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1. **Welcome Macaulay Scholars Council!**
2. **Approval of the Agenda**
  - a. Motion to approve this agenda, seconded, 19 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain
3. **Approval of Last Meeting's Agenda:**
  - a.  MSC April Agenda 2024
  - b. Motion to approve last meeting's agenda, seconded, 19 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain
4. **Campus and Campus Event Updates** *What are student concerns? Any upcoming events?*
  - a. Baruch
    - i. Senior celebrations!! Baruch honors valedictory on May 10 + many other fun events
    - ii. Paint and sip, NBA games, Broadway shows coming up
  - b. Brooklyn
    - i. MJ on Broadway on thurs 5/2
    - ii. All outdoor events have been canceled including our outdoor movie nights which were moved indoors and the vibes are simply sad
  - c. City
    - I. Classes have been remote since May 1st due to protest on campus » remote tomorrow but perhaps Tues (5/7) in person
    - II. End of year ball and lavender fest canceled :(
  - d. College of Staten Island
    - I. May 7: Cohort Event volleyball tournament
  - e. Hunter
    - i. Boba event May 8th 1-3 PM at Macaulay Hunter Lounge! All years welcome!!
  - f. John Jay
    - i. Skipped for now
  - g. Lehman
    - i. The cohort event on May 1st was a success! Almost 60 people attended
    - ii. Lehman honors luncheon - Tuesday, May 7th
  - h. Queens
    - i. May 6th Ice Cream
    - ii. May 28th Commencement for seniors (volunteer opportunity)
    - iii. Macaulay Honors College Senior Luncheon - Senior lunch Wednesday, May 29th
5. **Council Reflection**
  - a. **2024**
    - i. Isabelle: Success in bringing all years together and working as a collective council in improving the college and student experience.



- ii. Laila: This year was acknowledging the completion of four years at macaulay
- iii. Emma: engagement, celebrating the class, excited / attending grad
- iv. Taly: Made council throughout 4 years more functional, especially the committees. (more active)

**b. 2025**

- i. Rosalynn: Learned the importance of building individual relationships, creating connections that ensure the participation of cohorts.
- ii. Lizbet: It was helpful to have the freshmen be excited about council and have the upperclassmen to look up to for guidance/support

**c. 2026**

- i. Tri: Communication improved at Macaulay and at home campus (Lehman)
- ii. Ian: it was great to serve as a point of contact for Macaulay deadlines
- iii. Tasneea: making a relationship with Macaulay advisors is very helpful (when cc'ing advisors in internship updates people take it more seriously)

**d. 2027**

- i. Nasir: Creating a community in Macaulay and building relationships with council members and Macaulay students in general.
- ii. Nikson : Intercommunity of Macaulay and building relationships with many people from all campuses.
- iii. Audrey: it was nice to get to know people from across all campuses and encourage my cohort to be part of the Macaulay community.

**6. Student Development Updates:**

**a. Other Reflections:**

- i. Emmy: This year feels a tad different but not bad! It feels like everyone got closer; more like a community rather than coworkers
- ii. Tri: Communication has been really effective and important, bringing people together to events and in general
- iii. Yassir: Try and keep in contact with reps on campus so we are on the same page (more campus communication)
- iv. 3 Favorite Things!
  - 1. Cohort Events: students get to know reps and people can bond
  - 2. The seniors: good mentors for us (2024 led, 2027 carried)
  - 3. Coming to Scholar's Council meetings
- v. What have you learned?
  - i. Trust in everyone, and luckily having a safe environment here.
  - ii. It's ok to ask for help!

**b. [Orientation](#) (Dates not yet updated on website)**

- i. August 21st Crew Day (Save the date!)
- ii. August 22nd Community Resource Day (This one too.)
- iii. [Orientation Leader Peer Mentor Application](#)

