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INTERNAL REFORMS

The purpose of the YCC is, broadly, to serve Yale College students. We provide students with a variety of services, including events and club funding. We also function as a policy-advocacy body. In this role, we lobby administrators and offices of the Yale College Dean’s Office in order to improve the undergraduate experience at Yale.

In past years, the Yale College Council lacked legitimacy and trust from the student body. This fall, we set out to change that with a set of comprehensive internal reforms. We aimed to win back this trust through making actionable and visible change on campus and engaging with each and every student, and strongly believe that we have achieved this goal.

Constitution

The YCC Constitution of the 2017-18 school year was an extremely outdated document that did not reflect the YCC as it currently functions. At the YCC Senate’s first meeting this fall, Senators voted unanimously to ratify a thoroughly updated Constitution that reflected drastic internal and structural changes of the Yale College Council.

The Council of Representatives and Structural Reform

We comprehensively reformed the Yale College Council, for the first time in its history, to create a bicameral structure. As per campaign promises of President Sal Rao and Vice President Heidi Dong, the YCC now includes two policy-making bodies: the Senate and the Council of Representatives. The brand-new Council of Representatives is comprised of student leaders from every corner of campus and our inaugural meeting was a huge success, with over 232 attendees. We went on to host three plenary meetings throughout the course of the semester, at which Representatives voted to approve the YCC budget and policy priorities, received updates on YCC business, and elected internal Council leadership positions.

Record Response to our Fall Survey

We closed our YCC Fall Survey with a total of 3,200 responses—double the response rate of last year. We collected important information on mental health and counseling, academic resources, residential college life. For the first time, in the interest of being as transparent as possible, we shared a readout of survey responses with all students and gave any student the opportunity to request partial or comprehensive survey data.

Communications and Engagement Initiatives

This past semester, Communications Director Brienna Carter and YCC executive leadership worked hard to make sure that we reached every student on campus. Our Communications Team worked to ensure that we delivered weekly “YCCatch-Up” newsletters to the student body, published “YCC-Span” weekly update videos on the YCC Facebook page, bolstered our social
media outreach, overhauled and updated our website, and hosted weekly Press Conferences open to reporters from any campus publication.

Push for Transparency

We undertook several internal reforms in the interest of earning back the trust of the student body. Throughout the semester, we ensured that we published consistent financial updates (both of YCC external funds as well as of UOFC funding rounds) and made minutes from each and every Senate and Council meeting publicly available. Our weekly newsletters included a comprehensive calendar of our meetings with Yale Administrators each and every week, along with a “Request Agenda Item” button accessible by the entire student body.

YCC Diversity Survey

We conducted a comprehensive survey of roughly 100 members of our Executive Board, Senate, committees — business, communications and undergraduate organizations funding — and events bodies — Events and Spring Fling to assess and critically evaluate the diversity of our organization. Read more here.

YCC Board of Trustees

The Board of Trustees was created to advise the current YCC agenda and to preserve institutional memory. This past semester, the YCC worked to convene this Board for the first time in two years, to appoint several new Trustees, and to host several meetings throughout the fall semester.
POLICY

Introduction

The policy business of the Yale College Council is divided into three distinct fields: Academics, Student Life, and University Services. Policy, broadly, refers to any informal or formal rules, practices, or procedures that impact Yale College students and are regulated or implemented by the Yale College Dean’s Office (YCDO), other college administrators, or student groups. Each elected and associate Senator is assigned to one of these policy spheres, and policy teams are overseen by Academics Policy Director Sophie Gottfried, Student Life Policy Director Grace Kang, and University Services Policy Director Ryley Constable. Together, Senators, Policy Directors, and YCC leadership research policy, conduct surveys and focus groups, advocate with the Yale administration for change, and, importantly, work to implement these changes on campus.

Academics

Shopping Period Reform

Thanks to a YCC report, Task Force, and advocacy, the YCDO rolled out several important changes to shopping period, including requesting that professors (1) confirm which students are admitted to their course within 48 hours of the course’s first meeting, (2) clearly indicate on their syllabi the criteria for admitting students, and (3) post course syllabi on Canvas in advance of shopping period.

