond to surveys saying they want a certain policy, things are put on our agenda that people care about. With an election, I’d be concerned about presenting a platform in a way that students hear what you are supporting. It’s difficult for the student body to hear all opinions in only a couple of days. Participation would be a key factor, so would this be feasible for everyone to get their opinions across.

- **Jaime** – If you choose someone just because he’s in a fraternity like Mike is suggesting you may alienate people who don’t care about that issue. Unfair to say YCC is less representative because we are only familiar with YCC agenda. YCC’s agenda is larger than that of any one group, it aims to represent the entire student body.

- **Vicky** – I agree with Danny that election needs to be all or nothing.

- **Smo** – Unwise to do this internally because there are a lot of people out there that we don’t know who may be great to be on the committee. Would be easier to do a campus wide election than an applications process. Candidacy statement could have questions that people have to answer to make people show they care to run.

- **Maddie** – My biggest issue with an election is that there is no platform for people to run. How would student body determine the best person. People could say Danny is president, Maia does student life, Andrew sends emails, etc.. so the election in a day or two would just be about name recognition rather than substantive issues.

- **Ewurama** – I want to go back to the point that YCC would alienate organizations if we nominate internally. We have talked about so many issues, wheelchair accessibility, funding for groups, alcohol policies, academic issues. We cover the broad scope of issues on
campus weekly more than any other group on campus.
Representatives on YCC all do different activities and represent
different parts of the community. The 24 of us cover the whole
campus more than any other group. Person selected would have
opinions from the 23 and the student body. It’s not fair to say that
people in this room do not represent students or else you should
not have elected people.

- Joe – Many students are interested in sitting on the committee, but
do they care about all the issues? If they do, they should have run
for office. Precedent is very important, and Danny is clearly the
most qualified person to talk about everything concerning the
student body even if I don’t always agree with him.

- Yonghyun – We seem to be saying the most important quality is
that they care about choosing a dean, but it is not the most
important. The most important would be to influence people on
the committee. Students generally have little sway, but Danny will
have the best chance to influence faculty members.

- Azan – Are we deciding just this time or in the future as well?
  - Kyle – This could set precedent but not altering
    constitution.

- Saif – Reiterate preference for 2. Statistically likely for a fluke to
  happen. 5% to 10% of the voters could significantly influence an
  election.

- Connor – Danny is unquestionably the most qualified based off of
  all the time he has spent meeting with administrators. If we do all
or nothing election, and we get 25 candidates to run, how many
people will read through all material and make an informed
judgment?

- Ben – When I first started my YCC journey, people would laugh at
  me about why I would choose to do extracurriculars in an
organization that was deemed laughable. I’m very proud of what
YCC has done and that we have a big decision to make, and
students are passionate and coming to the meetings lends
tremendous gravity to YCC. Our decision is a fantastic opportunity
to show YCC does stuff. YCC puts in so many hours to do things
well for students, so YCC deserves some acknowledgement from
the student body. I’m strongly in favor of YCC remaining the
representative of the student body.

- Kyle – Every group on campus is concerned about their interests,
  and YCC represents them. Not many students could look me in the
eyes and tell me what the Dean does or who some of the deans are.
The student on the committee needs to know about Dean’s
interactions and how they work. Dean of Yale College is important,
but every other dean in the YCDO is also important. Need to know
if that Dean will interact with the other deans and the student body at large.

- Leah – Everyone can agree that people outside of YCC could do a good job, but we need to consider who will do the best. While a few vocal students with a specific agenda are visiting this meeting today other students told me they would support a YCC nomination and don’t see a need for public elections. We were elected to represent for a reason. Danny would do the best job.

-Leah reads the preamble of the YCC Constitution and the role of the President.

- Maia – Danny has been holding forums and getting student input on so many issues all year. We have been doing it the entire year, so we should continue to do it.

- Sara M – We like this constitution, but this council was voted under the old Constitution. Are we going to say it should always be the President or the YCC who decides?
  - Danny – the role of the president hasn’t changed in the new constitution.