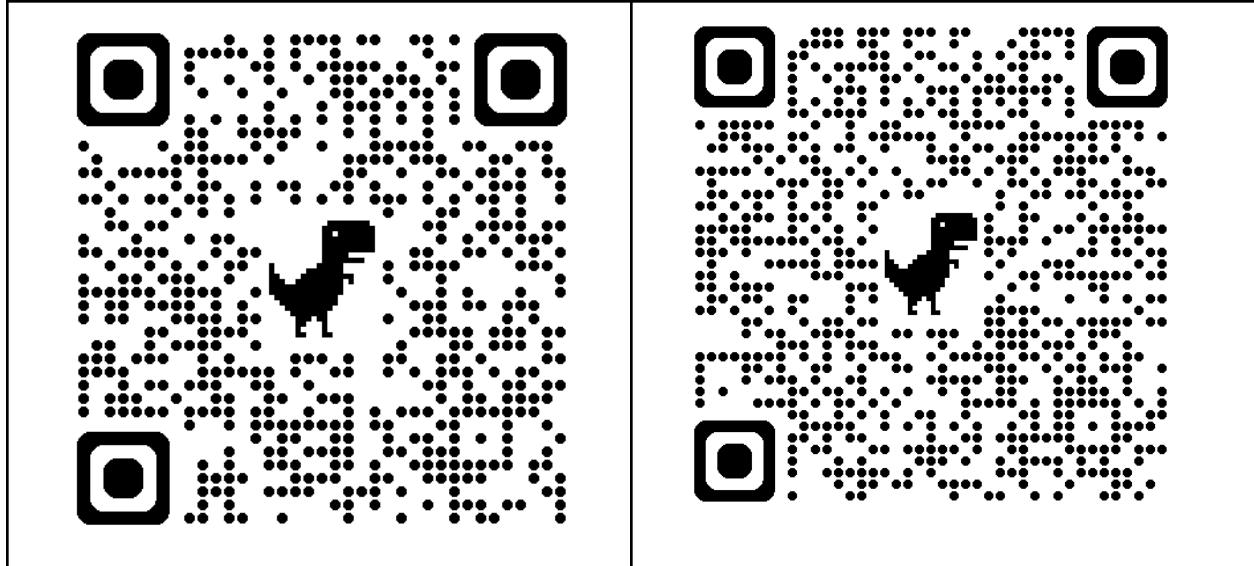


1. Due at the end of May! Push out to cohorts
  2. Peer mentors are allegedly more fun than council. Do it. (Shivani recommended)
  3. Free merch and 16 community service hours (can count towards grad req)
- c. [Content Coordinators](#)
    - i. Ability to build social media portfolio
  - d. [Content Volunteers](#)
    - i. Content creation
    - ii. Command the Macaulay Tiktok, make us look hip and cool!
  - e. [Spring Formal: Enchantment Under The Sea](#) - May 4th
  - f. [Macaulay Merch](#)
    - i. Buy stuff please and push to cohorts
  - g. [Student Lounge Volunteer Application](#)
    - i. They host events every day in the building
    - ii. Deadline to apply: Not until August!
  - h. [Student Leadership Awards](#) 5/3
    - i. Several Scholars council reps were awarded!
    - ii. Thank you for your hard work everyone
  - i. [Finals Wellness](#) 5/10
    - i. Massages, dog therapy, pilates, arts and crafts, and more!
    - ii. 4:30-8pm
  - j. [Cleaning Day](#) 5/24
    - i. After the MSC meeting! Come organize the building with us
    - ii. Counts as a cohort event for 2023-2024 school year
  - k. [Resiliency Workshops](#)
    - i. Upcoming workshops: Queens 05/06 (mon), Hunter 05/08 (wed)
    - ii. Unfortunately, CCNY's workshop is canceled
  - l. [Wellness Focus Groups](#)
    - i. Hosted by our collaborative wellness program
    - ii. Share your experience as a college student! And share with your cohorts
  - m. [Club Re-registration](#) Begins July 1
    - i. Clubs Deactivated: June 15
  - n. Space Reservations for the Fall will begin July 1
    - i. Form incoming
  - o. [Senior Luncheon](#) Fri May 10
    - i. Email [commencement@macaulay.cuny.edu](mailto:commencement@macaulay.cuny.edu) to joinQ
  - p. [Senior Sendoff](#)
    - i. [Cap Decorating](#) Tues 5/21 from 6-8pm
  - q. [MSC Elections Meeting](#)
    - i. 2024-2025 MSC meeting 5/24 10am-12pm
    - ii. Nominate yourself or someone else to be a VP or president



