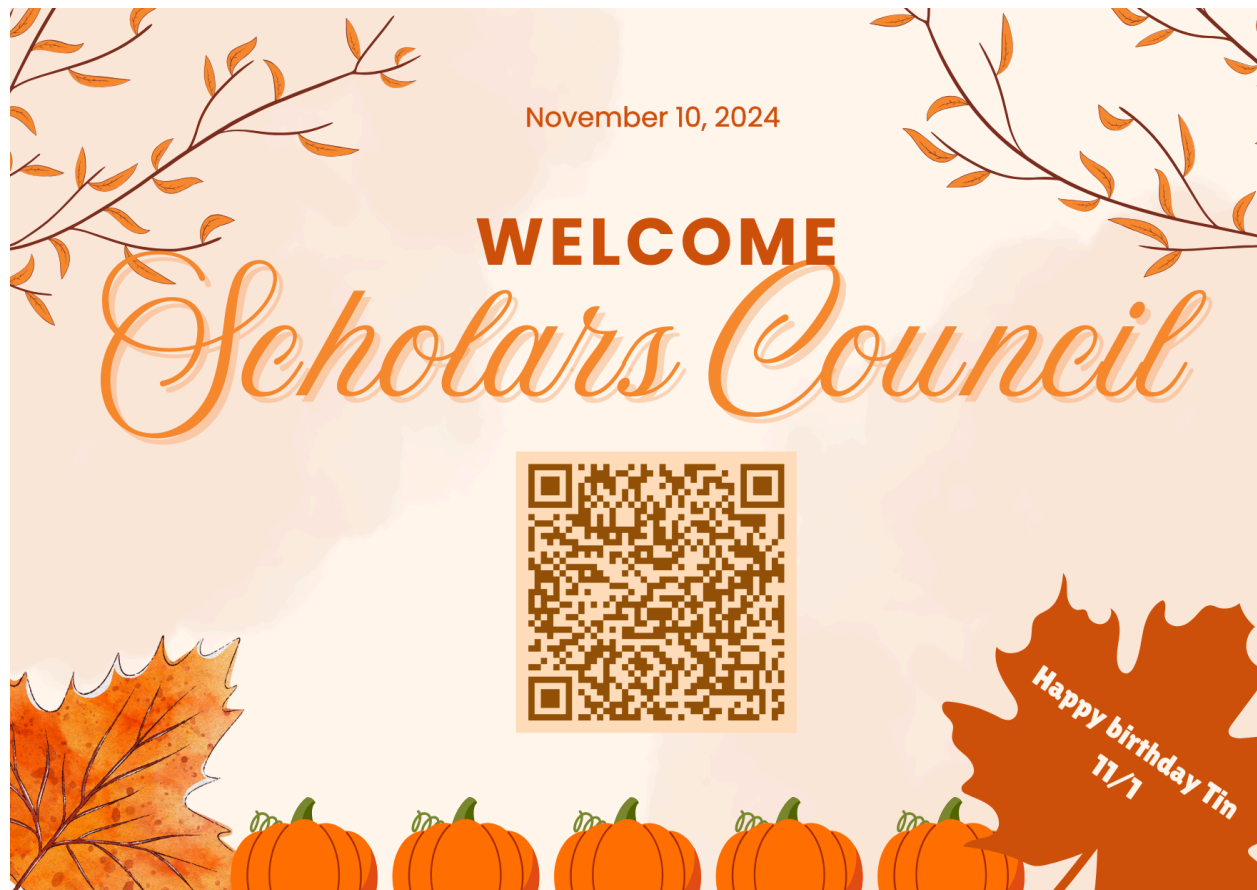




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Student Development: Eileen Makak, James Brischetta, Chalmers Mathew



