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1. **Welcome Macaulay Scholars Council**
2. **Approval of the Agenda:**
  - a. Motion to approve this month's agenda, seconded (19 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain)
3. **Approval of Last Meeting's Agenda:**
  - a. **MSC December Agenda 2024**
  - b. Motion to approve last meeting's agenda, seconded (19 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain)
4. **Welcome Interim Director of Student Development, Luis Restrepo**
  - a. He's very excited to be working with us! Let us know if you have any questions
5. **Student Development Updates:**
  1. Grand Opening of Food Pantry
    - a. Soft grand opening for the food pantry, just grab what you need at any time
  2. [Student Lounge Volunteers](#)
    - a. Daily Events Mon-Thur, Get Coffee in the Reading Room
  3. Club Advisement, Meet with Student Development ([Student.Clubs@mhc.cuny.edu](mailto:Student.Clubs@mhc.cuny.edu))
    - a. Please email if your need anything
  4. [Space Reservations Calendar](#)
    - a. Refer to this before submitting an event form on CM
  5. [Macaulay Merch](#)
    - a. New merch!!
    - b. Share with cohorts!!
  6. [Club Macaulay Merch](#)
    - a. Can create for your club or student org if you don't want a bulk order
  7. Reimbursement Processes
    - a. Submit a voided check or bank deposit form from your account to verify it's real
    - b. In effect immediately
    - c. Email student dev for instructions
  8. [Important Dates & Deadlines](#)
    - a. Spring new officer SPARC completion deadline 2/19
  9. Budget Deadline
    - a. 2/26 to submit to be approved at the March meeting
    - b. 3/14 adjustment deadline
  10. SPARC Deadline
    - a. 2/19 for new officers
  11. [Leadership Opportunities](#)
    - a. Promote this to your cohorts!
  12. [Club Updates - Past Newsletters](#)
    - a. Refer to this if you need to remind yourself of a past deadline or any prior student dev updates
  13. [Emerging Leaders Conference](#)
    - a. At Guttman CC (42nd St), updated link to come! **2/21/25**
    - b. If you want to represent Macaulay, let student dev know



14. [Linkedin Plus Accounts](#)
    - a. FREE LINKEDIN PREMIUM FOR A CALENDAR YEAR
    - b. Add name to this list before 2/10/25
    - c. Complete form before 2/14/25
  15. Thinking About Leadership/Roles
    - a. Elections will happen in the Spring!
- 6. President's Updates:**
- a. Macaulay Olympics
    - i. [Volunteer form](#) - Fill out the form immediately
    - ii. [Trivia Form](#)
      1. Come up with questions about Macaulay and about our campuses so when teams compete they have a wide range of questions to ask about their specific campus and about Macaulay
      2. Things most Macaulay students should know (Ariana said no Bricky questions)
    - iii. Looking into transportation from Macaulay to CSI (hopefully will be set up this week) (50 ppl)
    - iv. Distribute flyers around campus
  - b. Dean's Updates
    - i. [Undergraduate Research Travel Scholarship](#)
    - ii. 8 Students \$750, apply through opps fund
    - iii. Deadline 2/27
    - iv. Working to reduce test prep cost for graduating seniors
    - v. Career Closet
      1. If you need outfit for interviews career development has stuff to borrow
    - vi. If you need to speak to Macaulay admin, fireside chat (2/21) in person
  - c. MSC Central Issues
    - i. CSI/Queens event cancelled due to low budget and also low interest, but we will continue to foster a cross-campus community
    - ii. Will host a space for students to talk to admin directly (Fireside Chat)
  - d. End-of-Semester Reflection Results
    - i. A feedback form was distributed at the end of the Spring Semester
    - ii. Only 50% responded (smh)
    - iii. What's working well: Strong community, proactive reps, organized, clear task distribution,
    - iv. What we need to improve: event attendance (promote early and also volunteering), flexible times to have a FULL COMMITTEE MEETING
      1. Maybe Winter Formal deadline to promote is 3/1, send out flyers EARLY
      2. There's 160 hours in the week, you need to be flexible and find time to meet (I KNOW y'all aren't busy at 9pm...)
      3. Show up early to MSC so we can finish on time