- iii. Please do not be absent, but if you must email, student development and [scholarscouncil@macaulay.cuny.edu](mailto:scholarscouncil@macaulay.cuny.edu) by 5/20
- r. [Important Dates & Deadlines](#)
  - i. Spending Deadline - 5/16
  - ii. Event Deadline - 5/16
  - iii. [Reimbursement](#) Deadline 5/29
    - 1. Page on website to help walk you through the process
- s. Assessment Deadlines
  - i. 4/28/24 2024 Club Leader Election Results
  - ii. 5/16/24 Annual Club Program Evaluation
  - iii. 5/16/24 Student Leader Assessment
  - iv. 5/16/24 Scholars Council Evaluation Form
  - v. 5/8/24 Scholars Council Executive Board Self-Assessment
- t. [Leadership Opportunities](#)
  - i. Post vacant leadership roles if you are a club or if you're looking for some leadership scour here
  - ii. Greatly appreciated by the clubs if you'd share!
- u. [Student Climate Survey](#)
  - i. Annual survey to understand how students are feeling, check it out!
  - ii. FREEEEEE Gift card, it was really long but totally worth it
  - iii. It was lowkey super long and like how bad do you think each group had it on campus
    - 1. At the end of the survey it asked if you'd like to have an in person or zoom meeting to discuss anything further
- v. [Reimbursement Deadline](#) - 5/29
  - i. [Submitting Reimbursements](#)
  - ii. As many students are submitting their reimbursements from the whole semester, this process is likely going to take longer than usual. Please be patient with us and make sure you submit all of your information in full.
- w. Assessments
  - i. [MSC](#)
  - ii. [MSC E-board](#)

Scholars Council (Everyone)	MSC E-board (Only E-board)
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**7. President's Updates:**

- a. Dean's Thank You Lunch
  - i. Right after at 1pm in Commons, opportunity to connect with her and ask her questions!
  - ii. DIG!!!!!!
  - iii. Also MSC pic after lunch or after meeting
- b. MHC Building Renovation:
  - i. Were supposed to have a meeting with Curtis Hoover this week to talk about this more, got rescheduled
  - ii. Negative Thoughts:
    - 1. Cabaret Plans: v important area for clubs, not necessary to make it a study area, no need for quiet study!
      - a. Allegedly they are receptive to adjusting plan!
    - 2. Stage is important, but so is quiet space (so make LL that space)
      - a. Risers would make stage more versatile
  - iii. TL: 2 summers from now, need this in writing ....
  - iv. Context: this came about from student complaints, third floor originally had one more classroom but was converted during the pandemic, promise was to make kitchen area more accessible to students
- c. ~~Macaulay Rizz Party~~ [Spring Formal](#)
  - i. WOOOOO WE DID IT!!!!!!!
  - ii. We did break even (\$27 over projected budget slay, 166 checked in)
  - iii. Issue: lack of MSC volunteers, SLVs and other club leaders had to help us which is lowkey embarrassing also the attendance was concerning for a long time
  - iv. Shivani: Thank you Selina!! And student life



- v. Emmy: Why do we not have a venmo or cashapp this is ~~trash~~ it's just so many regulations and it's a lot of logistics but we are looking into it
    - 1. And no we simply cannot cheat the system (womp womp) and it's a liability to have someone else's venmo accept it and then transfer to MSC account)
  - vi. Lizbet: Photo station was great but it held up the line at times, would it be possible to have 2 photo stations at some point in the future?
    - 1. Need more volunteers for 2 photo booths
    - 2. Popular times: 8:30/9ish
  - vii. Sasha: Food downstairs? So there's not too many hurdles in getting people on the dance floor after
    - 1. Might get crowded, concession: dessert downstairs!
  - viii. Rosalynn: Could the MSC members have smaller shifts, cause it was hard to be involved in the formal while also working our shifts.
    - 1. Selina: People have to work clean up/set up or the entire party because of the amount of shifts (3)
    - 2. Lizbet: there were people that were here for set up, worked the entire event, and were here for the entire clean up,, you should be able to enjoy the party. Also issues in replacing shifts so perhaps coordinate better so maybe another student life person can be the pinpoint to switch
    - 3. Nasir: perhaps event volunteer group chat
  - ix. Yassir: Bro knows a Brooklyn College student who DJs and only thought about it during the event
    - 1. And she'd do it for free!
  - x. Fawziyah: We had halal food! But we needed signage for students that can't eat anything else, maybe get more
  - xi. Shout out Audrey because she responded to the texts in the gc :3
  - xii. Chris Daversa: event was successful but there were a lot of /challenges/ thank you student dev!! Their role is to advise not to run the event, we should be able to have this event without that massive support
    - 1. How can we get the support we need for this event?
    - 2. Also last minute adjustments for people that didn't show up, had to have other club leaders help (Marauders, SLV, MMC)
    - 3. Lizbet: to go forward, we all need to step up and see how we can help more and if there's a way to have a bigger committee help plan it, perhaps a pre set up the day before too for smaller things
    - 4. Yassir: we simply must not let this happen again so we can continue to have these events, MSC reps (us) need to step up
  - xiii. George: Meeting prior to a big event we can fill out a volunteer form together so everyone can do it at once, or have it do it earlier
- d. [Annual Report](#)



