

Yale Divinity School Student Government
General Body Meeting Minutes
November 14th, 2024

Check-In: (Name, Pronouns, Role) and Student Group

- Mary Elizabeth (she/her): serves as student body president
- Odyssey (she/her): 2nd year representative, La Comunidad, and Yale Progressive Christian Student
- Benjamin (he/him): 3rd year representative and walls committee
- Lizzie (she/her): Women's center president
- Jared (he/him): 2nd MAR representative
- Sergio (he/him): 1st MAR representative and professional studies
- Robin (she/her): Berkely representative, period pantry committee, and Anglican Fellowship
- Ben (he/him): 1st MDiv representative
- Hangyoon Cho (he/him): 2nd MDiv representative and Yale Korean Student Association
- Whitney (she/her): Berkely representative and period pantry
- Charles (he/him): STM representative and funding committee
- Emily (she/her): 2nd MDiv representative and professional studies committee
- Emily (she/her): MAR senator GPSS
- Spencer (he/him): treasurer, reformed worship, and paracletees
- Blake (he/him): secretary and on curriculum review committee
- Kit (he/they): director of student life
- Dean Flippin (she/her): associate dean of student affairs and chair of community life committee
- Cliff (he/him): visual arts circle
- Icy (she/her): represents Knit Club
- Lauren (she/her): Lutheran student organization
- Morgan (she/her): curriculum committee
- Moreneke: President of YBS
- Sunny (she/her): sages and UU
- Kelly Park: Contemplatives
- Jenna Neman (she/her): Any But Just Christian
- Esther (she/her): Representing Civitas
- Morgan (she/they): 2nd year MDiv representative
- Freddie (they/them): ANS Representative
- Katie Mills (she/they): 2nd year MDiv, Death and Dying Club

- Courtney (she/her): 3rd MDiv representative, professional studies committee, and divine abilities
- Yuyi Bei (they/them) 1st MAR – 1st year representative
- Donnie (he/him): STM representative and food/period pantry committee

Call to order

- Mary Elizabeth calls the meeting to order at 5:37 pm

Agenda Items

- New clubs
 - o Civitas – Esther
 - o Death and Dying Club – Alexa Rollow
 - o Yale Progressive Christian Students – Odyssey Mann
- Committee Reports
 - o Walls Committee
 - ♣ Met recently about new wall decor!
 - ♣ Alexander
 - o Student life Committee
 - ♣ Div Idol
 - ♣ New clubs!
 - o Faculty Meeting
 - ♣ Students' mental health
 - ♣ new updates to curriculum
 - o Professional Committee
 - ♣ Will meet Wednesday
 - o Food and Period Pantry Committee
 - ♣ Pantry drive is coming up soon!
 - ♣ Collaboration with the library staff on gender neutral bathrooms
 - o Curriculum Committee
 - ♣ New courses approved
- FUN-ding Updates:
 - o Almost all events approved in full!
 - o Our budget is on track!
 - o Publish numbers to club leaders how much money has been spent by end of semester
 - o First vote on a request: YBS end of semester gathering with the Jennings
 - ♣ Vote: UNANIMOUS in favor; Mary Elizabeth ABSTAINS
- Christian Community Action needs volunteers

- o They make 1300 baskets for local families across New Haven
 - o Courtney told us about her involvement and how to help this year
- Food and Period Pantry Drive: reach out to your respective clubs
- Burn ban in affect in Connecticut
 - o Please hang out at the fire pit, but don't break the burn ban please!
- GPSS Updates
 - o Food accessibility and insecurity survey:
 - https://yalesurvey.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_eVPI4tZfULz7Rky?Q_CHL=qr
 - ♣ Free meal opportunities during the week:
 - Breakfast: Sunrise Cafe
 - Lunch: Community Soup Kitchen
 - Dinner: DESK
 - o CTPass for the CT Bus survey:
 - https://yalesurvey.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_0cDKzvUwTAH4BFk
 - o Holiday Toy Drive by the Community Engagement Committee
 - ♣ December 6th in the Gryphons lobby
 - o Harvard/Yale Game watch party at Gryphons!!!!
 - ♣ Snacks and themed cocktails
 - o DEIAB:
 - ♣ Potential for childcare resources for students with children on campus
 - ♣ Potential events with the Chaplin's office about Antisemitism and Islamophobia
 - ♣ New: Student Accessibility Service's student advisory committee
 - ♣ Coming up: Sneakerball event in the spring

For the Good of the Order

- OSA Updates:
 - o The Christmas tree is up at YDS!!! Come to the tree trimming.
 - o Commencement announcements!
 - ♣ Email to come before the start of semester two
 - o Welfare check-in opportunities
 - ♣ [Post-Election Check-in with Samuel Byrd, LGBTQ Center Director](#)
 - Wed, Nov 20, 12:15pm-1:15pm
 - ♣ [YDS International Students Tea and Sweets with OISS Staff](#)
 - Mon, Dec 2, 12:30pm-2pm
- Advent Soirée on December 4th
- Spring registration is open
- New coffee machine for *after-hours* use in the Refectory kitchen!

- Funding requests have ended, but ad hoc requests are still available for January – communicate with Spencer
- Upcoming Events and Club Announcements
 - o DivOut regrets not being able to attend tonight's meeting
 - o La Comunidad is planning a *posada* in collaboration with La Casa
 - ♣ Saturday, December 7th from 5-7pm
 - o Visual Arts Circle general body meeting and creative session, November 19th from 5-7pm
 - o Contemplatives prayer, Tuesday evenings at 5pm, silent lunch Thursdays at 12:15
 - o YHHAP Fast
 - o Sunrise Cafe is looking for volunteers for an event
- Pick up the "All School Read"
 - o Copies of the book are in the Office of Student Affairs
 - o Dr. Raheb will be at YDS on Thursday, March 6th, to discuss the book
 - o Teach-ins will be available and announced
- How can YDSG collaborate so the community kitchen can be cleaned on a more regular basis?
 - o Implementation during the new year?
 - o We will send out an email for sign-ups soon
- Email us with any agenda items you would like to be added
- If you would like to view meeting minutes, check YaleConnect.

Meeting Adjourned

- Mary Elizabeth adjourns meeting at 6:27 pm