- e. Expectations Review
  - i. 8 Events Per Year: we have this so we ensure we have enough supports at events so not everything falls on VPs
    - 1. At least 3 per semester, 1 cohort event, and participate in either the Halloween Party OR Winter Formal (3/8/25)
    - 2. There are 18 opportunities as of now throughout the year...
  - ii. We are elected every year by our peers, doing the bare minimum is not enough. Let's try to shift our mindset from completing a requirement to wanting to come to events
  - iii. SMH to everyone who asks their VPs repeatedly what days and times the events are, especially your committee's events. Please check the GCal and CM before asking your VP, take initiative and stay involved PLEASE
- 7. **Campus and Campus Event Updates**
  - a. Baruch:
    - i. Dean Visit! They talked a lot (lol) but there will be more opportunities for Q&A at Fireside chat
      - 1. It was nice to hear improvements they were making
      - 2. ~25 people came!
  - b. Brooklyn:
    - i. More efforts for food options on campus
    - ii. Freshman cohort meeting on 3/18 during common hours
    - iii. Sophomore cohort meeting 2/25
    - iv. Handshake Registration event 3/6
    - v. Weekly Shivani sightings on Monday
  - c. City
    - i. Club fair happened, many macaulay students were volunteering (:
  - d. College of Staten Island
    - I. Cohort/class meetings took place at the beginning of the semester
    - II. Dean Byrne is coming to visit us at the campus tomorrow at 10:30 AM
    - III. We had Macaulay's team leaders and staff come visit the freshman during our meeting
    - IV. Allegedly a Chick Fil A on Tues/Thurs (VERY TRUE NOT ALLEGED-EMMY)
  - e. Hunter
    - i. One of our advisors is coming back from maternity leave on March 3rd!
    - ii. NEW Dining Options from Taiwanese food to halal and kosher options ("Food looks very promising and will be doing a Beli review soon" - George)
    - iii. Two new lactation rooms have opened in W723 and N324
    - iv. Senior Celebration event (at a restaurant) sometime during Spring break.
  - f. John Jay
    - i. CUNY Merch Pop-Up
    - ii. Planning a movie night at Macaulay on March 13th



- iii. Post inauguration Restorative Circle
- iv. Opps fund closes the 27th, confirm with Aisha by tomorrow
- g. Lehman**
  - i. Chris Bonastia is our new (interim) Academic Director for the Lehman Scholars Program! He visited the seminar classes and students shared that they would like to make the lounge cozier/more comfortable, and they would like to have more activities.
  - ii. Director of Intl Office is interested in hosting an annual Lunar New Year for students
  - iii. Spring Opp funds are opened, scholars are highly encouraged to meet with advisor and attend workshops to best prepare for their application
  - iv. Seminar meetings are being scheduled! This time our advisor is grouping merging the meetings to allow students to “connect with other Lehman peers”
    - 1. Junior and Seniors - Wednesday 2/19
    - 2. Freshmen and Sophomores - Wednesday 2/26
  - v. Club fair planned for February 19th
- h. Queens**
  - i. Queens College website is down over safety concerns ;-; (it is so bad nothing is up)
  - ii. The seniors are planning a final event together!
  - iii. Commencement will be May 29th for Queens!
  - iv. Honors Welcome Back happened 2/3
  - v. Opportunities Fund Info Session 2/10 during free hour!
  - vi. Specifically a sophomore problem but there is a lack of standardization within the seminar and a few of us expressed our discontent with that to our director and she did not do much about it.
- 8. USS Delegate Updates: *Alif Yaa (Delegate) and Ash (Alternatef)***
  - a. USSCuny did not put the location of their last meeting and I went to the wrong location and made it to the right one a couple minutes after it ended.
  - b. Tried to contact them and call them for the agenda, but they didn't respond.
- 9. Diversity Committee:**
  - a. None
- 10. Senior Committee:**
  - a. We swapped to mocktail night! Just looking at JJ space now for the first two weeks of May
    - i. If this doesn't work out we do have an alternative location in mind but it won't be a mocktail night (Skye)
  - b. Stoles - budget submitted
- 11. Brief Committee Meeting (~10 min)**
- 12. Committee Updates**
  - a. **Finance (George Tom [george.tom@macaulay.cuny.edu](mailto:george.tom@macaulay.cuny.edu))**
    - i. Finance Committee Meeting: January 21st