- Richard – Danny is clearly the most qualified. Given that this is an advisory committee, we can have an election to get a student and have Danny as a candidate. Danny would probably win.

- Bechir – Election adds a lot of room for flukes to happen. We don’t need to search for flukes. We have all been saying Danny has been great, but we don’t even know if Danny wants to do it. I came into this meeting very open-minded. I do think that since this council is supposed to represent the student body, if we were to push this to the student body. Then why don’t we just give all our decisions to the student body? Then we wouldn’t be doing what we were elected to do.

- Matthew Lloyd Thomas (YDN) – Question from YDN: why did you wait until Saturday to decide?
  - Kyle – We wanted the Council of Representatives to decide and the Council meets on Saturdays. In order to make a decision a quorum needs to be present, it was unfeasible in the midst of midterms to obtain such a quorum.

- Scott – When election was held, old constitution was under place and did not discuss making this decision. Troubling to hear elected representatives say people won’t read 25 candidacy statements. This should be like referendum. Will exact breakdown of names of who votes be released?
  - Kyle –Yes.

- Khalid – We can’t predict what will happen. I think that we cannot make unilateral decisions all the time. Earlier Grant mentioned that someone might be thrust into this role, during an election the
burden of proof is shifted to the candidates. But will they have time to prove this burden?

- Kevin – Would show our maturity to do what a vocal 30% want, and we don’t have to do all or nothing as a representative democratic body.
- Diana – Agree with Kevin. Assuming that this goes like what Brandon Levin did for Presidential search, he held office hours and people went. Whoever it is will have to meet with the student body regularly.
- Tyler – First of all, there is a feeling that I am attacking YCC or Danny. I’m not. You guys do an incredible job. I’m constantly talking to Andrew about what YCC does. YCC has built respect on campus. This would be the height of legitimacy for YCC on campus. This issue does not come up that often. This is something that people care for. Should give people a direct voice. People’s speeches in support of Danny would be the reason to support Danny in the election. Underestimating Yale students ability to see that. We need to make sure that the students know they back this person.
- Sterling – I’d like to echo the respect I have for everyone in this room. I’ve been having trouble understanding the pushback for elections. YCC elections do not have the most turnout. Very important to have an open vote for a position.
- Leigh – People will spam their panlists. It is clear that Danny serves the student body. YCC regardless can have a role in this position.
- Grant B – Either an election or council decision. Council decision does not mean that it will be Danny. Council decision in the future will not be certain. Should consider in the abstract.
- Ahron – I’m for proposal 1. I’m an Eli Whitney student, who often don’t have a voice on campus issues. I was not elected, but decided to join YCC as an associate representative. If other groups want a voice, they should come to YCC meetings like I do. If the frats nominate a person who just cares about their interests, I’ll never see that person and we won’t know what’s happening. If they care, then they should come to YCC since it is a voice for all students. This is what YCC does, so we should follow this.
- Grant F – Quick point, an election thrown together in 24 hours is not really more legitimate than council selection who vote every week as elected representatives.
- Jaime – Should not be an automatic thing for YCC President to be on the committee. Having a popular voted person, either new person or Danny, would be taken more seriously.
- Smo – Worries me that if you wanted to have a voice you should have run for YCC, because not everyone really had a chance to run.
Ahron – I did not say you need to run. I did not run, but still attend YCC meetings regularly.

Kris – I’d like to reiterate the point that there are members of every group on this Council. I think Danny is the most qualified person on campus to be on this committee. I do think that YCC has tried to be more open.

Ewurama – First, this meeting is unprecedented. We need to question everything, and the fact that we are questioning how we are doing the selection is great. This is the precedent. YCC encouraged people to come to this meeting, and say what you want to say. I would point out that people always disagree. We have set the precedent of questioning what the process was. Valid point to say that coming to YCC is giving you a voice.

Andi – I really respect what everyone has said today. This issue extends far beyond putting a rep on the committee. If we set a precedent of letting student body making hard decisions, then YCC is crippling itself. How can the rest of the student body do this?

