

STUDENT GOVERNANCE AT THE SCHOOL OF ART 2024-2025

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES (All Departments)

Within the first month of the Fall semester, the incoming and returning classes will participate in elections in order to elect two students from each year's cohort in Painting/Printmaking (4), one student from each year's cohort in Photography (2) and Sculpture (2), and one student each year's cohort in Graphic Design (3), to serve as Class Representatives during the year. There are 11 Student Reps for the School of Art. The elections will be administered by each department: usually by the Assistant Director of Graduate Studies.

Student Reps serve for one academic year. Students that have served previously can run for re-election. An elected student who cannot complete their term can call for a special election. Compensation for each elected Student Rep is \$400 per semester, paid at the end of each semester, provided that reps have fulfilled their duties which includes participation in student rep meetings, either monthly or as needed.

The Student Reps are general representatives elected by each class to act as amplifiers for student's respective departmental and school-wide concerns with the Directors of Graduate Studies (Aki, John (Fall) Gregory (SP), Maria and Nontsi), Assistant Directors of Graduate Studies/ Graduate Coordinators (Sandra, Lisa, Kern, Andrew) Assistant Dean of Academic Affairs (Taryn) and Associate Dean (Anoka), as well as the larger School of Art community.

Job Description

Student Representatives are expected to commit between 2- 4 hours per week of the semester:

- Student Reps will host and attend a standing monthly student advisory meeting with the School's Student Relations Committee (11 Student Reps + Anoka and Taryn*).
- The Reps are expected to create and set the meeting agenda, and moderate each meeting.
- Student Reps should communicate with the DGS/ Asst DGS in their departments regularly, and should suggest departmental Town Hall agenda items. In some departments, Student Reps help to lead departmental town halls and/or provide meeting notes to students and faculty members. Student Reps should plan to attend all school town halls twice a semester.
- Student Reps are expected to gather feedback from their departmental cohorts through formally organized and consistent student meetings each month, taking in student comments and concerns, as well as meeting internally with other SoA departmental Student Reps

- Student Reps are to be in contact with the 2 elected Student Senators from SoA to share concerns and priorities with Yale's Graduate and Professional Student Senate

GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL SCHOOL STUDENT SENATE (ALL SCHOOL)

The School of Art elects two graduate students to serve on the [GPSS](#) at Yale University. According to the GPSS website: "WE INFLUENCE THE POLICY, CULTURE, AND VIEWS OF THE UNIVERSITY LEADERSHIP BY EXPRESSING THE VIEWS OF THE GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL (G&P) STUDENT BODY TO THE ADMINISTRATION, AND BY ISSUING STATEMENTS OF OUR POSITION TO THE MEDIA AND ADMINISTRATION"

Graduate and Professional School Senate:

- *There are two SoA Senators that serve at the University level. You may nominate yourself or others; those nominated will then be contacted by the G+P senate leaders. If they wish to run for senate they will be on the nomination ballot.*

These are unpaid volunteer positions.

VISITING ARTIST REPRESENTATIVES (PAINTING/PRINTMAKING) 2022-23 (programs should review and update if necessary for 2023-24)

In the Painting/Printmaking Department: Visiting Artist Representatives serve for three semesters. In the beginning of the spring semester, the class of first-year students will elect **3 students** to serve as Visiting Artist Representatives. In the Spring semester of their first year, the three Visiting Artist representatives will poll their cohort, and hold meetings to create consensus about the following years' VA roster. They will create a prioritized list of artists/writers/curators etc to invite. They will work with the Senior Administrator to invite the guests and provide substitutions when necessary. The VA reps guide the content of the P/P VA lecture series. In the Fall and Spring semester of their second year, they will host multiple (at least 8) Visiting Artists, and provide on site support for Visiting Artists, including meet & greets, studio visits, coordinating technical support with Digital Technology Office, and lunch visits. There is often some flexibility in the number of lectures, as there may be additional lectures by Visiting Critics (part time faculty) or Visiting Artists invited by faculty that the reps may be asked to publicize, introduce and/or coordinate. The Reps will also create and handle marketing and promotion of VA visits via email, social media and physical posters. VA Reps will be compensated \$225 per semester for the three semesters. We suggest that existing student reps be excluded from running for VA representatives.

VISITING ARTIST HOSTS (SCULPTURE)

In the Sculpture Department, each rising second year student proposes to invite one Visiting Artist during their second year. Each student proposes their Visiting Artist choices at the end of Spring semester. The Senior Administrative Assistant will then contact the requested artist in order of preference. Each student will host the artist on the day of their lecture, run the tech for the lecture, take the artist to lunch with a few more students, and make a poster for the event and publicize it. Each student will also create and handle marketing and promotion of VA visits via email, social media and physical posters. Each host is compensated \$175.00.

