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1. **Welcome Macaulay Scholars Council**
  - a. 2 more meetings left I fear
2. **Approval of the Agenda:**
  - a. Motion to approve of this meeting's agenda, seconded (19 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain)
3. **Approval of Last Meeting's Agenda:**
  - a. [MSC February Agenda 2025](#)
  - b. Motion to approve of last meeting's agenda, seconded (19 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain)
4. **Student Development Updates:**
  - a. **HAM - SHOE - HEART**
    - i. How are these all connected?
      1. Shiv: All types of strings
  - b. **CSI Macaulay Olympics - Sunday 23rd 2025 - Transportation**
    - i. 56 people departing at 9:30AM, please be here by 9AM
    - ii. Return to the building at 4:30PM, ETA to Macaulay is 5:15PM
    - iii. RSVP Link to come
  - c. [Student Lounge Volunteers](#)
    - i. Daily Events Mon-Thur | Coffee in the Reading Room (free)
    - ii. Next 2-3 weeks art tank and SLV will make art!! Come join
  - d. [Space Reservations Calendar](#)
    - i. Heads up, reference when you are making an event
  - e. [Macaulay Merch](#)
    - i. New exclusive merch you can't get from CUNY website, buy and support student activities!
  - f. [Club Macaulay Merch](#)
    - i. Can make custom merch for your club without the \$8/item limit
  - g. [Important Dates & Deadlines](#)
    - i. Coming up:
      1. 3/14 Spring Budget Readjustment deadline (last opportunity)
      2. 4/2 Additional Funding Deadline
      3. 5/15 Spring Events and Budget spending deadline (no events after this)
  - h. [Leadership Opportunities](#)
    - i. Share with cohorts as usual or post your vacancies here
  - i. [Club Updates - Past Newsletters](#)
    - i. Prev. club updates will be posted here if you need to reference anything from these emails or missed one
  - j. [LinkedIn Plus Accounts](#)
    - i. Click link next to YOUR NAME ONLY to apply
    - ii. Will last 1 year from when you activate



- iii. Deadline is extended so email student clubs about wanting one (for student leadership only)

**k. James**


- i. 🐱 Very sad but thankful for everything that MSC has done for James (and vice versa)
- ii. Connect with him on LinkedIn [here](#)
- iii. Goodbye present
- iv. This was his 50th MSC Meeting together

**l. Club Advisement: Meet with Student Development**  
**([Student.Clubs@mhc.cuny.edu](mailto:Student.Clubs@mhc.cuny.edu))**

- i. Make an appointment if you need anything at all, whether it's related to MSC or another club or anything at all

**5. President's Updates:**

**a. Macaulay Olympics**

- i. We have transportation! A bus will be provided at 9:00am on 3/23
- ii. 3/23 this month
- iii. Sign up [here](#)
- iv. Deewane will be performing at our opening ceremony
- v. Sports: dodgeball, volleyball, kickball
- vi. Non-Sports: cup pong, trivia, puzzle relay
- vii. 
  - 1. Transportation is provided to get to CSI
  - 2. No prior sport experience required for this friendly competition among the campuses
  - 3. Bus will leave CSI at 4:30 PM

**b. Winter Formal Sign-Up**

- i. [Winter Formal](#) NEXT SATURDAY

**c. Community Service Weekend**

- i. [https://macaulay.campusgroups.com/msc/rsvp\\_boot?id=2136743](https://macaulay.campusgroups.com/msc/rsvp_boot?id=2136743)

**d. Dean's Updates**

- i. Story Lab
  - 1. Helps students craft personal stories to make them wide and effective communicators
  - 2. Theme: Crossroads
  - 3. Come 4/26 in the Cabaret, anyone is invited to speak and share
  - 4. [STORY SLAM Out.docx](#)
- ii. Alternative Spring Break
- iii. Mountain Lion food Pantry
  - 1. Restocked 2x a week
  - 2. If you like things tell Curtis Hoover
- iv. Queer Day of Service (Fri 3/28)



