

# March 23-25 Council Meeting

## Agenda

- Con Debrief
- Policies & Procedures/Bylaws
- Job Training
- Conference Attire
- Increasing Con Size
- SASY + Social Action

## Job Jots

- Maggie: Add MUUGs to registering information
- Mia: Work on Touchgroup Torra
- Mia: Update website junk and email it to Jeremy
- Hannah: Talk to Berkley Church about communication
- Treasurers: Email Chuck
- Touchgroup Training Taskforce (Abby, Alexa, Jeremy, Cassandra, Mia): organize Touchgroup Trainings
- Adults: Talk about situations when unknown, outside of con people show up.

## Dates

Spirit Con Meeting: April 21, 2012

Spirit Con: Unknown

Summer Con Meeting: August 4, 2012

Summer Con: August 17-19, 2012

Fall Con Meeting: September 29, 2012

Fall Con: October 19-21, 2012

Council Retreat: November 16-18, 2012

Elections Con Meeting: January 26, 2013 (if we survive December 21, 2012)

Election Con: February 15-18, 2013

## Changes to Policies & Procedures

Article 3, Section 9:

*The drug and drug use policy explanation part of orientation shall be done by two*

*council members who are not the deans. They will make clear the repercussions on the community and the users if the PCD YRUU drug policy is violated.*

Article 5, Section 1:

*Council shall choose the chairpersons of the Nominating Committee (NomCom) during a session closed to individuals who wish to become NomCom chairpersons.*

### **Changes to Bylaws**

Article 7, Rule 1:

*(this change was approved at elections con 2011, but never put into the bylaws)*

*Drug use is strictly prohibited, as is the possession of drug paraphernalia, at PCD YRUU events, including arriving to events under the influence. PCD YRUU prohibits use of alcohol, and of drugs prohibited by applicable laws; therefore, PCD YRUU prohibits possession and use of these substances at its events, and prohibits attendance at events under the influence of such substances even if the use happens elsewhere. We see this rule from two key perspectives: The spirit of this rule is about ensuring that conferees keep themselves in a clear-headed state to the greatest degree possible, regardless whether the substance is legal or illegal, prescribed or unprescribed. The letter of this rule is about complying with laws and providing a truly safe and healthy environment for young people. PCD YRUU leadership shall ensure that both the spirit and the letter of this rule are implemented with the best interests of the community and the individual in mind.*

Article 7, Rule 5:

*Discrimination of any kind based on gender, sexuality, physical capability, race/ ethnicity, politics, socioeconomic status, religion or even diet is not appropriate at PCD YRUU events.*

Article 9, Section 1:

*Any amendments to these Bylaws or the Policies and Procedures must be approved by a two-thirds majority of present youth and adult advisors at the annual Elections Conference.*

## **Elections CON Debrief**

<b>GOOD</b>	<b>NEEDS IMPROVEMENT</b>
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<p> Freetime  Worship  NomCom  Bonus Worship  Touchgroups  Food  On Time  Space  Fewer Cliques at All CON  Activity  Afternoon Coffee House  Sunday Service Attendance  Dance Party  Chaplains  CAC  Dessert  Cooks  Deans  Parking  Games  Music  Social Action </p>	<p> Freetime  Worship  NomCom  Bonus Worship  Touchgroups  Touchgroup Selection  Church Communication  (organ man, rooms)  Inclusiveness  Sunday Morning Breakfast  Vegan Food  Vibe  Language on Sunday  Conference Attire  Respect for other's property  Adult Temperment  Orientation  Hygiene &amp; Deodorant  Cooks being chosen for CAC  Cliques  Hydration  Demands for Coffee  People in Kitchen  Money  Cleanup Assignments  Stuff Room </p>
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**Elections CON Debrief (continued)**

Afternoon Coffee House was great. It allowed adults to attend worship and still sleep enough to be fit to drive. However, afternoon coffee house may be difficult to accommodate during normal two day retreats.

Having most everyone at Sunday Service helps YRUU's image and makes the regular church goers happy. Youth do fall asleep, but people don't seem to mind. Therefore,

we will think of service as something we as a con community do, but just like any other con activity, it is not mandatory.

