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*Student Development:* Luis Restrepo, Chalmers Mathew,

**1. Welcome Macaulay Scholars Council**

- a. AMNH visit right after this meeting!
- b. Restorative Practice Training 2PM today in the Lecture Hall
- c. MTC Performance 2PM in the Cabaret today

**2. Approval of the Agenda:**

- a. Motion to approve this meeting's agenda, seconded (16 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain)

**3. Approval of Last Meeting's Agenda:**

- a.  **MSC March Agenda 2025**
- b. Motion to approve last meeting's agenda, seconded (16 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain)

**4. Outstanding Research Awards**

- a. Submit 5-7 pages of your thesis [here](#) by 4/21
- b. Seniors only, even if you completed your thesis already as a junior
- c. Can win like \$100-500 - 6 awards total based on contribution to the field and not completion

**5. Student Development Updates:**

- a. **Restorative Practice Training - TODAY- Sunday, April 6th from 2-5**
- b. **Student Development Opportunity: Constructive Dialogue Perspectives Pilot.**
  - i. If interested, please e-mail me directly at [luis.restrepo@mhc.cuny.edu](mailto:luis.restrepo@mhc.cuny.edu)
  - ii. CUNY-wide initiative from Chancellor's office
- c. **[Spring Finals Wellness](#)** - May 9, 2025 - Club Volunteers
  - i. If you want to contribute to finals wellness, you can get \$100 to host your event
- d. **[Important Dates & Deadlines](#)**
- e. **[Club Updates](#)**
- f. **[NEW Opportunity Hotspot](#)**
- g. **Orientation Recommendations?**
  - i. Reach out to [Luis.restrepo@mhc.cuny.edu](mailto:Luis.restrepo@mhc.cuny.edu) for any inspiration on how to make orientation more fun. Suggestions include:
    - 1. Group students randomly
    - 2. Food
    - 3. Have less overlap between advisor and macaulay information, include advisors
- h. **Chalmers Update**
  - i. He's now full time! Reach out to him at [chalmers.matthew@mhc.cuny.edu](mailto:chalmers.matthew@mhc.cuny.edu) for any questions or concerns
  - ii. Fix projector please?

**6. President's Updates:**

- a. March Recap
  - i. Winter Formal



1. Pros: 131 attendees, promo was good, MSC bonding, good music
  2. Cons: Didn't break even, timing was odd because it was in Winter, volunteers need to come ON time (2PM), people weren't at their shifts, clean up was bad, lack of communication on shift change
  3. Consensus: to maximize engagement, Spring Formal is best, thank you Nasir and student life for planning it!
- ii. Macaulay Olympics
    1. Pros: 70 attendees (incl. volunteers), volunteers were also able to participate in games, representation from all campuses but they were the volunteers, everyone had fun, CSI staff (Sal) helped a lot!!!, PIZZAAAA thank you student dev, hire ups (chancellor and staff) thought out looked amazing!
    2. Cons: Did become a CSI vs everyone else, Sunday was a little odd, basketball could be a good addition
    3. Consensus: maybe move Olympics to diff campuses to have more campuses representation, do a poll for timing when scheduling
  - iii. Community Service Weekend
    1. Pros: really productive, Air Climb was so fun! It could have been a cute Macaulay moment if more of us went
    2. Cons: Last minute planning, logistics
    3. Consensus: more MSC must be at OUR events
  - iv. In general, volunteers only get a free ticket if you volunteer for at least 2 shifts... we let it slide this time but if you do 1 shift you must pay for your ticket. And also be on time to your event and shifts
    1. Also PLEASE not so many events in 1 month, 2 major events max
- b. Annual Report 2025
    - i. [Past Report](#)
    - ii. [Accomplishment Form](#)
  - c. MSC Core Issues
    - i. Bridge Scholars probably aren't going to work out, but the moral of the story is we are doing our part and if people don't want to communicate it's not on us
    - ii. Bridging connections has been going well through events on campuses like cohort events, AA events, etc
  - d. Dean's Updates
    - i. Admin is aware of student sentiment on student fears and there have been staff meetings about how to appropriately respond, as of right now CUNY is business as usual
    - ii. Alt Spring Break soon!!
- 7. Campus and Campus Event Updates**
- a. Baruch:



