

Yale Divinity School Student Government

General Body Meeting Minutes

October 10th, 2023 from 5:30pm

Check-In (Name, Pronouns, Role) and Student Group/Class Officer Reports (Be Quick!)

- Jamal- no updates
- Milton Gilder- no updates
- Shafton- no updates
- Lizzy Hane - (she/they) (1) Halloween at the Gryphons; (2) Presidential Search is taking place - two candidates currently in the Divinity School (Milton Gilder and Terrance McQueen)
- Sharon - Contemplative Group - Tuesday Silent Lunch /
- Giselle Gaytán- no updates
- Odyssey Mann
- GPSS Senator Dafne - Currently working on website
- Mikayla - Roman Catholic - Lunch on Tuesday after break
- Emily Peck & Kayla Becknuss: Mormon Studies- Colloquium March 2nd 2-6pm in the RSV room! We are also taking proposals until Jan. 2nd.
- Nathan Peace - ISM
- Lauren Paracletes - Tied for Third - Last Regular Season game this Sunday.
- Elishia - Representing YBS - Exciting brunch this
- Sunny - Unitarian / SAGES
- Chris- ABjC: Wednesday morning Yoga
- Lauren Maxwell
- Vicki Flippin - Update from Myles - Great Mental health event today. / Scary-okee (Halloween event) in the commons 10/31
- Andrea Barton Reeves
- Courtney - DivineAbilities - CCA have needs for their Thanksgiving Drive on November 16 & 19th
- Izzy Frazza - DivOut - Really great turn out from the event. Dining with DivOut on 10/25 during Lunch in RSV
- Misty - Berkeley - Wednesday Night Services and Dinner following
- Sacha - ISM Rep
- Spencer - MDIV Rep - Finance Committee
- Morgan - MAR - Beginning to plan MAR event
- Mary Elizabeth - MAR Rep -
- Avery - Div Farm - Every Saturday Morning Community Work Day - This Saturday

- SJ - Great first finance meeting - ½ of allocated funding has been funded
- Ellen- celebrated the holiday of Sukkot this past week, will be having other events aligning with Jewish holidays; putting together speaker series on summer travels; GPSS putting together an event for Yale-Harvard Game;

Community Expectations (Jamal)

- Three Simple Expectations
 - Love yourself - respect your boundaries
 - Love your neighbor - respect their boundaries
 - Communicate
- Asked folx if there's anything missing

Food Pantry/Period Project Drive (Izzy)

- Will have tables out to receive donations the Monday - Thursday after Fall reading period
 - See flier / yale connect for details of suggested items to donate

Open Forum about Bylaws & Constitution

- Older Student Representation
 - Questions of discussion
 - Should club leaders have voting power?
 - How might older students have representation within the governance?
 - Comments
 - Andrea: There is a need to have student representation for older students to advocate for older students.
 - Jamal: Wonder what it might look like reimagining extending voting rights to student clubs and how that would attend to this issue.
 - Mikayla: Is there any reason or concerns about adding additional seats?
 - Jamal: We have not filled our current officers.
 - Ellen: Possibility of opening a can of worms to give voting power to other affinity groups. Could we address this concern by opening voting power to clubs?
 - Jamal: Context: There are less students at YDS this year compared to years past due to full-tuition support. 2020: ~450 Students vs 2023: ~308 Students
 - Elishia: RE: Financing Organizations: Potentially tying funding to community service
 - Voting privilege tied to attendance ?
 - Odyssey: Will club leaders be expected to join committees too?

- Milton: Are there other places within the school organization that second-career students can be advocating?
- Lizzy: Is it possible to do a Commonwealth System based upon who is in the room?
 - Milton: Could be a point of organizing
 - Jamal: Super rare for us to vote on things any way
- Lauren: There are other student minority communities less supported in this space. Invitation to student leaders to think broadly about creating a place that is inclusive and supporting all students.

For the Good of the Order

- DEIB Updates
 - Associate Director Position
 - If you have any questions/thoughts regarding this position feel free to email DEIB Student Liaisons (Jon Ort, Terrance McQueen, Daryl Denelle)
 - [Belonging at Yale Grants](#)
 - Funding for events up to \$2000
- [Presidential Search feedback](#)
- Get your Facebooks from OSA
- Refectory is closed during reading period

Next Agenda Items

- All School Read
- Funding Process