## **BAD VIBES**

Incoming MUUGles are not ready to be newbies so they tend to form cliques  
There was too much freetime. This caused further formation of cliques  
Deans should prepare extra activities, just in case freetime runs too long.  
If we have deeper touchgroup activities, cliques will decrease.

Cleaning schedules were very odd. We need to count dessert as a meal that needs to be cleaned up. We should not schedule multiple touchgroups for one cleaning slot. It is ok if a touchgroup does not clean.

## **CHURCH COMMUNICATION**

Church did not notify us about many rooms that became unavailable to us over the course of the weekend.

We handled the situation well given the circumstances.

Unknown man began to play the church organ in the middle of the night. We do not know how he got into the building. People of this nature could be safety hazards.

If anyone sees a person we don't know come onto the campus, they should notify a dean or adult.

## **PEOPLE IN THE KITCHEN**

Leadership Clique in the kitchen has been a problem in the past, but this con it was not bad.

Many people would hang around in the kitchen waiting for tea or coffee, or accompanying those people. Having a coffee and tea station outside the kitchen would help with this problem.

## **NOMCOM-DEAN TENSIONS**

No formal conversations were held between the two parties  
NomCom needs to be courteous about which room they get.  
NomCom Leaders and Deans need to talk about scheduling

## **Worship**

Bonus Worship was highly enjoyable, but slightly disrespectful to normal worship. Communication with the worship coordinators would be appreciated in the future. Having at least one experienced worship co. per con would be best when possible. People need to help worship coordinators instead of being surprised when they make mistakes.

Grassroots worships are something we should develop towards.

## **Hydration**

Hydration stations would be helpful. These should include water and juice.

## **Closed Session**

### **Dean Selection Policy**

Unofficially, CoCoCos have chosen one male and one female dean for each con. However, this cannot always happen, so it cannot be official. Also, it violates our gender discrimination bylaw. It is a good practice though because we want to have gender diversity as well as role models for all genders.

### **NomCom Policies & Procedures**

Even though they do have some bias, carry over council members are to be allowed on NomCom. There is no evidence that having council members on NomCom is a bad thing. Therefore, council members leading NomCom should be avoided but not precluded.

SEE ARTICLE 5 SECTION 1 ON PAGE TWO FOR OFFICIAL POLICY/PROCEDURE  
**CONSENSUS REACHED**

### **Conference Attire**

Basically, the debate here is based on the need to balance people's freedoms and other people's comfort. Parents have expressed concerns about shirtlessness. We have established the following guidelines:

if people from outside the con community are around; wear a shirt

if anyone at all asks you to do so; wear a shirt

We all agree that our current policy is not bad (beachwear/outerwear), it is just not well explained. The above guidelines are now explicitly stated in the dean bible.

### **Conference Size**

Abby and Ryan are going to contact districts on the east coast about how they handle their enormous con sizes.

### **Social Action**

Social action in the recent past has not been up to snuff. We wish to change this. We were going to have a **Social Action Subcommittee of YRUU (SASY)** that would run out of con social action events and provide more leadership positions for those who wanted to fill them. This basically just didn't happen. We now realize that we need to work on social action during cons and not as much outside of cons. Also, there isn't a pressing need for leadership positions. Further, we would like to give our new Social Action Coordinator more support than we have been giving. To meet these needs we created a new and improved SASY.

### **PROPOSAL:**

SASY will be a group of people chosen by the council and social action coordinator, with its purpose being to provide support for the Social Action Coordinator and to improve social action at conferences.

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The Social Action Coordinator will act as the facilitator of SASY, and as the council liaison.

### **PROPOSAL:**

Discrimination of any kind based on...*socioeconomic status*... is not appropriate at PCD YRUU events. (SEE PAGE TWO ARTICLE 7, RULE 5 FOR OFFICIAL BYLAW)

**CONSENSUS REACHED**

**PROPOSAL:**

*Any amendments to these Bylaws or the Policies and Procedures must be approved by a two-thirds majority of present youth and adult advisors at the annual Elections Conference.*

(SEE PAGE TWO ARTICLE 9, SECTION 1 FOR OFFICIAL BYLAW)

**CONSENSUS REACHED**