

VICTOR ASHE '67 FOR YALE CORPORATION

Dear Friend,

I learned today in a phone call from Yale President Peter Salovey that I had not won the election for Yale Corporation. I congratulate Dr. Thomas and wish him well. I can easily accept losing an election even if disappointed.

However, I cannot accept having the petition process abolished so the Corporation can become fully self-perpetuating. This decision was announced one hour after Salovey phoned me. This decision was made in secret by the full Corporation on May 18 and then withheld from Alumni during the contest. This is shameful and contrary to Lux et Veritas.

Again, I do not fault Dr. Thomas but the behavior of the current Corporation represents a step towards arrogance and disregard of the views of Yale alumni. The Corporation wants alumni to be happy having our two choices picked for us before we vote without any discussion of any issue. Some would argue this happens in a Banana Republic.

It may violate the Yale Charter established by the Connecticut legislature. If not, then Alumni who want to sign petitions for a wider choice are left with no alternative but to ask the Connecticut legislature to enact legislation restoring the petition process and allowing all Yale College graduates to vote upon graduation without a 5 year waiting period. Thousands of Yale alumni live in Connecticut. The legislature may be very interested in their view. Of the current 17 Corporation Board members only Peter Salovey lives in Connecticut while two others live in Hong Kong and Cambridge, UK.

The Governor and Lt Governor are voting members of the Corporation (making 19 members) but they are not treated as Corporation members by Yale. They were not notified of the May 18 meeting or advised as to what was planned. I doubt they would have approved of Connecticut alumni (their constituents) being restricted in their voting choices for the future.

Again, I want to thank everyone who did vote for me and encouraged me over the past 14 months. I enjoyed connecting and reconnecting with so many old friends. I am energized to oppose this latest blatant attempt to diminish alumni voting rights for the Yale Corporation.

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