American Sign Language (ASL) Course Renewal

Thanks to the YCC’s advocacy and Disability Resources Task Force Report, the Yale administration has renewed its commitment to offering ASL as a subject of study at Yale. ASL will continue to be offered during and beyond the Spring 2019 semester.

Pre-Law Resources

At the start of the spring semester, we will launch a comprehensive Pre-Law Resources Handbook in partnership with the Office of Career Strategies and the Yale College Dean’s Office. In addition, we worked with Kaplan to commission the creation of a Study Materials Library for all Yalies in preparation for graduate school. The collection will include test prep books for the LSAT, GMAT, MCAT, and GRE, and students will be able to borrow or photocopy test books from the circulation desk in Bass Library.

Mid-Semester Feedback Tool

Our report on midterm feedback informed a new Canvas tool, launched in September, that enables students to provide anonymous Mid-Semester Feedback to course instructors.
Asian American Studies

In the first week of December, we held a successful Asian American Studies town hall with Professor Mary Lui, Professor Gary Okihiro, Professor Sunny Xiang, and Professor Grace Kao. Over 60 students were in attendance for the town hall, which included breakout sessions on how to sustain this conversation moving forward. This project also resulted in the launch of a list of existing courses (and new courses next calendar year) that are Asian American-specific or include Asian American course material. This list will be publicized via the YCC and placed on the Belonging at Yale website by Secretary Goff-Crews.

YCCxOCS Workshops

In partnership with the Office of Career Strategy (OCS), YCC hosted four workshops to make OCS's resources more accessible to students. The events in this series included a Resume Workshop (10/24), Workshop on the Summer Internship Search for First Years (11/1), “Elect Your Future” CIPE Workshop (11/6), and a LinkedIn Workshop (12/11).

Office of Career Strategy (OCS) Web Resources

Over the summer, we worked with the Office of Career Strategy to improve their website, specifically the sections on Applying to Law School, resumes, and cover letters.

In addition, we advocated for and are preparing to issue comprehensive End-of-Semester Reports on (1) Native American Languages, (2) Peer Mentorship Programs, especially within the English Department, (3) STEM Departmental Mentorship Programs, especially the existing mentorship program within the Molecular Biophysics & Biochemistry Department, and (4) Sophomore Seminars, especially within the History, History of Art, Sociology, and Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations Departments. In the coming semester, we will continue to advocate for actionable change in each of these policy areas.

Student Life

Dean’s Excuses for Athletes

In early January, as a result of YCC advocacy and focus groups we conducted with dozens of varsity sport captains, the policy for Dean’s Excuses for Varsity Athletic Events was effectively updated. The old policy only allowed for Deans to grant a Dean’s Excuse when a varsity athlete was physically off campus at the exact time of an in-class obligation (examination, test, quiz, or presentation). Under the new policy, Deans may grant a Dean’s Excuse when a varsity athlete is returning after midnight on a day that they have an in-class obligation, no matter how late in the day of their return this obligation is scheduled.
Leave of Absence, Withdrawal, and Reinstatement Policy Reforms

We worked with Dean Risa Sodi, the Assistant Dean of Academic Affairs for Yale College and Director of Academic Advising and Special Programs, to advocate for a peer liaison program so that students can reach out to other students who have previously taken leaves and to help craft the “FAQ” section for the Leave of Absence/Withdrawal Website. In addition, we conducted the first comprehensive focus group of students who had taken Leave of Absences and presented findings from this focus group, along with comprehensive research from peer institutions, to members of the Yale administration. In the new semester, we plan to advocate for financial assistance for fulfilling students’ two-course credit reinstatement requirement.

First-Year Handbook

In early August, we sent out the annual First-Year Handbook to the 1,578 members of the Class of 2022. The Handbook was filled with information on everything from shopping period to cultural centers to dining halls to a cappella rush and aimed to ease the transition into college life.

Meals with Faculty Program

In an effort to expand and standardize Meals with Faculty programs across all residential colleges, we held a successful Meals with Faculty event in Grace Hopper College on November 29th, 2018, which dozens of students and professors attended. This coming semester, we plan on meeting with Heads of Colleges to discuss expanding funding for lunches from tenured professors only to tenured professors, adjunct professors, visiting professors, lecturers, and teaching fellows and to work on organizing a college-wide Meals with Faculty Week program and publicity push.