- i. Shows off what we've done this year and gets us the respect we deserve.
  - ii. Thank you everyone for submitting your accomplishments!
- e. Attendance
  - i. ¿Qué pasó last month? We wouldn't have met quorum without Farha which means club budgets and cohort events wouldn't have been approved
  - ii. Don't let this happen again. 😞 Please take a moment to reflect on your role and understand your position
  - iii. If you do not take your role seriously, please understand other people want your role and are able to be present on MSC
  - iv. Also note community service weekend was the same time, quite inconvenient but it wasn't supposed to happen
- 8. Diversity Committee Updates – Vanessa : not present**
- 9. USS Delegate Updates – George:**
  - a. 4/14 - met quorum (lol)
  - b. Budget deficit but have improved student faculty ratio (2023 was 21:1)
  - c. Enforcing policy of faculty not using Blackboard → migrating to Brightspace in the future
- 10. Committee Updates and Upcoming Events + Committee Reflection**
  - a. Finance (Isabelle Greene [isabelle.greene@macaulay.cuny.edu](mailto:isabelle.greene@macaulay.cuny.edu))**
    - i. Thank you to Shania, Shivani, and Yassir this past year! And congrats to Isabelle, you've been a great VP 😊
    - ii. Club Budgets
      - 1. We did not allocate the entire \$15k because messenger's allocation was unwanted - \$14,910 spent
    - iii. Purchase price for graduation stoles - \$20 each
      - 1. if you do not want to purchase, YOU MUST RETURN!
      - 2. Someone should manage this process for accountability!
  - b. Academic Affairs (Laila Gad [Lailagad20@gmail.com](mailto:Lailagad20@gmail.com))**
    - i. Sent out the bridge scholars form ... no responses yet
    - ii. MHC College Council Meeting, 5/7 from 3-5pm
    - iii. Thanks for a good year friends <3
  - c. Campus Affairs (Shivani Ramsaran [shivani.ramsaran@macaulay.cuny.edu](mailto:shivani.ramsaran@macaulay.cuny.edu))**
    - i. We just had our last Club Council meeting and Student Leadership Awards right after!! (I think attendance was really good!!)
    - ii. Thank you all for such a good year!! So much love to my committee!! See you next semester (not on the 24th, sorry)
  - d. Community Service (Taly Kronisch [Talya.kronisch@macaulay.cuny.edu](mailto:Talya.kronisch@macaulay.cuny.edu))**
    - i. Overall successful year, some challenges but we had a bunch of small events and they were impactful so :3
    - ii. On campus community service events were also impactful!
    - iii. Thank you Taly for everything you've done on CS and on council!



- e. **Student Life** (Selina Zheng [selina.zheng1@macaulay.cuny.edu](mailto:selina.zheng1@macaulay.cuny.edu) )
  - i. Thank you for a wonderful spring formal <3
  - ii. It's been a rough few months but we did it!!!
- f. **IT/Communications** (Sasha Jamal: [sasha.jamal@macaulay.cuny.edu](mailto:sasha.jamal@macaulay.cuny.edu) )
  - i. Keep the 2028 account poppin throughout the summer :3
  - ii. [MSC Meeting Updates Templates](#)
  - iii. Thanks for a great year <3 please let me know what you found helpful or what you thought we did poorly (but not too harsh cause I am sensitive)
- g. **E-Board Reflection**
  - i. Thank you so much student development! Lots of therapy was happened and their support was very helpful
  - ii. Also senior shout out to Fawziyah, Taly, Isabelle, and Laila who have been on MSC for 4 years, you will be missed and are appreciated
    1. Emma and Joie also 3 years so shout out and major acknowledgement
11. **Old Business:** none! (I hope)
12. **New Business:** none!
13. **Clean up helpers:** TBD
14. **Mountain Lion Monthly Winner 🏆:** Co-parenting for the summer... George and Nasir!
15. **Final Remarks and Discussion:** None!!!
16. **Adjournment:**
  - a. Motion to adjourn, second, 23 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain

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**Upcoming Important Dates for Follow-Up:**

- [Finals Wellness Event](#) – Friday, May 10 (4:30 - 8 PM)

**Upcoming Club Events:**

- [Macaulay Triplets Spring Concert](#) – Saturday, May 11 (7:30-9 PM)
- [Macaulay Business Club 2024 Business Gala](#) – Tuesday, May 14 (5:30- 9:30 PM)
- [SLV Weekly Events](#) – see club Macaulay for details

**Newly Elected Scholars Council Meeting**

**Date:** May 24, 2024

**Time:** 10AM - 12PM

**Location:** Lecture Hall

**RSVP:** Club Macaulay