- i. Get ready to **CRANK THAT** because **Soulja Boy** is pulling up to Baruch College for **Spring Fling!** (Spring Fling 2025 at Gramercy Theatre April 10th, 6-10pm) Ticket link: <https://www.universe.com/events/wbmb-radio-presents-spring-fling-live-at-gramercy-theatre-tickets-WZQ1RJ>
- b. Brooklyn:
  - i. Handshake Event was good
  - ii. Having different welcome events for students
- c. City:
  - i. The Dean visited our campus on Monday, 3/24 . Students expressed that they haven't heard of opportunities for fellowship, scholarship, internship etc and would like to see more communication between the school and the student body.
    1. 2028 cohort expressed that communication between students and rep is good, rather the school needs to communicate more. (perhaps students need to get into the habit of checking both CCNY email and MHC email ? -karuna)
  - ii. We had a crocheting workshop at our honors center. The turnout was 15 people!
  - iii. We had our Welcome Event for admitted honors students on Tuesday 4/1 which went well!
  - iv. 04/22 our advisors are hosting a planting event for earth day
  - v. 04/24 the ccny honors mentors eboard are also hosting an event
  - vi. Cohort event will be 04/29, candle making and dominos)
- d. College of Staten Island
  - I. Advisement complete
  - II. Seniors are having their one-on-one meetings with advisor
  - III. [CSI hosted the first ever SI Hispanic Leadership Conference!!](#)
    - a. [Online program](#)
  - IV. Picnic Day for all cohorts
  - V. Admitted students day: Dean Byrne came to speak to the accepted students
  - VI. Freshmen are planning a tennis tournament cohort event on April 29th from 2:30 - 4:30
  - VII. Trying to plan a food pantry day with Project Hospitality for CSI in Staten Island to make up CSW event
- e. Hunter:
  - i. Boba Hang-Out Cohort Event on March 13th @ 12pm-1pm
    1. 47 people attended; everybody loved it
    2. Sasha sighting **!!**
  - ii. Schedule Builder opens April 7th ; Priority Registration opens April 21st
  - iii. Collective agreement that MHC 100 (seminar 1 at Hunter) sucks (Professor problem)



- f. John Jay**
  - i. April 2 - Registration opened
  - ii. Macaulay Advisor on medical leave
    - 1. Kathy Munet will be taking her place
  - iii. John Jay Macaulay freshman cohort chat (4/26)
  - iv. Students won't necessarily be protected if they protest according to the JJ President...
- g. Lehman**
  - i. Registration opens Wednesday, April 9th at 8:45am
  - ii. Collaborative Wellness is hosting a guided meditation with Sara Louie on Thursday, April 10th from 4-5pm
  - iii. There will be free headshots offered on Wednesday, April 30th from 1-3pm
  - iv. Student Research Advisory Board (SRAB) closes their registration April 12th
  - v. Connecting with Honors Council (potentially for our cohort event)
  - vi. Dean's Lunch 3/6, Prof. Augustine that we could shuttle students to Macaulay events
  - vii. 3/12 accepted student tours, went really well & the students were super sweet
- h. Queens**
  - i. April 8th is when the schedule builder opens up for Fall Registration: April 22nd is priority registration
  - ii. April 9th- Restorative Justice Event & Alumni Workshop with some finance guy
  - iii. April 28th Mental Health workshop with CWP and CD about how to remain sane while looking for jobs and internships



**8. USS Delegate Updates: *Alif Yaa (Delegate) and Ash (Alternate)***

**Scholarship Application Opens: April 1st to May 1st 11:59pm**

**USS Donald and Mary Ellen Passantino Students with Disabilities Scholarship Application**

Award Amount: \$1000

Requirement: GPA 2.5 and must be a student with Disabilities.

**One student** per CUNY campus, per academic year, is recognized for demonstrating outstanding scholarship, enthusiastic leadership, and a commitment to service under extraordinary circumstances.

**USS International Students Merit Scholarship Application**

Award Amount: \$1000

Requirement: GPA 2.5 and must be International Students

**One student** per CUNY campus, per academic year, is recognized for demonstrating outstanding scholarship, enthusiastic leadership and a commitment to service under extraordinary circumstances.

**USS Ernesto Malave Academic Scholarship Application**

Award Amount: \$1500

Requirement: GPA 3.5

The USS Merit Scholarship was established In 1995 by the University Student Senate Of the City University of New York was then renamed the Ernesto Malave Merit Scholarship In 2010. **One student** per CUNY campus, per academic year, is awarded for demonstrating outstanding academic and leadership performance under extraordinary circumstances.

**USS Graduate and Professional Schools Peer Mentoring Scholarship Application**

Award Amount: \$1000

Requirement: GPA 3.0 and must be a Graduate student

**One student** per Senior College and **Two students** at the Professional Schools (CUNY school of Law, CUNY Graduate Center, CUNY School of Professional Studies, CUNY School of Labor and Urban Studies, CUNY Graduate, School of Public Health and Health Policy, Craig Newmark Graduate School of Journalism, are recognized for demonstrating a tremendous effort to help other graduate students through academic support, professional development, and leadership development within their college community.

*If you are applying for the Donald & Mary Ellen Passantino students Disability scholarship for International and , please make sure you are registered with the International and Disability offices at your CUNY campuses.*

**ALL ELIGIBLE STUDENTS WILL RECEIVE NOTIFICATIONS IN CUNYFIRST "TO DO TAB"**

- a. March for metro cards happened
- b. CUNY x Yankees (may 3rd)

**9. Diversity Committee:**

- a. N/A

**10. Senior Committee:**

- a. Stoles came in!!

**11. Brief Committee Meetings ~5 min**

- a. Skip and make flyers for Shivani!

