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McInnis accepts Yale's fault for public distrust

Committee's bluntness turns heads, wins praise

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In the hours after University President Maurie McInnis shared the Committee on Trust in Higher Education's report on Wednesday afternoon, faculty members praised its purpose and frankness, while students questioned whether it sufficiently dealt with the pressures faced by undergraduates.

The report, which was written by a committee of 10 professors, examines a wide range of campus issues, including the cost of attendance, the admis-

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Answering faculty panel's call: Rethink policies to rebuild trust

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A faculty committee assembled by Yale President Maurie McInnis on Wednesday released a report examining a vast range of campus issues to identify causes of and potential solutions to public wariness of higher education, prompting McInnis to say the University must accept some fault for declining trust.

McInnis formed the 10-member Committee on Trust in Higher Education last April, during her second semester as University president — and three months after President Donald Trump took office, having promised an aggressive approach to overhauling American universities.

In its sprawling 58-page report, the committee criticized certain University policies and listed 20 recommendations for reform. It suggested that for Yale to restore public trust, it should rethink its approach to financial aid, clarify and change admissions policies, promote more

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Report touches on mission, grades, free speech

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On Wednesday afternoon, University President Maurie McInnis unveiled an extensive report by the Committee on Trust in Higher Education about Yale's — and other elite universities' — failure to maintain public trust.

The report called for changes touching on a wide range of issues, from grade inflation to admissions and from campus discourse to the cost of attendance. How these recommendations will be implemented remains unclear: McInnis accepted some of the proposals in full, referred some questions to various committees and left some of the suggested changes unaddressed in the email she sent to the University community to share the report.

In her email, McInnis accepted the committee's call for Yale to take responsibility for plummeting public trust. "We must acknowledge how we have fallen short," she wrote.

Since McInnis formed the committee in April 2024, it has gathered research and held listening sessions as part of its work to compile the report.

"Ours is the academic mandate," law professor Sarath Sanga LAW '14, a member of the 10-person committee, said in a Wednesday interview. "And now she has the leadership mandate. So it's hers to implement," he added, referring to McInnis.

Yale's mission

At the core of the report's 20 recommendations was a proposal to

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YCC candidates take aim at funding cuts

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Counteracting administrators' cuts to student funding programs is central to the campaigns of the four students still running to be the next Yale College Council president.

After President Donald Trump signed the One Big Beautiful Bill Act, which included a provision to increase the tax on the wealthiest universities' endowment incomes from 1.4 to 8 percent, University administrators announced that schools and divisions across Yale would have to reduce their budget targets.

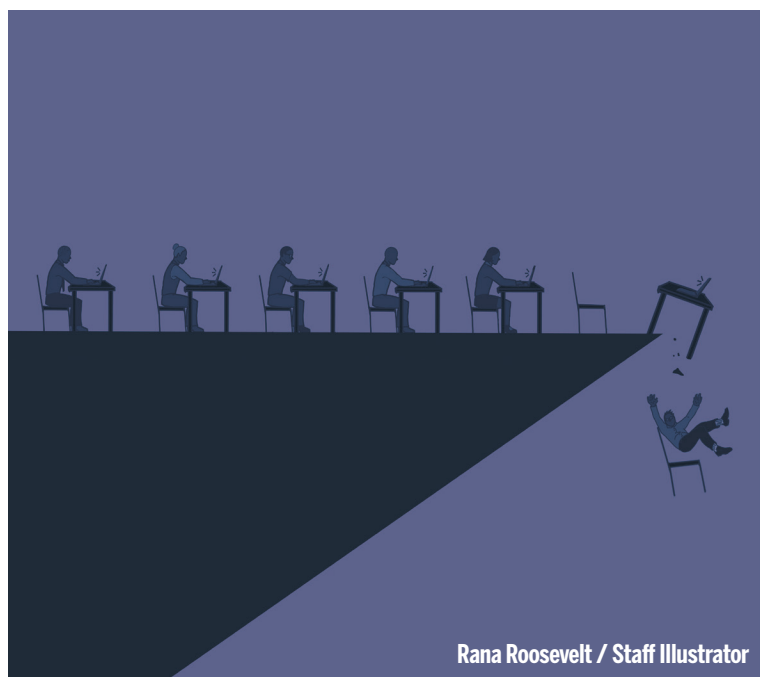
Since that announcement, Yale College has consolidated the International Study Award and the Summer Experience Award into a single summer grant opportunity and reduced the size of its staff. Amid the budget tightening, YCC presidential candidates said they think it will be essential for them to be in the room when future budgetary decisions are made.

"I think first and foremost, the student body deserves a clear and concise explanation as to why these changes are being made on campus," candidate Sahra Wahedi '27 said in an interview. "We will get them those answers. And second of all, we will ensure that further changes that are made, we are able to receive notice of them prior to that, and that we're able to ensure that FGLI students have the resources they need to thrive on campus," she added,

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Is Yale's bureaucracy too big?

Budget crunch under Trump renews old question



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Yale's managerial and professional staff has nearly doubled since 2000. The University is now facing a $300 million bump in its endowment tax bill that is forcing hard questions about what all of the bureaucracy is for.

Since 2000, Yale's managerial and professional head count has grown from roughly 3,300 employees to around 6,300, according to the Office of Institutional Research. In that same period, undergraduate enrollment grew by around 1,500 students. In 2018, the Chronicle of Higher Education found that Yale had the highest manager-to-student ratio of any Ivy League university and the fifth

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Government sues New Haven over 'sanctuary policies'

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The Trump administration filed a lawsuit against New Haven on Monday, alleging that the city's so-called "sanctuary policies" interfere with federal law.

The lawsuit was the latest in a series of legal battles between Mayor Justin Elicker and President Donald Trump since the beginning of his second term — but this time, New Haven was the defendant. The city has signed onto five lawsuits and 20 amicus briefs against the Trump administration, including one last February aimed at protecting sanctuary cities from federal overreach, according to city spokesperson.

The complaint alleges that New Haven's "sanctuary policies," which restrict local authorities' collaboration with federal immigration enforcement, disregard federal law and threaten public safety. It also claims that sanctuary cities provide "criminal aliens with safe harbor from federal law enforcement detection."

In 2020, Elicker signed an executive order designating New Haven a "welcoming city," which prohibited city employees and police from making arrests or detentions based on Immigration and Customs Enforcement detainer requests or warrants, "unless required by law." The policy also restricts city employees and police from inquiring about a person's immigration status.

"Sadly, but unsurprisingly, the Trump Administration's lawsuit contains inaccuracies and untruths about New Haven's Welcoming City executive order," Elicker said in a statement emailed by a spokesperson. "We are confident we are on the right side of the law – and, equally important, we are confident we are on the right side of history. We will continue to stand up to President Trump and we will continue to defend our residents, our city and our values."

Elicker said that the policy is "compliant with all local, state and federal law," and affirmed that the city was committed to arresting any individuals that commit violent crimes.

Over the course of his second presidential term, Trump has directed ICE to carry out a large-scale detention and deportation campaign across the U.S., an effort which drew intense national scrutiny earlier this year after federal agents killed two American citizens during its

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Silicon Valley leaders told University President Maurie McInnis that AI technology will make a Yale degree more valuable, she said in an interview.

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