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2. Approval of the Agenda and the Past Minutes

- a. All approved

3. Updates from Dean Pearl

- a. Re: Opportunities Fund → all board members required to give \$25,000
 - i. April 16, 2017: Opportunities Fund Gala → not a community building event, strictly fundraising
 1. Short program, and then philanthropists will be able to “bid” on the chance to give a student a life-changing opportunity
 2. Looking for student help to manage/scout talent and to inspire attendees to donate
 3. Contact employers and find people that would sponsor a table
 4. Hoping to start an annual tradition
 5. All funds raised will go towards student activities
 6. Will take place April 16th on the East side, Bohemian National Hall
 7. The news will go out via “I Can’t Believe It’s Friday” newsletter

4. Student Development Updates

- a. Halloween Party next week
- b. Giving Tuesday: Goal - \$30,000
- c. Room reservations open November 1 for spring semester; start being reviewed November 14
- d. Approval of agenda and minutes: way to add or remove items so the Council can cover all necessary topics

5. MSC Diversity Week



- a. The week of November 6, leading up to Humans of Macaulay's International Cultural Festival on November 10 (better than the week of Oct 23rd » more time)
 - b. Respecting cultures, steering away from stigmas and educating students
 - c. Reaching out to Diversity Initiative
 - d. Tentative plan: Two small events, two social media events with the week ending with the Cultural festival
 - e. Screen a film? » *Dear White People, Victoria and Abdul, Lion, The Big Sick*
 - f. **Motion to support initiative: All approved**
- 6. Macaulay Advisory/Auxiliary Board**
- a. Campus Town Halls
 - i. Were they effective? How can we make them better?
 1. Went around to students and asked them questions about communication methods, gave updates
 2. Was a laid-back environment, opened up the floor to questions
 3. Questions about the Opportunities Fund
 - ii. Communication methods feedback
 1. Most preferred email, some Facebook
 2. Would be open to text reminder service
 - iii. Auxiliary Board Comments
 1. Each campus is unique and different (structurally) so it may not work for everyone
 2. Adding another board would discourage engagement within the council
 3. How do we incentivize students to volunteer with us/support us if it's not a formal position? » bring up at next meeting
 - a. Suggestion box, collect at the end of the month
 - b. Have students apply to non-voting member position
 4. **Motion to scrap auxiliary board idea: 23 in favor, 1 opposed, 1 abstention**
- 7. Club and Organizations Updates**
- a. **No clubs present**

5-min Break: Club leaders may leave if they would like, but all are welcome to stay. ***Please use this time to meet with Campus Reps to discuss updates.***

8. Campus Updates

- a. Baruch
 - i. Town hall scheduled for 10/24 (with Baruch advisors and Baruch Honors Council)
 1. Preliminary Agenda by Matt:
https://docs.google.com/document/d/1efHPOWokqlcOMsFbzo5fdBMuPH19_bCAwwFVuGooQFE/edit?usp=sharing



- b. Brooklyn
- c. City
 - i. Planning town hall, working with availability (majority prefer Tuesday)
- d. College of Staten Island
 - i. Might go around lounges/send out email blast to gather feedback
- e. Hunter
 - i. General consensus that events should be about quality vs. quantity » people start to associate an event with negative connotations
 - 1. Help students understand why events/initiatives are meaningful, making them effective
- f. John Jay
 - i. Town hall TBD, but there is interest from students and John Jay Honors Council
- g. Lehman
 - i. Created poll about town hall dates, in touch with advisors
- h. Queens
 - i. Queens freshmen love Macaulay!
- 9. Committee Updates
 - a. Academic Affairs (*Nicolette*)
 - i. Fall semester workshop theme
 - 1. Saving, investment, and budgeting
 - a. 1 vote
 - 2. Loans and taxes (focus on grad school)
 - a. 5 votes
 - 3. **Nutritional science**
 - a. **8 votes**
 - 4. Stock market class
 - a. 2 votes
 - 5. Ballroom dancing
 - a. 1 votes
 - 6. Self-defense
 - a. 5 votes
 - 7. Something in popular culture (Greek mythology, etc.)
 - a. 0 votes
 - ii. Curriculum Committee meeting Oct. 17th
 - 1. Question of part-time status
 - 2. Email Nicolette if there are any questions to bring up
 - iii. First website project
 - 1. Would be posted to the MSC website
 - a. **Honors requirements**
 - i. **15 votes**
 - b. E-permit guidelines
 - i. 5 votes