1. People will volunteer at LGBTQ+ Service Sites, training and lunch will be provided
  - v. Dean Visit
    1. Lehman - Thursday 3/6
    2. City - 3/24
    3. Brooklyn - 4/24
    4. John Jay - TBD
  - e. MSC Central Issues - Progress Check
    - i. We've been accomplishing our stuff through outreach events, bridge scholars, reposting cultural holidays
      1. CSI/Queens Paint Night cancelled due to low interest
      2. Club E-board transitions and previous club emails have been smooth
      3. If you have ideas for events, just let us know
      4. Advisor stuff has been communicated and surveys will be distributed
- 6. Campus and Campus Event Updates**
- a. Baruch:
    - i. Senior- broadway show
    - ii. A lot of people in the 3rd floor honors lounge (Annex Building), who may or may not all be honors students
    - iii. More crowded
  - b. Brooklyn:
    - i. Classes moved online for 1 day because of a flood in Boylan
    - ii. Blood Drive 3/4 11:30-5:30pm
    - iii. Handshake Event Coming up 3/27 3139 Boylan Hall
    - iv. <3 Tin, Shiv and Jake came to my (Sasha's) concert
  - c. City:
    - i. Class registration for Fall 2025 opens 03/18 so make sure there are no holds on your account!
    - ii. Governor tried to visit last week → campus went to shutdown mode → protests → chaos + she never came
      1. Lots of students got arrested for protesting
      2. As of now, gates are still locked but it is quiet
      3. No message from school about gates being locked
    - iii. TEDxCuny pop up with rasing cane's
    - iv. Planning a cohort event with ccny USG for a finals wellness on campus (5/9?), to hopefully bring the ccny mhcc community together
    - v. '28 students mentioned that they didn't mind how unstandardized the MHC seminar classes were
  - d. College of Staten Island
    - i. We got chickfila collab - Yay Tues and Thurs during club hours in the dorms (all students welcome)



- ii. Dean Byrne came to visit and it went well, she was able to hear some of our students' concerns and meet the staff at CSI
- iii. Hoping to plan a cohort event before the Olympics
- iv. Trying to promote the Olympics on Social Media, need other accounts to repost on stories to help promote it (we have CSI representation, the other campuses need to sign up)
- v. Had a good handful of CSI students (both Macaulay and Non-Macaulay) at the Career Fair the other day
- vi. About to start fall class registration
- e. Hunter:
  - i. Seemingly lack of faith in advisors and director from cohort cohort
    - 1. Opps fund and scheduling
  - ii. Yerba Mate drink pop-up on Monday!
  - iii. Boba Hang-Out Cohort Event on March 13th @ 12pm-1pm
  - iv. People had trouble submitting opportunities fund because they left it to the last minute and the page started crashing
    - 1. Email [sasha.desilva@mhc.cuny.edu](mailto:sasha.desilva@mhc.cuny.edu) and [scholarships@mhc.cuny.edu](mailto:scholarships@mhc.cuny.edu)
  - v. The major declaration portal was a mess + some people had to submit via paper because of a misleading email
  - vi. Summer registration opens in like a week
- f. John Jay
  - i. ICE (recruiting) on campus during our recent career fair
    - 1. Led to a big student protest outdoors
- g. Lehman
  - i. i. MHC Dean's Luncheon Visit on Thursday (Wednesday schedule), March 6th at 12:15 pm! Not many people RSVP'd 😞
  - ii. Chris Bonastia joined the MHC cohort meetings, and shared his plans for reinforcing alumni connections and having more cohort events
    - 1. Students shared that they want to meet upperclassmen
  - iii. A Night of Black History was successful! We had to set up a lot of extra chairs
    - 1. Audrey spoke at this!! (we love audrey)
  - iv. Career fair coming up on 3/4
  - v. Some non-honors students are coming to the lounge and being loud
- h. Queens
  - i. MHC Coffeehouse on 2/19
  - ii. Senior Features on February 24th for students to engage on a panel with students who are currently seniors
  - iii. Macaulay Restorative Practice Program Event this past Monday
  - iv. Macaulay Collaborative Wellness Event (Tote bag painting and bracelet making) on Monday, March 17th
  - v. Update on the 2027 seminar problem.



7. **USS Delegate Updates:** *Alif Yaa (Delegate) and Ash (Alternate)*
  - a. We weren't invited to the meeting 😞
8. **Diversity Committee:**
  - a. Nothing
9. **Senior Committee:**
  - a. Stoles are tied up in student development \$
  - b. JJ night cancelled due to lack of response? But we have a secret thing planned not to be named here
10. **Brief Committee Meetings ~10 min**
11. **James Thank You**
  - a. [Card](#)
  - b. Shakira's Child
12. **Committee Updates**
  - a. **Finance (George Tom [george.tom@macaulay.cuny.edu](mailto:george.tom@macaulay.cuny.edu))**
    - i. Finance Committee Meeting: February 26th
    - ii. NEXT Finance Meeting: TBD
    - iii. Additional Funding Deadline: April 2nd, 2025
    - iv. [Club Budget](#) [MARCH]
      1. Regular Funding
        - a. MGI - \$170
        - b. Motion to approve of the regular funding, seconded (16 yes, 0 no, 7 abstain)
      2. Additional Funding
        - a. Help the Homeless - \$80
        - b. Diversity Initiative - \$70
        - c. Queer Alliance - \$200
        - d. Business Club - \$300
        - e. Triplets - \$100
        - f. Theatre Club - \$836.29
        - g. Motion to approve of the additional funding, seconded (11 yes, 0 no, 10 abstain)
      3. MSC Funding
        - a. CCNY Cohort Event - \$27.50
          - i. Motion to table the budget decision to April Finance Meeting, seconded (17 yes, 0 no, 5 abstain)
        - b. Hunter Cohort Event - \$128.12
          - i. Motion to approve the Hunter Cohort Event, seconded (19 yes, 0 no, 5 abstain)
      - v. Any questions or concerns?
    - b. **Academic Affairs (Lizbet Rodriguez [lizbet.rodriquez@macaulay.cuny.edu](mailto:lizbet.rodriquez@macaulay.cuny.edu))**
      - I. Fireside chat
        1. Low attendance
        2. Went over how the budget works