1. **Welcome**
2. **Approval of the Agenda:**
 - a. Motion to approve the agenda, seconded (18 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain)
3. **Approval of Last Meeting's Agenda:**
 - a. [MSC October Agenda 2024](#)
 - b. Motion to approve last month's agenda, seconded, (18 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain)
4. **Greetings from Associate Dean Curtis Hoover, Student Services and Engagement**
 - a. [Slides](#)
 - b. Searching for an associate director of counseling services and director of student development
 - i. Nasir is interested in interviewing the new Director of Student Dev this Tuesday 9:15am zoom
 - c. Planning a 4+1 free Masters program partnership with Cornell Tech
 - i. Email Curtis to join the meeting with Cornell Tech this Wed 9:45am!
 1. Sasha, Ian is interested
 - d. Sign up for Alt. Spring Break in Albany and Montreal! Especially Queens and JJ students!! \$100, but everything else is covered!!



1. Only 20 students can go! Apply by 12/2/24
 - e. Interfaith Celebration 12/13 2:15pm in the Reading Room! First 50 people get a free headband!!
 - i. Same day as finals wellness
 - ii. If you are interested in participating, please put your name here:
 - iii. Promote to cohorts!
 - f. End of Semester BINGO! 12/13 3:15pm! Win prizes!!
 - i. Promote to cohorts!
 - g. Loaner laptops for students in need (available in Spring, process coming soon) » 40 for now (must qualify for the pell grant)
 - i. Likely Macbooks but not set in stone
 - h. Travel awards for students presenting research, \$750 to spend for 10 students (starting in Spring, separate from opps fund)
 - i. Website will be up in January (same place as opps fund)
 - i. Mountain Lion Food Pantry!! Next to counseling center - 3rd floor, donations from amazon:) open december 1
 - j. Title IX Liaisons (Curtis and Eileen) will meet with Jessica
 - k. Curtis looking for a dog sitter!!
- 5. Student Development Updates:**
- a. [Student Lounge Volunteers](#)
 - i. Daily Events Mon-Thur 6-7pm
 - ii. Free coffee and tea
 - b. [Space Reservations Calendar](#)
 - i. Spring Room Reservations 11/1 - Create an event in advance through ClubMacaulay! Space is limited.
 - c. [Macaulay Merch](#)
 - i. Plug this to your cohorts!
 - d. [Club Macaulay Merch](#)
 - i. Clubs can use this to bypass the \$8/unit max rule
 - ii. \$31 per crewneck and \$34 per hoodie
 - e. [Finals Wellness](#)
 - i. Friday Dec. 13 5-8pm
 - ii. Massages, therapy animals, piñata (MSC)
 - f. [Supporting Excellence](#)
 - i. Next Thurs 12/5 5:30-8:30 pm
 - ii. Free Chinese food!!
 - iii. Panelists surrounding the theme of the future of diversity and what that looks like for macaulay, raffle (mug, hat, glass)
 - g. [Club Leader Retreat](#)
 - i. Friday Jan 10th
 - h. [Welcome Back Fair](#)
 - i. Fri, Jan 31
 - i. Alternative Spring Break
 - j. [Budget Deadlines](#) (Readjustment Deadline, 2 layers of approval)
 - i. Reimbursement Deadline, Needs to be fully correct before the deadline.



