



Yale Divinity School Government

YDSG General Body Meeting

Wednesday, April 3, 2022 | 12:15 to 1:30 pm

Review Constitution & Bylaws (linked [here](#))

- **Constitution**

- Article III: YDSG Representatives and Eligibility
 - Why is there specific clarification of what exactly it means to be “in good academic standing”?

- **Bylaws**

- Article I: Membership
 - What is the rationale designating a senate seat as (1) MDIV/STM or (2) MAR?
 - Proposal 1: Pairing up senate seats: (1) MDIV or (2) STM / MAR
 - Rationale: Lumping ministerial degree and the academic degree
 - Potentially attaching the STM to either senate seat in the event that there isn't an interested party.
 - Proposal 2: Make a requirement that students need one year at YDS
 - Vote Keeping the language as written:
 - Vote Count
 - Yes: 14
 - Any option: 10
 - Result: Alternative proposals do not pass.
- Article II: Officers
 - What is the rationale for the VP gathering reports from committee and degree reps?
- Article IV: Committees
 - How does the pot of funding come from the school at large? And does the funding change each year?
 - What is the rationale for requiring student organizations to send a representative to each meeting?



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- Is there a framework for YDSG providing a recap of what YDSG did / Preservation of record keeping?
 - Potentially forward-facing summary
- Article VI: Dear Theo
 - Proposed 1: Change the language from managed to distributed in change one in the Dear Theo articles and the President's duties.
 - Proposal 2: Each Dear Theo must meet Yale's free speech policy and structural change.
 - Questions/ Thoughts:
 - Did the committee consider discontinuing Dear Theo?
 - Clarification of language of respite of joy?
 - The digital forms limit dialogue – is there a way of publishing Dear Theo in a pamphlet – we might change our relationship with it.
 - It might be helpful to make an announcement / Create a semi-public-facing archive.
- **Vote**
 - **Yes: 28**
 - **Result: Bylaws and Constitution Pass**