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Initiatives

Over the past semester, we partnered with the Office of Secretary Goff-Crews in support of several initiatives for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion. To this end, we participated in summer discussions that led to the formation of a Student Advisory Group on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion and held a Roundtable with Secretary Goff-Crews on November 30th to discuss the University’s initiatives towards creating a more diverse, equitable, and inclusive Yale.

Convening of Residential College Leaders

We worked with Dean Marvin Chun to jointly convene the presidents of all College Councils in the interest of facilitating idea-sharing for college-specific programing, discussing common problems and disparities between colleges, thinking constructively about solutions to bolster the college system on micro and macro levels, and providing of an avenue for College Council presidents to directly make policy recommendations to the YCC. These leaders, as well as Dean Chun and YCC leadership, will meet on January 18th. In the coming semester and year, we aim to make such meetings regular, perhaps on a monthly or semesterly basis.
Yale Alumni Association (YAA) Partnerships

We partnered with the YAA to bring you several workshops, including a Finance/Consulting Career Workshop (9/28-29), Skills for Changemakers: Careers for a Better World (11/2-3), Humanities in Action (11/11), and The Art of Public Speaking (11/30).

United Way Partnership

We partnered with the United Way of Greater New Haven (UWGNH) to host a "Lunch & Learn" event on homelessness in New Haven on September 28th and with UWGNH and Dwight Hall to bring volunteers from across Yale’s campus together to serve across New Haven communities for the New Haven Day of Caring on October 13th.

In addition, we advocated for and are preparing to issue comprehensive End-of-Semester Reports on (1) Free/Subsidized Printing, specifically in regards to Yale Printing and Publishing Services, (2) the Residential College System, specifically in regards to residential college social life and cohesion, (3) Facilities Demands, specifically in regards to water bottle fillers and sleeping pods in libraries, and (4) Sexual Assault Training and Reporting Resources, specifically in regards to the provision of online resources and reporting platforms. In the coming semester, we will continue to advocate for actionable change in each of these policy areas.

University Services

College-Wide Disposable Menstrual Products (DMPs) Program Rollout

After a highly successful pilot program in Morse and Silliman in the spring of 2018, we used our findings to advocate for the expansion of DMPs to all fourteen residential colleges. We secured partnerships with Maxim and Flex, which provided over 10,000 products free of charge. Additionally, the Heads of College voted to provide support to this initiative through funding and logistical assistance. We are preparing to launch a full program that provides DMPs in every residential college at the beginning of this spring semester.

Late Night Dining @ Slifka

The Yale College Council worked with the Slifka Center to bring a new late-night dining option to all Yale Students. Starting on Monday, January 14, the Slifka Center will be open for dinner from 5pm through 9pm. These extended dinner hours will apply on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday nights. This pilot program will run for the first two weeks of the semester, and may be extended if there is sufficient student demand.

Plan B and Yale Health Policy Reforms

We successfully advocated for several important changes to the provision of reproductive health services at Yale Health. We have worked with Yale Health to (1) lower barriers to accessing birth
control and (2) clarify how varying levels of Yale Health coverage correspond to different levels of totally free services with regards to reproductive health. While Plan B is still free for all students, new Yale Health procedures for distribution will allow all students to maintain a higher level of privacy while obtaining this emergency contraception.

**Wellness-to-Go Machine**

The YCC worked closely with the Vengo vending machine company as well as the Silliman Good Life Center to approve, design, and install our Wellness-2-Go vending machine. The machine’s newest product selection will include important health products such as hygiene essentials and other pharmacy products. In the light of our need to roll back the provision of over-the-counter drugs (such as Plan B and Tylenol) through this machine, we continue to search for avenues to increase accessibility to emergency contraception for all students, including advocating for changes to Connecticut legislation.

**Dining Halls as Study Spaces**

This semester, we ensured that there was plenty of study space for reading week and finals period. During reading week, we worked to make sure that the following dining halls were open for use as a work/study area: Saybrook, Pierson, Branford, Murray, Franklin, Davenport, Berkeley, Morse/Stiles, Hopper, and Trumbull. Even after winter break, the YCC has worked with multiple residential colleges, including Saybrook, Pierson, Branford, Morse/Stiles, Murray, and Franklin, to ensure that they will be open after dinner.

