Dear Colleagues,

As he announced at the October 3 Yale College faculty meeting, President Peter Salovey has asked us to convene a committee to provide guidance as we move toward breaking ground on the new residential colleges. We are writing today to provide more details about that committee and its charge.

The committee is as follows:

Ron Breaker, Henry Ford II Professor and Chair, Molecular, Cellular, & Developmental Biology
Rick Bribiescas, Professor and Chair, Anthropology
Jane Edwards, Senior Associate Dean and Dean of International & Professional Experience, Yale College
Alan Gerber, Charles C. & Dorathea S. Dilley Professor, Political Science
Jonathan Holloway, Professor, History and American Studies, Professor and Chair, African American Studies, Master of Calhoun College
Amy Hungerford, Professor, English and American Studies, Master of Morse College, Chair, Council of Masters
Gundula Kreuzer, Associate Professor, Music
Kyle Vanderlick, Dean of the School of Engineering & Applied Science, Thomas E. Golden Jr. Professor of Engineering
Karen Wynn, Professor, Psychology
Kurt Zilm, Professor, Chemistry and Chemical Engineering

The focus of this committee will be on teaching, learning, and student services, and on what we need to do to accommodate 800 additional students. For example, how many extra sections will we need in introductory chemistry and introductory writing courses? Do we have sufficient classroom capacity? Some of these issues were considered by a committee five years ago, but much has happened since then and the analysis needs to be refreshed.
To accomplish this, we will ask the committee to meet with us intensively over a short period of time in the next month or so, with the goal of arriving at recommendations — or zeroing in on areas for more intensive research — well before the end of this calendar year.

Yours,

Ben Polak and Mary Miller