- ii. NEXT Finance Committee Meeting: **Wednesday, February 26th @ 7:30pm**
  - iii. [Club Budget](#) [JANUARY]
    - 1. Regular Funding
      - a. MHC++ - \$250
    - 2. Additional Funding
      - a. Triplets - \$65
      - b. Art Tank - \$400
      - c. MAPSS - \$300
    - 3. MSC Funding
      - a. MSC Senior Committee - \$210
      - b. MSC Music & Mocktails Festival - \$150
      - c. John Jay Cohort Event - \$75
      - d. Ian Valentine's Day Movie - \$15
  - iv. Any questions, concerns, or queries?
  - v.  Max Amount Per Cohort Event
  - vi. Motion to approve the club budget and additional funding for clubs, seconded (20 yes, 0 no, 6 abstains)
  - vii. Motion to approve JJ cohort event funding, seconded (18 yes, 0 no, 7 abstains)
  - viii. Motion to approve Ian's Valentine's Day funding, seconded (19 yes, 0 no, 6 abstain)
  - ix. Motion to approve the Music Mocktail Festival funding, seconded (16 yes, 8 abstain)
  - x. Motion to approve the senior committee stole funding, seconded (16 yes, 0 no, 7 abstain)
- b. Academic Affairs (Lizbet Rodriguez [lizbet.rodriquez@macaulay.cuny.edu](mailto:lizbet.rodriquez@macaulay.cuny.edu))**
- 1. **College Council: Feb 25th and May 1st 4pm-6pm**
    - The place to discuss seminar concerns
    - Please add your email here if you would like to attend:
  - 2. **Fireside chat: Fri, February 21st 3pm-4pm | [Link for submitting questions](#)** | Pending event request approval on club Macaulay
  - 3. **[Advisor Survey Draft](#)** - I met with Kathy this past Tuesday. She would like to review the survey before it's sent out.
  - 4. Handshake Registration Event: March 6th @ Brooklyn College during Common Hour
  - 5. International x Immigrant student event: Still have not received a date to have this event. Gianina is relying on help from the Center for Global Engagement at CSI however I have not received confirmation for a set day/time. The fact that it's taking us this long to schedule this event reveals just how unprepared Macaulay



is when it comes to this population of students. I would really like to make sure that is addressed somehow.

**c. Campus Affairs (Shivani Ramsaran [shivani.ramsaran@macaulay.cuny.edu](mailto:shivani.ramsaran@macaulay.cuny.edu))**

- i. Welcome Back Fair was a success!! Thank you sooooo much to the volunteers + CA for helping to organize this event <3
  1. Was disappointed with volunteer turn out, only 12 volunteers showed up (I understand that many of you had class/work)
  2. Attendance was better than last year! Surprisingly had 107 attendees!!
  3. Food Pantry opening on the same day!!
- ii. Next event: [Music & Mocktails Festival](#) on April 25th 5-8pm
  1. MSC will be hosting casino games in the Commons
  2. Volunteer form will be sent in April :)
- iii. Club Council going well! People are really enjoying the opening activities, especially from last Friday
  1. You all are welcome to attend if you have the time :)
- iv. Looking for someone to take my job :)
- v. Macaulay Transcend Update:
  1. Queer Alliance reached out to them to ask if they would like join MQA's e-board, no response yet :(