3. Encouraged students to bring ideas to the attention of the deans
4. Senior send-off idea: Shania
- II. College council:
  1. 3 courses were approved
    - a. Gendered Justice
    - b. Spanish American Poets
    - c. Harlem Renaissance
  2. Money has been set aside at the university around Title six and related practices and procedures, where Macaulay would be subject to federal litigation
  3. Updates to title 9: 2024 version has been banned
  4. 79.5 million dollars was taken out of city government funds
  5. CUNY's budget is short 30 million
  6. ICE
    - a. Public safety traditionally works with ICE → no updates that ICE does not work alongside public safety
    - b. Have to present a judicial warrant: has to be signed by a judge and is valid for x amount of time
    - c. CUNY Immigration Legal Services [contact](#), can meet w them for free
- III. Handshake Registration Event: Tin and Aaron leading it
  1. March 27 @Brooklyn College
- IV. Lehman Pre-Health Student Panel
  1. Open to all Macaulay Students
  2. Sign up form coming soon!
  3. Led by Ash
- V. Advisor Feedback Survey - Thank you Vanessa for your feedback!
  1. Send out in April
- c. **Campus Affairs (Shivani Ramsaran [shivani.ramsaran@macaulay.cuny.edu](mailto:shivani.ramsaran@macaulay.cuny.edu))**
  - i. Add any updates for Club Council to the [agenda](#)
  - ii. Queer Day of Service 3/28 (in partnership with Queer Alliance, Macaulay Mind, Theater Club, Diversity Initiative, Service Initiative, and Help the Homeless, and potentially more!)
    1. Curtis Hoover and Olivia Fratangelo have reached out to ask if anyone would be interested in designing the t-shirt logo
      - a. Please lmk if you or anyone you know is interested after this meeting! I need to respond to Olivia by tomorrow afternoon!!
  - iii. Club status updates:
    1. Macaulay Transcend officially merged with Queer Alliance!
    2. Ethics Society is back :/
    3. MHC++ is back and thriving!



4. Lots of clubs looking to change leadership, promote [leadership opportunities page](#) to your cohorts :)
  - iv. CA meetings postponed until April (sorry, I'm on my thesis grind)
  - d. **Community Service (Emmy DeMuro [emma.demuro@macaulay.cuny.edu](mailto:emma.demuro@macaulay.cuny.edu) )**
    - i. MQA Closet event was so amazing all clothes given away!
    - ii. Next event: Fight for Air Climb at Pen 1 the 22nd of March!
    - iii. Almost every member of the committee has a confirmed organization and event at this point yay!
      1. All boroughs covered we're so up
  - e. **Student Life (Nasir Anderson [nasir.anderson@macaulay.cuny.edu](mailto:nasir.anderson@macaulay.cuny.edu))**
    - i. **Winter Formal THIS SATURDAYYY**
      1. Set Up **2:00** -7:00 pm
      2. Event Time: 7:00-11pm
      3. Clean Up: 11pm-12am
    - ii. Volunteer Debrief DAY BEFORE March 7th at 8:00 PM (i will put it on the shared gcal)
    - iii. **We need to increase our rsvps. promote as much as you can this week to your cohorts and all your friends.**
    - iv. Valentine's Event happened - surprising amount of people came » success!
      1. Something I noticed, projector volume control is a bit limited...
      2. Wooo go Ian
    - v. [Student Development Events, Ticketing and Payment Donation Portal – Forms](#)
  - f. **IT/Communications (Sasha Jamal [sasha.jamal@macaulay.cuny.edu](mailto:sasha.jamal@macaulay.cuny.edu))**
    - i. Monthly Cohort [Updates](#)
    - ii. Analytics Since We Started Posting About Formal on 2/10:
      1. 26.5k Views (34% non followers)
      2. 750 post and story shares (400 from Formal Stuff)
13. **Old Business:**
14. **New Business:**
15. **Mountain Lion Monthly Winner 🏆 Ian**
16. **Jake Monthly Winner: Shania**
17. **Final Remarks and Discussion:**
- a. Thank you Clean Up Volunteers: Audrey, Ian, Eshaal
18. **Adjournment:**
- a. Motion to adjourn, seconded (21 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain)

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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**



**NEXT Scholars Council Meeting**

*Date: Sunday, April 6*

*Time: 11 AM - 1 PM*

*Location: Lecture Hall*