In addition, we advocated for and are preparing to issue comprehensive End-of-Semester Reports on (1) Standardized Dean’s Excuses, specifically for mental health-related circumstances and (2) Mental Health and Counseling Resources, specifically a Residential College Mental Health Fellows program. We also are preparing to issue the most complete report on the current state of Mental Health and Counseling resources since Fall of 2013. In the coming semester, we will continue to advocate for actionable change in each of these policy areas.
 TASK FORCES

Introduction

The Yale College Council has four standing task forces, all of which are led by our Task Force Director Sammy Landino. The current YCC task forces are as follows:

- The Yale Votes Task Force
- New Haven – Yale Relations Task Force
- The Financial Aid Working Group
- The Middle Eastern and North African Cultural Center Task Force

This semester saw comprehensive internal reforms that changed structure and mission of task forces as they have functioned within the YCC. This year, while task forces differed in duration, scope, and depth, each aimed to reflect grassroots student demand for action and campus change. To this end, we have seen significant progress on all fronts in each and every one of our task forces.

The Yale Votes Task Force

The Yale Votes Task Force was comprised of leaders from several invested student organizations like Every Vote Counts and the Yale Democrats. The task force had two major goals: to register as many students to vote as possible and to get as many students to vote as possible. The YCC helped convene the Task Force and worked with Task Force leaders beginning in June to successfully advocate the Yale administration to fund TurboVote, an online tool that makes voter registration, absentee voting, and understanding your state’s voting guidelines extremely easy. TurboVote has since been integrated with Yale’s Student Information System (SIS). Throughout the fall semester, the YCC continued to serve the Task Force through communications initiatives, funding programming and events, and co-hosting campus-wide voter registration and voting events. The task force will reconvene on Thursday, January 17th at 5pm for a meeting with Secretary Goff-Crews.

The Financial Aid Working Group

The Financial Aid working group has met three times with Dean Quinlan and Director Wallace-Juedes to create, refine, and curate a comprehensive financial aid survey. The main goals of the survey were to understand how easy students thought it was to interact with the Financial Aid Office, whether or not students felt like their paid work (if they had any) detracted from their ability to engage in campus extracurriculars, and whether or not students would support the establishment of a personal financial aid liaison program. The survey was published before finals period, and is currently closed. We received over 1,100 responses. Our next meeting with Dean Quinlan and Director Wallace-Juedes is January 18th at 3pm.
The Middle Eastern and North African Cultural Center Task Force

The YCC has served in an intermediary role between the MENA student group and the Yale College Dean’s Office. After receiving their memo proposals, we were able to effectively advocate on MENA’s behalf to Dean Chun and Dean Howard. Currently, the YCC was able to provide MENA with a physical meeting space, and is also assisting in pushing for Yale Student Information Systems to include a “Middle Eastern” and “North African” checkbox under the ethnicity category. We also included questions from this Task Force on our Fall Survey in order to get a fuller picture of how many MENA students there are at Yale. Over 100 students responded that they identified as Middle Eastern or North African, and over 60% of respondents agreed with the statement, “There should be a Middle Eastern and North African cultural house.”

The Yale-New Haven Relations Task Force

This task force had its first meeting just before winter break. We effectively divided the group into four subgroups, each of which aimed to mitigate or assist with different aspects of Yale’s interaction with New Haven. The subgroups are:

1. The New Haven - Yale Grant division: will work with four New Haven Non-Profit Organizations to administer a $4000 grant.
2. Research and Legislation division: will work to research existing policies and legislation involving New Haven and Yale’s relationship.
3. “Service in New Haven” division: will work to match local New Haven businesses, non-profits, and community organizations with students with the specific skill-sets that these organizations need.
4. Student Leader Information Sharing division: will work to create a centralized platform for communication between Yale and New Haven, especially communication regarding volunteering, partnering, and funding.
BUSINESS

Introduction
The Business Team, led by Finance Director Kahlil Greene, is a branch of the YCC made up of nine members. Our mission is to manage the financial and commercial endeavors of the YCC. This mission is carried out through projects that focus on financial advising, sponsorship coordination, and research under the leadership of the YCC Finance Director.

