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**1. Welcome Macaulay Scholars Council**

- a. LAST MEETING!
- b. Deans will be providing lunch as a thank you at 12:30PM

**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 April Agenda 2025**
- b. Motion to approve last meeting's agenda, seconded (18 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain)

**4. Student Development Updates:**

- a. **Senior Sendoff Class 2025 - Motivational Notes**
  - i. **Advice from your graduating 2025 class.**
  - ii. Senior events by campus and cross-campus events
- b. **Spring Finals Wellness - May 9th | 5-8 pm**
  - i. Please volunteer if you have not met your events requirement, and come for a free massage!
- c. **Cap Decorating Party - May 14th | 5-7 pm**
- d. **Commencement 2025 - June 4th | 1-5 pm**
- e. Luis Thank You:
  - i. It's been a pleasure getting to know you all over the past four months! Thank you for your work as student leaders and contributions to the Macaulay community

**5. MOMA Survey**

- a. UPenn Consulting Club: we're exploring how MoMA can expand their offering of genuine, relevant student-friendly experiences. Please connect students with filling out the survey. Upon verifying that students have completed the survey, they'll be emailed a code to receive **3 months of free membership at the Museum of Modern Art consisting of unlimited free admission, free film tickets, \$5 guest tickets, Member Evenings and exhibition preview days, exclusive digital offerings, 10% discount at MoMA stores.**
- b. We would love it if you could share and fill out our survey by **5/7/2024 11:59PM EST**: [MoMA Student Membership Survey](#)

**6. President's Updates:**

- a. [Submit your Statements for Re-Election](#) by Monday, May 5th!
- b. MSC Attendance
  - i. Perfect Attendance on Scholars Council Awards
    - 1. Ian, Sasha, Aaron, George, Selina, Nasir, Emmy, Gabby, and Shania



2. Attendance at meetings is crucial because our peers and clubs depend on us voting on their budgets.
  - ii. People Who Completed and Exceeded Event Requirements on Council
    1. Amelie, Ian, Tin, Sasha, Shivani, Susan, George, Tri, Audrey, Ziv, Nasir, Emmy, Karuna, and Gabby
    2. If you did not get a certificate, you are 1-2 events short of completing the requirement. Please volunteer at cleaning day (5/23) and finals wellness (5/9)
  - c. [MSC Core Issues](#)
    - i. We completed all of our goals for this year!
  - d. Annual Report 2025
    - i. Summary on all we accomplished this year
    - ii. We appreciate all the work done this year and your time and contributions even if not explicitly highlighted in this report
  - e. Reflections!
    - i. Thank you so much for everything MSC has done for me (Shania). I've learned so much about Macaulay students, teamwork, and about student advocacy. I also truly admire how selfless you all are and it's been a privilege to work alongside you all
- 7. Campus and Campus Event Updates**
- a. Baruch:
    - i. Senior Broadway show next Saturday –John Proctor is the Villain
      1. Seniors are excited to graduate <3
  - b. Brooklyn:
    - i. Dean's visit was last week, like 15 people came
    - ii. Senior Sendoff Event happened 5/1 (Hells Kitchen on Broadway)
    - iii. Carnival on 5/6/25!
    - iv. Sasha's last orchestra concert is on Thurs 5/8/25 at BC at 5:30PM YOU HAVE TO COME!!
  - c. City:
    - i. Cohort event with collaborative wellness went super good! Besides the last-minute supplies run, everyone seemed to enjoy the event. All 6 pies of ..pizza, cheesy bread, and brookies were eaten. All the candle supplies were used up too! Turnout was about 36 people which is pretty good for a cohort event.
    - ii. May 8th, as part of collaborative wellness, we are making our own cafe in the honors lounge. There will be coffee, matcha, and pastries along with a planting station, painting/arts station, and room to study. You guys are invited!
    - iii. Lavender Fest was super fun- super short though sadly
    - iv. On April 24th, the campus went into lockdown for about 5 hours due to protests. No one was allowed to leave or enter campus. Many students



were pepper-sprayed and shoved. Also people living in the towers were forbidden from letting students stay over for a few days.