Yonghyun – Agree with Tyler’s point that it would look better for YCC to hold an election since it would be a democratic institution willing to hold an election. Only reason I would not want to do that is because I genuinely believe that we already have the best person to be on the committee, and that is Danny.

Saif – President Salovey gave the decision to Danny who gave it us. I would prefer option 1.

Connor – What is the harm of holding a public election? The harm is that we make a poor decision or we erect a structure that lets us make a poor decision. Enormous risk to tarnish what we have worked so hard to create, and if we elect a bad person, not just YCC would lose, but all students. Many people have said Danny would win. We all know everything that Danny has done this past year, but many students who do not read emails or the YDN do not know, and they might make a very uninformed decision when asked to vote in a 24 hour notice.

Ben – Only together we have the actual possibility to have a positive impact on campus.

Maia – We should have a confidential election.
  • Ewurama – people should be okay defending their opinions in public.

Vote – Which proposal do you want to use? If one proposal wins a majority it will be adopted, otherwise we will revote with the top 2. Proposal 1 adopted (12-1-9).

### Choosing Dean

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- Nominations
  - Danny nominated
  - Kyle nominated but withdraws his name from consideration
  - Vicky – does Danny want to do this?
    - Danny – I purposefully refrained from talking until this point, since I decided to pass along the authority to the Council. I reached out to Scott, Diana, and Tyler a few days ago because I wanted to hear their opinions in person because they were vocal. I invited them to this meeting because I wanted you all to be able to hear their arguments in person as well. We changed today’s agenda to include their request, which they did not express until this morning after I reached out to them. To comment on Scott’s arguments I do not believe that this process is undemocratic. YCC elections placed 30 people in this room. They have a mandate to represent the entire student body and they do that every week when they vote on issues in
The elections that placed each of you in this room were open to all, including Scott. This body represents the entire student body to the administration to the best extent that it can on a daily basis. YCC nominates students to dozens of University committees each year. Since the majority expressed a desire to nominate and elect internally, I would be willing to accept the nomination because I believe that my experience working with the Dean’s office could provide unique input that can be especially beneficial to the selection process and I am committed to engaging with students and representing the wide of points of views to the committee. Yonghyun expressed this beautifully earlier - we would have great Op-Eds tomorrow if we decide to hold a public election with the three columnists here making the same request. But that election will not be a serious process given the time constraints presented by the administration. Students will not have the time to become informed of the issues or the candidates. Holding an unprofessional election just for the sake of appeasing a few students who happen to be very vocal and from fear of being criticized would be reckless governance. This is a very democratic process, every person here who is voting today was elected to make decisions that represent the student body.

- Ben nominated but withdraws name from consideration.
- Scott Stern nominated but withdraws name from consideration.
- Sterling Johnson III nominated but withdraws name from consideration.
- Ben – every nomination should have a contestant so I a will reconsider and am willing to be nominated, but I support Danny’s appointment.
- Tyler Blackmon nominated.
- Scott – does Danny want to withdraw now that it is contested?
- Tyler – Obviously this was not the way I wanted it to go. I’m staying in the election as an option for everyone out there to have a voice out of the YCC.
- Diana – Appreciated getting reached out to, but it was 3 columnists who were reached out to.
  - Danny – I reached out to students who were vocal about this issue and I was interested in hearing their opinions before we made a decision.
- Diana – but I didn’t write a column about this.
  - Danny – We asked Tyler which students on SUN are interested in this issue and he gave us your name. That’s why you were invited, and I also encouraged you all to
invite any additional students who might be interested but you didn’t.
  o Tyler – yes I did give them your name.
  o Kris – In the chaos that was this debate, who would Scott support?
  • Scott – Since this isn’t being held as an election. Tyler was extremely qualified and thought about this a lot. He argued with Master Laurans for 45 minutes about this.
  • Vote – Danny Avraham elected as student representative.

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• Sara M – I’m proud of this discussion.
• Kyle – I have faith that Matt’s article will reflect that the vote was for an election with Danny chosen and not for the YCC President automatically being the person.

• Meeting Ended 6:25 pm.