Financial Reform
This year’s Finance Director founded an entirely new system of accounting for and regulating the YCC’s $350,000+ budget. The Business Team Internal Advisor works with the treasurers of YCC’s subsidiary bodies to make sure that all YCC members understand and follow the new procedures. So far, the YCC is without incident. All of the YCC’s external expenditures can be viewed here.

Lyft Partnerships
The Business Team partnered with Lyft to send out no-strings-attached ride credits and discounts to all students for back to school, the Harvard-Yale game, and the beginning of the spring semester.

Disposable Menstrual Products
The Business Team worked with a YCC Senator to find funds and sponsors for the expansion of an 2017-2018 initiative that provided free disposable menstrual products to residential colleges. The Business Team reached out to many corporations and secured deals with Maxim and the Flex Company to receive over 10,000 products at absolutely no cost to the YCC or Yale students. This project will launch in the Spring semester.

Financial Consultations
The Business Team has provided financial consultations to many student groups through a new, formalized process. These consultations are meant to advise groups on how they can lower costs and increase their revenue. The Team has had a tangible impact on many of these groups, one example being a facilitated partnership between the Yale Ballroom Dance Team and the Director of New Haven Arts.

Bikesharing
The Business Team has worked with the Yale Office of Sustainability to discuss ways of increasing safe, efficient, and eco-friendly on-campus transportation options for students. We partnered with Yale’s Office of Sustainability to negotiate a deal that allows every student on Yale’s campus to have a free membership with Yale’s bikeshare company, Noa Technology, to ride a bike for one hour, everyday, for one month, for free.
New Haven-Yale Grant
The Business Team is working with the New Haven-Yale Task Force, Ward 1 Alder, the Afro-American Cultural Center, and four local non-profit organizations to facilitate a grant competition that will pair a Yale student team with a non-profit organization (NPO). The winning student team will receive $1,000 and support from the YCC to come up with a creative solution to solve one of the NPO’s most challenging problems.

“Where Does the Endowment Go?” Video
The Business Team worked with the Chief Investment Officer of Yale University, Dave Swensen, and the University Provost, Ben Polak, to write, direct, and produce a video about Yale’s endowment. This video seeks to answer questions like “Where does the endowment come from?”, “How does it work?”, and “What is the money spent on?”

Red Bull Provision
The Business Team partnered with Red Bull to organize a system that provides free Red Bull canned drinks to student groups for any of their events. The team streamlined a process for groups to request Red Bull cases and other Red Bull products like coolers, trucks, and even a DJ.

MENA House
The Business Team Research Manager and Finance Director worked with a Task Force of students in the Yale Arab Student Association and YCC to formulate a proposal to create a Middle Eastern and North African (MENA) Cultural Center. Specifically, the Business Team met with Cultural Center Deans to increase buy-in and develop a cost projection analysis for the Center. This information was presented to Dean Chun and resulted in the green-lighting of a pilot MENA group.

YCC Tax Filings
The YCC Business Team is working with H&R Block to file the YCC’s 990 tax form for the 2017-2018 FY. This process ensures that the Yale College Council retains its non-profit status.
EVENTS & SPRING FLING

Introduction
The Events Director Caleigh Propes is concerned with two event-planning bodies: the Events Committee and the Spring Fling Committee. These groups plan and execute campus events, including the Fall Show, foodie workshops, Last Comic Standing and, of course, Spring Fling. Kazemi Adachi and Jay Son help to lead the Spring Fling Committee as co-chairs.

Events Committee

Foodie Workshops
The Events Committee’s Taste of New Haven workshops allow students to take culinary classes while supporting local restaurants. This semester, students have learned skills like baking French macarons or making crêpes in intimate settings with skilled instructors.

Last Comic Standing and Fall Show
Each year, the Events Committee hosts a stand-up comedy competition for undergraduates, Last Comic Standing. This year’s winner, Chloe Prendergast ‘20, headlined for our Fall Show comedian, former SNL star Sasheer Zamata.

Study Breaks
This semester’s study breaks have included Snackpass and Havenly collaborations, a Pop Pilates class, a holiday-themed destress fest, and ghost tours of New Haven.

Hoedown at Box 63
The Events Committee brought back the beloved Hoedown at Box, a Western-themed party complete with food, drinks for 21+, and plenty of cowboy hats for everyone.