- d. College of Staten Island
  - I. Cohort event: 05/09!! Picnic at Wolfe's Pond Park
  - II. Had the senior sendoff trip to the Great Gatsby on Broadway last weekend
  - III. Cultural Potluck on Tuesday, May 6th
  - IV. CSI Spirit Week last week with games, free food, and inflatables
- e. Hunter:
  - i. A Boogie Concert on Friday, May 2 by Hunter USG
- f. John Jay
  - i. Successful boba cohort event (thanks Hunter :3) with a great turnout!
  - ii. John Jay Justice Fundraising Gala on Tuesday (5/6)
  - iii. Dean Visit (4/30)
- g. Lehman
  - i. Senior Sendoff was Friday, we had a picnic and hike at Van Cortlandt!
  - ii. Our picnic will be May 15th from 5-7pm
  - iii. We're trying to strengthen the connection between Honors Council, Scholars Council, and Students Uplifting Ancestral Spaces (SUAS) by attending their meetings every other week
  - iv. 2
- h. Queens
  - i. We have a Senior Luncheon on Monday, May 5th
8. **USS Delegate Updates:** *Alif Yaa (Delegate) and Ash (Alternate)*
  - a. No Updates
9. **Diversity Committee:**
  - a. No Updates
10. **Senior Committee:**
  - a. Graduating :(
  - b. Perhaps a secret senior event occurred but what can I say
  - c. Volunteer at graduation ([commencement@mhc.cuny.edu](mailto:commencement@mhc.cuny.edu)) free lunch and you get to see us one last time (6/4 1-5pm United Palace)
  - d. SASHA SPEAKING!!
  - e. Senior Lunch-In with Tony Meyer on Friday 5/9
11. **Committee Updates**
  - a. **Finance (George Tom [george.tom@macaulay.cuny.edu](mailto:george.tom@macaulay.cuny.edu) )**
    - i. Literally no updates - thank you everyone for bearing with me this academic year and for listening to me list out every number as if we're in a Baruch Excel Masterclass <3
    - ii. Last day to submit reimbursement stuff: see [important dates and deadlines](#) but it's 5/28
  - b. **Academic Affairs (Lizbet Rodriguez [lizbet.rodriguez@macaulay.cuny.edu](mailto:lizbet.rodriguez@macaulay.cuny.edu))**
    - I. [Advisor Survey Results](#) - Shared with Kathy Munet



- II. Very proud of my committee!!
  - III. Thank you everyone for supporting AA this year!
  - c. Campus Affairs (Shivani Ramsaran [shivani.ramsaran@macaulay.cuny.edu](mailto:shivani.ramsaran@macaulay.cuny.edu))**
    - i. Music & Mocktails Festival was super successful! We had over 65 attendees!! Thank you to everyone who volunteered and attended :)
    - ii. Last CC meeting of the year on Friday!! Thank you to everyone who came <3 and thank you for the gifts, i love u all dearly <3
    - iii. Thank you CA affairs for an amazing 2 years!!
    - iv. I have TWO degrees!! TWO!!
  - d. Community Service (Emmy DeMuro [emma.demuro@macaulay.cuny.edu](mailto:emma.demuro@macaulay.cuny.edu) )**
    - i. Done with individual events for the semester (we are all so tired)
    - ii. Co-sponsoring the Macaulay Mind Trevor Project event!! Please come this wednesday all proceeds will be going to the Trevor Project [https://macaulay.campusgroups.com/mqa/rsvp\\_boot?id=2138651](https://macaulay.campusgroups.com/mqa/rsvp_boot?id=2138651)
    - iii. Book club x Comm service» at the Macaulay mind event and finals wellness we will be collecting any queer books for the Nonbinarian in brooklyn <https://thenonbinarian.gay/>
  - e. Student Life (Nasir Anderson [nasir.anderson@macaulay.cuny.edu](mailto:nasir.anderson@macaulay.cuny.edu))**
    - i. Thank you all for a successful year! All of our events went really well and I would like to thank everyone who volunteered or helped in any capacity. I love you all
  - f. IT/Communications (Sasha Jamal [sasha.jamal@macaulay.cuny.edu](mailto:sasha.jamal@macaulay.cuny.edu))**
    - i. Feel free to send promo reqs throughout the summer
    - ii. Last cohort [update](#) (MUST SEND)
    - iii. Thank you so much for a lovely two years as VP! It's been real and I've had so much fun at our committee meetings this year and so grateful you all have been there for me even when I send texts at 3am with tasks or brainstorming ideas. So proud of you all and I hope you learned a lot
- 12. MSC Senior Reflection and Advice**
- a. #Best year ever!
  - b. What's next and one piece of advice
  - c. Lizbet: It's been a pleasure getting to know you all, after grad will be pursuing a masters in speech pathology at NYMC!
    - i. Advice: stay true to yourself, go forward with everything that you can and do things you are passionate about rather than resume builders
  - d. Ariana: Thank you for being so welcoming on council, after grad will be pursuing a PhD in Math at Temple University!
    - i. Advice: don't be afraid to take a leap and make a change, do what makes you happy
  - e. Shivani: will be interning at SAGE to increase volunteer efforts for LGBTQ elders, yay no more school