**12. Committee Updates**

**a. Finance (George Tom [george.tom@macaulay.cuny.edu](mailto:george.tom@macaulay.cuny.edu))**

- i. Finance Committee Meeting: April 4th
- ii. NEXT Finance Meeting: No more (womp womp)
- iii. [Club Budget](#) [APRIL]
  - 1. Additional Funding
    - a. MAPSS - \$90



- b. TEDxCUNY - \$250
    - c. Feminist Society - \$150
    - d. Peer Mentors - \$50
    - e. Musicians' Collective - \$359.99
    - f. Mind - \$90
    - g. Theatre Club - \$150
    - h. Olympics - \$148.72
  - 2. MSC Funding
    - a. AA Handshake Event - \$50
    - b. CCNY Cohort Event - \$105
    - c. Lehman Cohort Event - \$75
    - d. CSI Cohort Event - \$41.05
- iv. Motion to approve the clubs' additional funding, seconded (12 yes, 0 nos, 6 abstains) - APPROVED
- v. Motion to approve the CSI cohort event, seconded (12 yes, 0 no, 8 abstains)
- vi. Motion to approve the CCNY cohort event, seconded (12 yes, 0 no, 8 abstain)
- vii. Motion to approve the Lehman cohort event, seconded (11 yes, 0 no, 5 abstains)
- viii. Motion to approve the AA Handshake Event, seconded (11 yes, 0 no, 7 abstain)
- b. Academic Affairs (Lizbet Rodriguez [lizbet.rodriquez@macaulay.cuny.edu](mailto:lizbet.rodriquez@macaulay.cuny.edu))**
  - I. College Council: May 1st 4:30-6:30pm
  - II. [Advisor Feedback Survey](#)
  - III. [Seniors!!! Apply for graduation](#)
  - IV. Brooklyn Handshake Registration Event
    - a. Shoutout to Tin and Aaron!!!!
  - V. Lehman Pre-Health Panel:
    - a. Pls add names if you have done research and would be interested in volunteering:
      - i. Sasha (online)
      - ii. Shivani (in person or online, depending on date)
      - iii. Lizbet
      - iv. Tri
    - b. Shoutout to Ash and Tri!!
- c. Campus Affairs (Shivani Ramsaran [shivani.ramsaran@macaulay.cuny.edu](mailto:shivani.ramsaran@macaulay.cuny.edu))**
  - i. [Music & Mocktails Festival](#) on April 25th 5-8pm!!
    - 1. It will be soooooo fun, it was such a successful event last semester RSVP NOWWWWWW
    - 2. Volunteer [form](#)
  - ii. Next Club Council meeting is May 2nd, 4-6pm
    - 1. This will be my last CC meeting of all time :(




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

- i. Photos: [https://docs.google.com/document/d/12wRd\\_187wV4gWS3wockKcQ3xjRkpFGGeEiKEbGl6kt3w/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/document/d/12wRd_187wV4gWS3wockKcQ3xjRkpFGGeEiKEbGl6kt3w/edit?usp=sharing)
- ii. The BronxWorks event for CSW went really well, and they expressed that they'd like to continue working with us! Students expressed that they were glad there was an event in the Bronx because usually there isn't much going on in the Bronx
- iii. Fight for Air Climb also went very well!
- iv. Possible CSI garden or clothing event for the end of the year
- v. Trying to get the book swap with MGI and Book club to be before the semester ends.....

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

- i. Thank you to everyone who volunteered at the winter formal!!
  1. 131 attendees and 20 msc volunteers
- ii. Unfortunately we did not break even so i am requesting 241 dollars out of fundraised money to compensate for the rest.
  1. Motion to request \$241 out of fund raised money to compensate, seconded (18 yes, 0 no, 2 abstain)

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

- i.  MSC Updates March Will Be Updated tomorrow
- ii. Macaulay photoshoot 4/25 from 12-4 here please let me know if you're interested or put your name here (not guaranteed though):
  1. Interested: Shania, Nasir, Shivani, Ian, Lizbet, Veronica, Gabriella

**13. Old Business:**

**14. New Business:**

**a. Check out the NEW CUNY scholarship website:**

<https://www.cuny.edu/financial-aid/scholarships/>

- b. If students sign up for an event, please make sure they email but if they sign up emphasize it's a commitment
  - i. Liked the alumni panel from the health summit

**15. Mountain Lion Monthly Winner 🐅 Tin (Sn)**

**16. Jake Monthly Winner: Emmy**

**17. Final Remarks and Discussion:**

- a. Thank you Clean Up Volunteers: Ian and Eshaal

**18. Adjournment:**

- a. Motion to adjourn, seconded (19 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain)

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

1. [Music and Mocktails Mixer](#) – Friday, April 25 (5-8 PM)

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

1. Theater Club – [Spring Production](#) – Saturday, April 5 - Sunday, April 6



2. Cornell Tech – [Navigating Graduate Pathways](#) – Friday, April 11 (11 AM - 12 PM)
3. MSI – [Queens Botanical Garden](#) – Saturday, April 26 (10 AM - 5 PM)

**LAST Scholars Council Meeting**

*Date: Sunday, May 4*

*Time: 11 AM - 1 PM*

*Location: TBD*