Night at the Museum
The Yale Center for British Art was a perfect location for our annual Night at the Museum. This highlighted the YCBA’s beautiful collections all in a distinctly British style and featured performance by Red Hot and Blue and the Baker’s Dozen.

Food for Thought Workshops
The Events Committee partnered with the YAA to hold the first installment of its Food for Thought series, hosting Tara Falcone ‘11 for the Beginning Investing and Ice Cream workshop that taught participants the fundamentals of investing for the first time.
Graduate Student Collaboration
Graduate students make up a very significant portion of Spring Fling attendees, yet they have never contributed their opinions to the planning of Spring Fling. This year, the Events Director and Spring Fling co-chairs formed a working group with graduate students to better serve these community members through collaborating on a beer garden, a well-missed component of Spring Fling that is being brought back this year.

Merchandise and Graphic Design
The Events Director and the Spring Fling co-chairs are working to create limited edition merchandise and revamped graphic design for this year’s festival. This is the first year in recent history where merchandise will be available for Spring Fling.

Architectural Installations
In an effort to transition Spring Fling into an arts and music fest, this year’s event will feature an interactive architectural installation created and executed by undergraduates under the guidance of the Events Director and Spring Fling co-chairs. This is the first year where this type of installation will be featured on Old Campus for the festival.

Lineup Release Party
The Spring Fling Committee is hard at work planning this year’s lineup release party to be held at Toad’s Place on February 6th. Make sure to join us so that you’ll be the first to know this year’s Spring Fling artists – we think you will be very excited! The lineup release video is created and produced completely by committee members, and there will even be an opportunity to score some exclusive and limited-edition Spring Fling merchandise.
FIRST-YEAR CLASS COUNCIL

Introduction
For the past semester, the First-Year Class Council, led by President Aliesa Bahri, has been conducting a number of projects and activities to improve the quality of first year life. These initiatives are intended to increase social cohesion, foster a sense of community among the first-year class, and offer students the resources necessary to more easily complete their transition into college. The events we organize are opportunities for first years to meet and cultivate meaningful bonds with one another.

Harvard Yale Game Fundraising
At the beginning of the semester, the First-Year Class Council held a competition for students to submit their Harvard-Yale t-shirt designs for the chance to win a $15 Shake Shack gift card and a free t-shirt with their design imprinted on it. We then sold these t-shirts to the first-year class before the game in an effort to fundraise for future First-Year Class Council events.

First Year BBQ
In October, the First-Year Class Council hosted a BBQ during the early afternoon, with catering courtesy of Yale Dining. The purpose of the event was to offer students across the class of 2022 a chance to meet other students and to simply enjoy a Sunday afternoon with peers. Activities included palm reading, an a cappella performance, bean bag toss, and spike ball.

Study Breaks
This semester, during reading period, First-Year Class Council held two study breaks for first years. One was held in LC, for students residing on Old Campus, and the other was held in Pauli Murray, for students living in the new colleges. This study breaks aimed to act as an outlet for first-years to take a break from their workloads and socialize with their classmates.

Reading Period Guidance
First-Year Class Council emailed out a “FCC Guide to Reading Period” to advise first years on how to successfully maintain healthy and productive habits during reading period. This guide included information about different study breaks made available by a variety of student organizations, comfortable study locations, and advice from upper-level students about effective studying techniques.

First Year Formal Preparation
Much of our semester has been devoted to planning First-Year Formal, given that magnitude and complexity of the event. So far, our Music Committee has hired a DJ and is currently working with him to accommodate the varying musical preferences of the first-year class. Our decorations
committee and publicity committee have been preparing event activities and promotional materials. Lastly, our executive board has been working with Dean Peck and other members of Yale administration on safety and ticket sale preparation.
SOPHOMORE CLASS COUNCIL

Introduction
For the past semester, the Sophomore Class Council, led by Sophomore Class President Heather Foster, has been organizing a number of events and activities aimed at improving the sophomore class’ academic access to Yale faculty and creating fun and delicious events to encourage school spirit and increase cohesion among the sophomore class. Sophomore Class Council schedules each event with the goal of increasing class unity, facilitating student-faculty interaction, and/or promoting school engagement among the entire Yale student body.

Study Breaks
This semester’s study breaks have included hot cocoa and cookies, Garden Catering, Taco Bell, Insomnia Cookies, Chick-Fil-A, sushi, and Havenly baklava.