- k. [Important Dates & Deadlines](#)
 - l. [Leadership Opportunities](#)
 - i. Share to your cohorts! If you have a club that needs a leadership position please post it here
 - m. [Club Updates - Past Newsletters](#)
 - n. [Giving Tuesday](#)
 - i. Become a [Fundraiser](#)
 - 1. How to: [Being a Fundraiser, Giving Tuesday](#)
 - ii. Fill out form to participate on 12/3
 - o. [Spring 2025 Macaulay Central Courses](#)
 - i. Email registration@macaulay.cuny.edu for any questions
 - ii. Sign up now!
 - p. Club Macaulay Maintenance Day - Nov. 28
 - i. Will be down on Thanksgiving
- 6. President's Updates:**
- a. [Finals Wellness](#)
 - i. Piñata event | Friday, December 13 (5-5:30 PM)
 - ii. Interested in volunteering: Nasir, Susan, Amelie, Tri, Eshaal, Annamarie
 - b. Emails
 - i. Students interact with emails during ops fund season and laptops the most (2027), sometimes get a thank you which is nice,
 - c. Macaulay Olympics
 - i. Location: College of Staten Island
Date: Sunday March 23, 2025
 - 1. Still need to reach out to CSI to confirm and possibly plan a rain date
 - ii. Sports List: Volleyball, kickball, and a relay race/obstacle course
 - iii. Non-Sports: trivia, puzzle relay, e-sports
 - iv. People want to be in the know, we should continuously update them
 - 1. Start advertising by the end of November
 - v. Teams: campus by campus, may shift if not enough sign ups
 - 1. Staggered event times so we can have spectators
 - vi. Possible CSI visit in January
 - d. Dean's Updates
 - i. Macaulay Honors College 2025 Honorary Degree Recipients: Call for Nominations
 - 1. [Submit your nominations](#) via the form by **December 20, 2024.**
 - a. [Former Vice President Al Gore and Barbara Chang.](#)
 - ii. Student Voice and Agency in Redesigning Democracy sponsored by the [Institute for Democracy and Higher Education](#)
 - 1. - IN-PERSON Tuesday, NOV 12th 1:30-3:00pm at John Jay College (524 w 59th st)
 - 2. - ONLINE Wednesday NOV 13th, 5:30-7:00pm on Zoom



3. Students can sign up [here](#)
(<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SVAResearchFa24>)
 4. \$10 for participating
 5. Need about 30 people!
 - iii. Dean Visits:
 1. ~~Hunter – Nov 6~~
 2. CSI – Dec 5
 3. Queens – Dec 9
 4. Brooklyn – TBD
 5. Spring Semester: JJ, Baruch, Lehman, City
 - e. [MSC Central Issues](#)
 - i. What progress we're making so far
 - ii. Budget for these events: will find out but hopefully student development can figure it out
 1. For like \$30 but \$100 is a big ask
 - iii. If clubs are locked out of their emails, email the helpdesk!
 - iv. Fireside chat with Macaulay admin and students
 1. Townhall with cohorts?
 - v. Advisor survey at the end of the semester and meeting Tues Nov 19 with MSC and Kathy
- 7. Campus and Campus Event Updates**
- a. Baruch:
 - i. Chris Daversa sighting!
 - ii. Concern about Macaulay Students having a priority registration: possibly propose to have it an hour before the other Honors Programs at Baruch instead of all at the same time - similar to how Hunter does registration
 - b. Brooklyn
 - i. We have spirit week this week every day wear something themed (see bcstudentgov on insta)
 - ii. Fire at Prospect Park... campus is smoky now
 - iii. Free Nets tickets for students!
 - iv. Annamarie and Tin will plan a joint cohort event
 - c. City:
 1. We had a lot of people at the scare fest (:
 2. fire at ccny arsc building - it was a "minor" chemical explosion but everything is okay
 - 3.
 - d. College of Staten Island
 - I. Campus visit: December 5th
 1. Same day as research with the provost (by AA)
 - II. Registration is complete
 - III. [CSI Macaulay PhotoShoot](#) (shoutout to '28 Freshman Matt and Gabriella)



