



Graduate &
Professional
Student Senate

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Officer Reports:

- Advocacy
 - Does all your advocacy on campus.
 - This year's priority - Childcare. Meeting are at Mory's.
- Community Service
 - Put on year long events in Yale/NH community. Speed dating money to going to charity.
 - Planning of fall activities
 - Chili for Charity
 - Service Days in the Spring and Winter - volunteer opportunities for students.
- Diversity & Inclusion
 - Mandate of the committee is to advocate for diversity and Inclusion
 - Advocacy around report written by last year's committee
 - Building a community between different communities of campus, affinity centers, student groups, etc.
 - Reaching out to student groups and organizations
- Funding
 - Funds events around campus, art exhibit, 5K, etc.
 - Meets twice a month
 - On budget for now, have more money this year.
- Professional Development
 - Trying to provide more P&D resources
 - Exploring more and new experiences



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- Networking
- Connecting with Alumni
- Creating portal or website to disseminate information around campus.

- Public Relations
 - Manages the main disseminating media between GPSS and student body.
 - Facebook, weekly announcements, etc.
 - Designing goods

- Social
 - We have parties
 - We have happy hours
 - We have tailgates
 - We had speed dating
 - We have hopefully a party with beer-pong
 - Foster relationships between schools.

Agenda:

- Introductions - 5 minutes
- How to speak at meetings (VP) - 5 minutes
 - Raise your hand to speak, and you will be called on in the order you raise your hand.
 - We have limit time on each agenda point. If we want to extend time, we will call for a proposal to extend time. Someone calls for a proposal, then someone will second.
 - Brandon will cut you off if you're over time
- Approval of Budget (Treasurer) - 5 minutes
 - Vote to Approve Budget



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- Next Tuesday's Funding meeting - week and a half from today - will spend first 30 minutes of meeting to draft a new budget, and the meeting after, we will re-present the budget for approval. - this motion is passed.
- Mini Committee Meetings - 15 minutes
 - Official form for signing up for committees
- Committee Reports (Committee Chairs) - 10 minutes
- Update on Unionization - 5 minutes
- Elections - 15 minutes
- \$1 Drink Rules (VP) - 2 minutes
 - Don't be rude
 - Tip Listen to your bartenders
 - Beer, mixed drinks, Don't buy drink for your friend & abuse privileges
- Pass the Gavel
 - Pepe - format for learning people's faces
- Elections (as many as time allows): please prepare a brief (2 minutes max) statement and inform the secretary if you are interested in running for any of the following. If you won't be able to attend meetings, you may submit a statement and we will read it for you.
- Eboard observer (2 G/P students):
 - Observers attend Eboard meetings on off-Thursdays at 7:30 pm to discuss additional GPSS business, including recent communications with the administration, meeting planning, and logistical issues. Observers are also expected to assist the Eboard in the planning and organizing of larger events such as the Yale Forum and Inspiring Yale. The position of Observer is an excellent opportunity for Senators interested in future leadership positions.
 - Nominees - **Shermaine Hutchins, Pepe Carrillo**



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- Mental Health and Counseling Advisory Committee (1 graduate student and 2 professional students)
 - The MH&C Advisory Committee meets with administrators at Yale Health to discuss G&P concerns regarding mental health care. Issues brought up in previous years include communications, wait times, session limits, and the design of a new website. The committee meets twice per semester, and works with one GSA representative.
 - **Priscilla Ding, Sean Massa, Walter Hsiang**
- Committee on Racial and Ethnic Harassment (1 student as needed)
 - The President's Committee on Racial and Ethnic Harassment has existed for many years as an alternative University-wide procedure available to any student who believes that any other member of the Yale community has harassed him or her because of race or ethnic origin. Although it is called upon only rarely, this additional avenue of recourse reflects Yale's commitment to maintaining a racially and ethnically diverse community in which all members can expect fair treatment.
 - **Jordan Bryant**
- Traffic Safety Committee (1 student)
 - The TSC meets 4-5 times per year with Yale and New Haven officials to promote safer streets for pedestrians, cyclists, and motorists, especially within the Yale community.
 - **Pushed to next meeting 10/13/16**