DUS Dinners
The Sophomore Class Council organized and hosted twenty DUS Dinners for the sophomore class to meet with and ask questions of the most popular majors’ DUSes in a casual setting. Dinners consisted of up to sixteen students sharing a one-hour dinner with each invited DUS and one Sophomore Class Council member there to facilitate the conversation.

Yale-Harvard Fanny Packs
For the Yale-Harvard Football Game, the Sophomore Class Council designed and sold themed fanny packs for all students to use during the football weekend. Additionally, the SoCo held a special study break catered by Insomnia Cookies during the fanny pack pick-up time.

Puck Harvard Tailgate
Before the Yale-Harvard hockey game, the Sophomore Class Council held a hockey tailgate in the Murray common room catered by Chick-Fil-A.
JUNIOR CLASS COUNCIL

Introduction
For the past semester, the Junior Class Council, led by Junior Class Council President Dan Robinson, has prepared and produced numerous activities for the junior class with the intention of promoting social cohesion among the junior class. The events JCC organized aim to serve as opportunities for the Junior Class to have fun.

Taco Bell Cantina Partnership
After the opening of the Taco Bell Cantina on Chapel Street, members of the Junior Class Council were able to strike up a partnership with the store managers and owners. Through this partnership, members of the Junior Class Council secured several free gift certificates and great deals on food prices and catering.

Study Breaks
This semester, the Junior Class Council held four (Red Bull, dumplings, burritos, and ice cream sundaes) study breaks to help bring the junior class together. These study breaks served as a mechanism for juniors to take a break from their workloads and socialize with their classmates.

Junior Class Formal Preparation
A good amount of the semester has been devoted toward making the Junior Class Formal a night to remember. Juan Otoya Vanini is heading the committee to guarantee that this event will run smoothly. We have contacted numerous venues throughout New Haven and have compiled a spreadsheet with the location, cost, and maximum occupancy of each of these venues. Our next goal is to work together to make this event happen and to carry out additional logistical details as needed.
**UNDERGRADUATE ORGANIZATIONS FUNDING COMMITTEE (UOFC)**

**Introduction**

The UOFC, led by Student Organizations Director Addison Jakubowicz, is a branch of the YCC consisting of twenty-three members in various roles. Our purpose is to distribute roughly $275,000 allocated for student groups on campus in a way to optimize the undergraduate student experience here at Yale. To serve this purpose, the UOFC holds six funding rounds throughout the academic year, during which student groups apply for specific grant requests before the committee reviews all of these applications. To aid student groups throughout this process, the UOFC Director holds office hours to answer any questions, and any partially funded or denied application decisions are sent with specific reasoning as to the committee’s decision.

**Funding Rounds**

The UOFC oversaw three rounds of funding during the fall semester, during which roughly $131,000 of funding was given out for $311,000 requested.

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**Capital Equipment**

The UOFC also runs Capital Equipment, which offers free equipment rental to student organizations. This past semester, the UOFC team updated the resources at Capital Equipment with several new purchases, such as speakers and new cables.

**UOFC-Dwight Hall Service Grant**

The UOFC-Dwight Hall Service Grant, which provides money for internal expenditures for Dwight Hall groups as well as funding required for non-service-focused groups to start service projects. These grant awards are decided by both the UOFC team as well as the finance team over at Dwight Hall, which has been a great pleasure to work with thus far and hopefully a partner that will continue to work with us to foster service and volunteering in the Yale and New Haven communities.
UOFC Procedural Reforms

With the 2018-2019 school year, several new procedures and guidelines were put into place with the goal of streamlining the application process. The number of funding rounds was decreased from four to three per semester, and additional guidelines were added to help groups better understand the goals of the UOFC and what would and would not likely be covered under UOFC grants.

UOFC Accountability

The Review Managers of the UOFC started checking receipts to guarantee that all money given out by the UOFC was spent following the guidelines listed on the YCC website. In order to most effectively enforce this policy, new levels of probation were introduced at the beginning of this semester. These accountability mechanisms have maximized the effectiveness of the funding grants, as now dishonest spending of grants has negative consequences, which opens up more of the funding pool for inclusive events on campus that strictly adhere to UOFC guidelines.