- IV. Macaulay Collaborative Wellness Event at CSI on 10/22
 - 1. Pumpkin and Tote bag painting
- V. CSI Senior Sendoff
 - 1. We've received an email from our advisor regarding what we would be interested in
 - 2. Top 3 choices: bowling, minigolf, gokart
- VI. Department of Education selected CSI to participate in a beta testing of the new 25-26 FAFSA
 - 1. This allows our students to submit their 25-26 FAFSA a month before it becomes available to the general public. CSI's Financial Aid office would like Macaulay students to participate in this.
- e. Hunter
 - i. We were a poll center on election day
 - ii. Students were invited to join a conference with the dean if they had any concerns; not sure if anyone did or knew about it far enough in advance
- f. John Jay
 - i. John Jay Halloween fashion show
 - ii. Still looking for students to take part in the democracy discussion.
 - iii. Macaulay advisor is planning a honors wide holiday party
 - 1. Free food
 - 2. Gingerbread/stocking/snowflake decorating
 - 3. Jeopardy/Bingo
 - 4. Potentially borrowing decorations from Macaulay
 - iv. Holding a community forum on John Jay's Institutional Statement Policies on Nov. 14th:
 - 1. 1) When does the president speak? (When should the president make an institutional statement on a current event?)
 - 2. 2) How do we speak? (How do we equip our community for meaningful/productive dialogue on challenging/charged topics?)
- g. Lehman
 - i. 10/23/24 Had a Wellness Picnic apart of the Collaborative Wellness Project (Thanks Ash for bringing your friends :))
 - ii. 11/18/24 OPA is hosting a Major Showdown to prove which major is the best
 - iii. Lehman Scholars Program classes and Macaulay Seminar times were just released in time for registration! (Winter - November 16th, Spring November 13th)
 - iv. Pumpkin smash and variety of events that promote on-campus engagement
 - v. Bush Fire in [Van Cortlandt Park...](#)



- vi. Dr. Zohra Saed's Central Asian Studies class went on tour of Sheepshead Bay/Little Uzbekistan neighborhood.
- h. Queens
 - i. Queens MSC reps will send one big email with sections for each of our cohorts
 - 1. Easier for the reps and admins
 - ii. Macaulay Coffee House Nov. 11 during free hour
 - iii. Collaborative Wellness event with the Macaulay Wellness Center on Nov. 20th
 - iv. Tissues and Kettle in the lounge!
 - v. New advisor 🎉: Varinia Grannum
 - 1. She is still transitioning into the role
 - vi. Registration opened 10/30
- 8. **USS Delegate Updates:**
 - a. For next time!
 - i. TEDxCUNY did not get some \$, USS is transitioning leadership so everything is overwhelming
- 9. **Diversity Committee:**
 - a. Supporting Excellence (see above)
 - b. Food and Culture Festival (still wants this)
 - i. Simply this is not happening
 - c. MDI Event
 - i. If MDI wants support they can run this lol but they are going to do an event
 - ii. Trip to The Whitney (guided tour?)
 - d. Flipping roles...
 - i. Motion to make Selina the rep of the diversity committee and Vanessa the alternate (21 yes, 0, 1 abstain)
- 10. **Senior Committee**
 - a. Had a meeting earlier this week
 - b. Still picking a place and looking into locations
 - c. Stole purchases tabled to next meeting but we will likely need money for this
- 11. **Committee Updates**
 - a. **Finance (George Tom george.tom@macaulay.cuny.edu)**
 - i. Finance Committee Meeting: November 6th
 - ii. NEXT Finance Committee Meeting: **December 1st @ 12pm in-person!**
 - iii. [Club Budget](#) [NOVEMBER]
 - 1. Additional Funding
 - a. Macaulay Business Club - \$1000
 - 2. Travel Funding (Spring)
 - a. Deewane - \$4430
 - b. Spring Deadline: Dec. 4
 - c. Will only fund 2 trips for the entire academic school year



- iv. Motion to approve additional funding and travel funding, seconded (11 Yes, 3 no, 8 abstain) - approved
 - 1. If you said no:
 - a. It's a lot of \$ for travel and we are a part of clubs that are also interested in traveling
 - b. Should have waited until Dec 4, but they were proactive and keep in mind while we vote on this request it still has to go through student dev and they have the final say
 - c. Hope that more travel funding will be coming
- b. Academic Affairs (Lizbet Rodriguez lizbet.rodriquez@macaulay.cuny.edu)
 - I. College Council Updates:

Thank you to Tin, Ilyana, and Shivani for making it!