VISITING ARTIST PROCESS (PHOTOGRAPHY)

In the Photography Department, there are two elected Visiting Artist Representatives, one elected by each class. There are also twenty Visiting Artist Hosts.

VISITING ARTIST HOSTS: Each student in the first year and second year class (20) chooses one artist, and the host makes an initial contact with the artist. The Visiting Artist Host hosts the artists on the day of their visit, including lunch, and makes the introduction. The Visiting Hosts will earn \$50 for their role as a host.

The **VISITING ARTIST REPRESENTATIVES** organize the schedule for the year. Their duties include coordinating communications and publicity with graphic designers who make posters (note that the flat fee to Graphic Designers is \$75 per poster), organizing studio visit schedules, and corresponding with the Visiting Artists. The Visiting Artist Representative works for two-semesters, the compensation is \$325 per semester, paid for at the end of each semester.

VISITING ARTIST REPRESENTATIVE (GRAPHIC DESIGN)

In the Graphic Design department, one second year student will be elected by their cohort to facilitate the programming of 2 visiting artist lectures per year (ideally 1 per semester). The VA student rep will poll the second year cohort and organize meetings to collaboratively determine a ranked list of at least 6 potential VA lecturers (and further names if needed) that fairly represents the collective desire of the group. Lectures will then be invited in the determined order.

Additionally, the VA student rep will help draft the lecturer invitation, serve as a host and point-person for the lecturer on campus, identify technical needs and assist with computer and AV setup, make the lecturer introduction, and provide the desk visit schedule. The VA student rep earns \$175 per semester for their role.

GENERAL RULES FOR ALL ELECTIONS (ALL DEPARTMENTS)

1. The number of nominations solicited from each student is always the same as the number of positions available. (If two positions are available for Student Reps, two nominations will be solicited from each member of that class.)
2. You can nominate yourself.
3. Nominations will be solicited by secret ballot from all members of each class via an online form, administered by Assistant Director of Graduate Studies or the Senior Administrator.
4. The nominees who receive the most nominations will compete in an election. (In the case of a tie, more nominees will compete in an election.)
5. All nominees will be informed of their nomination prior to an election and if a nominee does not wish to serve, a runner up will be placed on the ballot.
6. The number of candidates you can vote for is always the same as the number of positions available. (i.e., If two positions are available for Student Reps, you can only vote for two people.)
7. In the event of a tie, a runoff election will be held.

2024-2025 REPS:

GRAPHIC DESIGN:

2025 Student Rep: Saskia Globig

2026 Student Rep: Izza Alyssa

2027 Student Rep: Laura Capriles

PAINTING:

2025 Student Reps: Bix Archer, Hafsa Nouman

2026 Student Reps: Inkpa Mani, Sok Song

PHOTOGRAPHY:

2025 Student Rep: Christopher Postlewaite

2026 Student Rep: Leor Miller

2025 VA Rep: Bella Convertino

SCULPTURE:

2025 Student Rep: Brenda Barrios

2026 Student Rep: Patricia Cameron Downey

GPSS Senators: Faith Couch, Inkpa Mani

2023-2024 REPS:

GRAPHIC DESIGN

2024 Student Rep: Orlando Porras

2025 Student Rep: Aylin Alakbarli

2026 Student Rep: Gabriella Baez

PAINTING:

2024 Student Reps: Mike Picos, Laura Medina
2025 Student Reps: Haejin Park, Hafsa Nouman

PHOTOGRAPHY:

2024 Student Rep: Pat Garcia
2025 Student Rep: Christopher Desanges
2024 VA Rep: Shelli Weiler

SCULPTURE:

2024 Student Rep: Andrew Ordonez
2025 Student Rep: Brenda Barrios

GPSS Senators: Jaamal Benjamin, Anietie Ekanem

2022-2023 REPS:

GRAPHIC DESIGN

2023 Student Rep: David Walker
2024 Student Rep: Darnell Henderson
2025 Student Rep: Aylin Alakbarli

PAINTING:

2023 Student Reps: Jonathan Herrera Soto, Soren Hope
2024 Student Reps: Michael Cuadrado, Laura Medina

PHOTOGRAPHY:

2023 Student Rep: Sophie Schwartz
2024 Student Rep: Whitney Klare

2023 VA Rep: Natalie Ivis
2024 VA Resp: Andie Clarkson

SCULPTURE:

2023 Student Rep: Madison Donnelly
2024 Student Rep: Marcelline Mandeng

GPSS REPS:

David Walker (Graphic Design)
Kyle Richardson (Graphic Design)