- c. **Opp Fund info**
 - i. **o votes**
 - b. **Campus Affairs (*Christian*)**
 - i. October Club Council meeting on 10/15
 - ii. Club Council Attendance Requirements
 - 1. **Current requirement is that either a club council meeting or MSC meeting be attended to give club updates, but shift towards only club council meetings because they are a more collaborative environment**
 - a. Club leader requirements are on student activities website and mentioned at student leader workshops
 - b. If they're not attending, find out *why*
 - 2. **Suggested Penalties → any penalty will be voted on by the Finance Committee**
 - a. Percentage cut in budget would be effective overall
 - i. Though cutting funding might cause them to be even less successful → propose that they are asked to do *more* (i.e. hold another event)
 - b. Put a hold on all their events for the semester
 - iii. CUNY Student Government network
 - 1. Emails found, sending introductory message and opening the path to partnering in the future on initiatives
 - 2. Looking to learn from them and implement any good practices
 - iv. Preliminary stages of planning Diversity Week
 - 1. **Task force created**
 - v. FAQ for Club Leaders
 - 1. **Reaching out at Club Council Meeting to leaders to see if this is something they need**
 - c. **Community Service (*Angela*)**
 - i. SBP October 29th
 - 1. Five-Year Anniversary of Hurricane Sandy
 - 2. Hoping to have 20 volunteers
 - 3. Donate
 - ii. Reached out to all the clubs
 - 1. Quidditch wants to host a Clothing Drive
 - a. What organization to donate to?
 - b. **Make sure what is donated is something needed (or else items are discarded)**
 - iii. November 18th Beach Clean-up
 - d. **Student Life (*Destany*)**
 - i. Halloween Party (10/21)
 - 1. **Volunteers needed!**
 - 2. **Show up**



- ii. Macaulay LIVE!
 - 1. Probably will be moved to next semester, as a kickoff sort of event
 - 2. Triplets are trying to do a benefit concert and are looking for support » may end up being something like Macaulay LIVE! for the fall term
- iii. Ugly Sweater Party
 - 1. Thursday or Friday evening in December » December 21
 - 2. More events on Thursdays to accommodate Jewish students, aside from larger ones that are already booked
- e. IT/Communications (*Samah*)
 - i. October update video
 - 1. Will be filmed at the Halloween party (10/21)
 - ii. Newsletter
 - 1. <http://tinyurl.com/mscmonthly>
 - iii. T-shirt designs
 - 1. \$16-20 per shirt
 - 2. Suggestion to buy in bulk and keep for future years
 - 3. May be money in the budget for Scholars Council promotional gear; \$900 fundraised from last year still remains
 - iv. Council introduction video
 - 1. Will be filmed after the November meeting, 3-4pm
 - 2. Plan to release before Thanksgiving
 - 3. Student Development will also send a “Meet the Council” email using website bios
 - v. “Scholars Council for Dummies” explaining rules, our committees, history, and function within the Macaulay community
- f. Finance (*Chris*)
 - i. **Club Budgets**
 - 1. October Budget Approval:
 - a. Budget Spreadsheet: <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/192ddDzbP7C5pTBkofNbofZoBjh21q01gDB6Rj2raOWw/edit#gid=0>
 - b. Club Budget Informational: <https://macaulay.cuny.edu/eportfolios/macaulayscholarscouncil/club-budgets/> » additional funding will begin to be available after this month’s budget allocations are approved
 - c. VOTE for MSC approval (October Budget Submissions): **All approved**

10. Meeting with Dean Pearl Recap

- a. Opportunities Fund Gala (above)



- i. Information will be disseminated through Dean and admin first; Scholars Council serving as secondary support
 - b. Opp Fund Questions form → sent to Dean Pearl, Dean Ugoretz, and Geoffrey Glick → will follow-up if no response within the next week
 - c. Cultural Passport discrepancies (i.e. museum no longer honors the Cultural Passport): email Carolina Ruiz (carolina.ruiz@mhc.cuny.edu)
 - d. Will there be a change in the MHC requirement of doing a study abroad, internship or research? → No, but the administration will support students in order to have this requirement fulfilled
 - e. Information about Mountain Lion Monthly (MLM) and update video will be in Macaulay Monday
 - f. November Maisha/Dean Pearl meeting: November 14th
 - i. Submit questions by November 12th to Maisha at maisha.kamal@macaulay.cuny.edu
- 11. Old Business**
 - a. Colleges Against Cancer
 - i. Unsure how they will differentiate themselves from the larger organizations they are a subsidiary of/partnered with, or the campus-specific cancer awareness-related clubs
 - ii. Unable to show up twice → can they commit to running a club?
 - iii. Motion to approve: 5 approved, 18 opposed, 0 abstentions
- 12. New Business**
 - a. November meeting: Thanksgiving potluck!
 - i. Tell us what you can bring here: <https://docs.google.com/a/macaulay.cuny.edu/spreadsheets/d/1UHDRTZP5FDg7lUKeisxUFijwpLWN9Wh9DUD5ZZeI3Kc/edit?usp=sharing>
 - b. Charter Review: 12-1pm on November 12, before the MSC meeting
 - i. All reps interested in giving input about changing the freshman tie-breaking process and altering the charter to reflect MSC's independence are welcome to attend
 - 1. All interested reps let Maisha know by November 1
- 13. Final Remarks and Discussion**
- 14. Adjournment**

October Club Council Meeting

Date: October 20, 2017

Time: 4pm-6pm

Location: Lecture Hall

November Scholars Council Meeting

Date: November 12, 2017

Time: 1pm-3pm

Location: Lecture Hall

November Club Council Meeting

Date: November 17, 2017

Time: 4pm-6pm

Location: Lecture Hall