 - 1. Time to Degree Policy
 - a) Purpose for changes: Macaulay did not have a formal process that instructed administrators on what to do when a student has been unresponsive and has not registered for classes in over two semesters
 - b) [Current and proposed policy](#)
 - c) [Enrollment Status Change Form](#)
 - d) Voting outcome: Policy passed
 - 2. Seminar classes
 - a) Concern: Macaulay students get a unique NYC education. We want students to understand and appreciate that
 - b) Generating ideas for seminar 2 & 4 events (like Night at the Museum & BioBlitz)
 - 3. Class of 2028 stats
 - a) 49% STEM
 - b) Future direction for Macaulay: With so many students coming to Macaulay as STEM/Pre-Health (particularly pre-med), what should Macaulay administration be doing to contribute to student outcomes?
 - c) Proposals: Partnering with organizations to get students the clinical hours or lab experience they need.
 - d) Questions: Should the school provide test prep options?
 - II. Committee Council Updates

Thank you to Ash for attending!!

 - 1. MHC 395 Experimental Development Practicum
 - a) MHC 395 is a class partnered with Google
 - 2. MHC XXX Creating LGBTQ+ Oral Histories and Futures: Producing Archives to Transform NYC
 - 3. **Verdict:** MHC 395 was approved for the Spring 2025 Semester, MHC XXX was not approved but is going to be considered as a possibility for a summer course, and/or Fall 2025 course



depending on adjunct funding

- III. Immigrant x International Student Info Session
 - 1. Rescheduling: January Academy or early February
 - a) [January Academy](#)
 - b) Reason for change: Insufficient information and resources (on the administrative end) to speak to international students this semester
- IV. Research with the Provost
 - 1. CSI - December 5th @2:30
 - 2. Spring semester: John Jay & Queens
- V. Handshake Initiative
 - 1. Registering students on handshake and teaching them how to use it
 - 2. MSC Initiative: Bringing MHC to individual campuses
 - 3. Career Development willing to travel to home campuses for individual registration events
 - 4. First campus/date/time: TBD
- c. **Campus Affairs (Shivani Ramsaran shivani.ramsaran@macaulay.cuny.edu)**
 - i. Welcome Back Fair planning in the works! (**Jan 31st, 2-4pm** - this is after classes start, we anticipate that more people will attend since last years was the Wednesday before classes started)
 - 1. Theme: Renaissance Faire
 - 2. More activities to be hosted/potential musical performances
 - 3. Scavenger Hunt to encourage people to visit all of the tables
 - 4. Mocktails to bring ppl downstairs?
 - 5. Need A LOT of volunteers if we want to have fun activities (will send volunteer form in December)
 - ii. Club Council going well, we have some fun welcome activities planned :)
 - 1. Attendance going downhill :((only 21 ppl at the last meeting and we have 36 clubs)
 - 2. Ty James for the new food options <3
 - 3. Feels more interactive! People are chatting during the welcome activities, and hot-potato worked well when calling on people! (Shoutout Ari, Zoe, and Ziv for the suggestions)
 - iii. Sent performance clubs an email about a possible spring concert collab that is similar to music mocktail mixer
 - 1. CA wants it to be Speakeasy Themed!!
 - 2. MSC runs Casino games/mocktails in the Commons, performance clubs perform/open stage for open mics/jams
 - 3. Working on planning dates/figuring out funding! (late April -early May)



a. I am kindly requesting \$500 for this event

i. Why? \$600 was originally reserved for Food and Culture Fest, which will no longer be taking place bc of the date for Spring Formal

d. Community Service (Emmy DeMuro emma.demuro@macaulay.cuny.edu)

i. Sophia's SERVE event with MQA, MSI and Help the Homeless went very well! 900 dollars raised for homeless queer youth.