**d. Community Service (Emmy DeMuro [emma.demuro@macaulay.cuny.edu](mailto:emma.demuro@macaulay.cuny.edu))**

- i. Virtual Community Service fair closed
- ii. **CSW is March 29th and 30th!!** So far events in SI, Brooklyn, Manhattan and Queens
  1. Individual promotional fliers: (Sophia)  
[https://www.canva.com/design/DAGeoceLTEE/wte-CrULJb\\_ezqkg5otedA/edit](https://www.canva.com/design/DAGeoceLTEE/wte-CrULJb_ezqkg5otedA/edit)
- iii. Fight for Air Climb March 22nd
  1. American Lung Association does an event at Penn 1 to raise money for people with Lung Cancer
  2. They climb all the steps in Penn 1 (many many flights of stairs), MSC hosts at the bottom but can climb too
  3. They have the firefighters run up in all of their gear which is cool
- iv. MQA x MSC pre spring formal event: Feb 27th
  1. <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Ijlv1BzvuouurIO-VLfouN-DBnRW39oostww1zShvfg/edit?usp=sharing>
  2. Links confuse me
- v. MGI x MSC clothing swap : no date yet , looking for anyone who wants
  1. MHTH would be interested!! :) (Yaay sophia :))
- vi. [https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1S3ZXmaoTtnO9qgO\\_HPWL4-ZcA5D-kcSMtSx4Zvh1H5A/edit?gid=45670677#gid=45670677](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1S3ZXmaoTtnO9qgO_HPWL4-ZcA5D-kcSMtSx4Zvh1H5A/edit?gid=45670677#gid=45670677)

**e. Student Life (Nasir Anderson [nasir.anderson@macaulay.cuny.edu](mailto:nasir.anderson@macaulay.cuny.edu))**



- i. **Winter Formal is on March 8th from 7-11.**
  - ii. The theme is Old Hollywood.
  - iii. Tickets will go live February 12th for 7 dollars until March 5th and then you will just have to buy at the door for 15 dollars.
  - iv. [Volunteer Form](#) If you are volunteering, your ticket will be comped. Try to volunteer for at least 3 shifts. There's a link to join the volunteer group chat at the end of the form so please pay attention to that. **FILL OUT BY FEBRUARY 26TH**
  - v. Fliers will be passed around, please promote so we can break even
  - vi. Pending Approval - Valentine's Movie Night - (2/14) from 5:30 - 7:30
    1. *She's All That (1999)*
    2. Pizza, popcorn, cookies
    3. 1-2 volunteers needed, ideally one with Popcorn Machine operating experience :)
      - a. Eshaal, Audrey, Ariana (thank you)
    4. Volunteer hours: 5:00-8:00
  - f. **IT/Communications (Sasha Jamal [sasha.jamal@macaulay.cuny.edu](mailto:sasha.jamal@macaulay.cuny.edu))**
    - i. [New Website](#) (let's scroll through it quickly)
    - ii. 2028 Takeovers have been going well so far
    - iii. [MSC Updates Feb](#) Can send out now!
13. **Old Business:**
- a. Naur
14. **New Business:**
- a. Also naur
15. **Mountain Lion Monthly Winner 🥳 Gabriella!!**
16. **Jake Monthly Winner: Shivani!!**
17. **Final Remarks and Discussion:**
- a. Thank you Clean Up Volunteers: Sasha, George, Tri, Ian
18. **Adjournment:**
- a. Motion to adjourn, seconded (22 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain) - Meeting adjourned!

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

- [Winter Formal](#) – Saturday, March 8 (7-11 PM)
- [Macaulay Olympics](#) – Sunday, March 23 (11-4 PM)
- [Community Service Weekend](#) – Saturday, March 29-Sunday 30 (10 AM – 5 PM)

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

- [City Design Internship Information Session](#) – Thursday, February 13 (5:30-7 PM)
- [Spring 2025 Career Fair](#) – Friday, February 28 (11-2 PM)

**NEXT Scholars Council Meeting**

**Date: Sunday, March 2**

**Time: 11 AM – 1 PM**

**Location: Lecture Hall**