- i. Advice: try to make the most of the people around you, there are so many people who are willing to connect with you, support you, and even just be your friend
  - f. Sasha: trying to find a job in research !! applying to MD-PHD programs
    - i. Advice: to be honest with yourself:) the world doesn't end if you fail a class. Life goes on, take things one at a time! There's always someone who you can talk to and things will work out
  - g. Sophia: great four years especially seeing the transformation from COVID to in person, hopefully medical school too!
    - i. Advice: Do what you love, we tend to prioritize school and studying, but making time for yourself and taking it slow/enjoying the moment is invaluable to your college experience. And be kind , give each other grace, and be patient
  - h. Shania: Full time offer at Veeva (starting in July) as a business consultant
    - i. Advice: Continue this community that we built together. MSC has been my community and without MSC I don't know where I'd be, and support each other especially during tough times
  - i. EILEEN!!!!
  - j. Underclassmen questions/thoughts?
    - i. Naur
- 13. Welcome Dean Byrne**
  - a. Dean Byrne: Commencement season is great but also sad, so many of us played a clear role in helping Dean Byrne acclimate and lead Macaulay during difficult times. The partnership between Dean Byrne and MSC has truly transformed the student experience at Macaulay with heart, commitment, and passion
  - b. Assist. Dean Hoover: you all have had a tremendous impact, and you've had a great year! More events than previous years and brought back some great years, sad to see the seniors go but looking forward to next year too
- 14. Old Business:**
  - a. Nothing
- 15. New Business:**
  - a. Submit your general statements, but E-Board Election on 5/23 (and also meeting for newly elected reps)
- 16. Mountain Lion Monthly Winner 🥳**
  - a. Zoe!! <3
- 17. Jake Monthly Winner:**
  - a. George!!
- 18. Surprise hehehe<3**
  - a. Secret senior gifts (Funko pops)
- 19. Final Remarks and Discussion:**
  - a. **Group photos!!** After adjournment
- 20. Adjournment:**
  - a. Motion to adjourn, seconded (12 yes, 12 no, 0 abstain)



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- i. Tie breaker (Shania): vote yes → meeting adjourned
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**Upcoming Important Dates for Follow-Up:**

1. [Spring Finals Wellness](#) – Friday, May 9 (5-8 PM)
2. [Cleaning Day](#) – Friday, May 23 (1-5 PM)

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

1. [MSI x Rescuing Leftover Cuisine](#) – Saturday, May 10 (9 AM - 10 AM)
2. [Macaulay Cap Decorating Party](#) – Wednesday, May 14 (5-7 PM)
3. [Spring 2025 Research Assistantship Expo](#) – Thursday, May 15 (online)

**Scholars Council E-Board Election Meeting**

*Date:* Friday, May 23

*Time:* 11 AM - 1 PM

*Location:* Lecture Hall