1. <https://serve.aliforneycenter.org/emmy-de-muro>

2. Donate link still up!

ii. Letter Writing event: Few in person attendees, wrote some very cute letters ;

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1-eVgVhqoFZVF6OZlQCrZqXbM4oY_5VDIFpwVtBpns4g/edit?usp=sharing

1. really want to do this event again in person and make physical letters!

iii. Food drive set up in the building (box by front?)

iv. Karuna's Chill and Fulfill event with the SLV's is coming up! Friday Nov 22nd (if anyone is willing to bake pls [sign up here](#) !!!!!)

v. Some gardening events in the works for the winter months!

vi. Busking/Bake sale with mmc event for spring

e. Student Life (Nasir Anderson nasir.anderson@macaulay.cuny.edu)

i. Thank you so much for everyone who volunteered at the Halloween Party. It was very successful with 226 attendees! We had 25 msc volunteers (pretty good thats like $\frac{3}{4}$ of us)

ii. Problems with Halloween Party

1. Volunteers were late and that delayed the debrief and set up time
» moving forward I will have debriefs on zoom

2. Food ran out quickly :(

iii. Our End of Semester Holiday Party will be on December 6th from 7-9pm. The theme is ❄️ Snow Ball ❄️

iv. Please fill out the [volunteer form](#) by 11/29

v. We are going to do a white elephant gift exchange at the december msc meeting (12/8) so stay tuned for that :))

f. IT/Communications (Sasha Jamal: sasha.jamal@macaulay.cuny.edu)

i. Please access the campus updates template [Here](#)

ii. If you want something on our instagram please fill out [this form](#)

iii. Mainly for E-Board but send me pics of you guys hanging out in the moment! We get a lot of engagement when I post it on our story

12. Old Business:

a. naur

13. New Business:

a. Macaulay Wellness is hosting a virtual Wellness Center Drop-in Hours next week on the following dates for students to drop-in to discuss any



post-election stress or other worries. Each registration link below is for a different date and time.

- b. Tuesday, 11/12 from 3 pm to 5 pm:
 - c. <https://uso6web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEkf--gqjwsEtZ95TmGJ3iXan2kR4lFs75M>
 - d. Wednesday, 11/13 from 11 am to 12 pm:
 - e. <https://uso6web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZItcumtqjspG9RIzSHaTcY8g674zsXwToCI>
 - f. Thursday, 11/14 from 5 pm to 6pm:
 - g. <https://uso6web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAqdO-ppjsoGNwvvlwCnZI-Nd6t-EWcEQQ>
14. **Mountain Lion Monthly Winner 🥳**: Ariana!! Thank you so much for your help <3 (Big day for Ariana fans)
 15. **Jake Monthly Winner**: Sasha!!! (Queen)
 16. **Final Remarks and Discussion**:
 - a. Thank you **Clean Up Volunteers**
 17. **Adjournment**:
 - a. Motion to adjourned, seconded (19 yes, 2 no, 0 abstain)

Upcoming Important Dates for Follow-Up:

- [Scholars Council End-of-Semester Event](#) – Friday, Dec 6 | 7-9 PM
- [MSC x HTH GCNSSC Food Pantry](#) – Wed, Nov 13 | 1 PM – 3 PM

Upcoming Club Events: *Check [Club Macaulay](#) for more events*

- [Mindful Medicine: A Neurologist's Journey, Epilepsy, and the Neuroscience of Yoga](#) – Wednesday, Nov 13 | 5 PM – 6:30 PM
- [Supporting Excellence Conference](#) – Thursday, November 14 | 5:30 PM – 8 PM
- [Fall Production: Bells Are Ringing!](#) – Saturday, November 16-17 | 1 PM – 5:30 PM

NEXT Scholars Council Meeting

Date: December 8, 2024

Time: 11 AM - 1 PM

Location: Jawn Jay (unconfirmed)

Likely headshots will be here