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2. Approval of the Agenda and the Past Minutes

3. Representative Updates

4. Student Development Updates

- a. Contact Robert Small if interested in taking part in assisting with the film festival
- b. Jan 26: Deadline for reimbursements for clubs (receipts, payment request forms with public safety)
- c. Student Organization workshops for new clubs with carnival theme (mandatory) on Jan 26th at 1PM in order to activate clubs, with Club Fair following up: 2PM tabling, 3-5 student performances
 - i. Can fundraise during this time
- d. Feb 2nd: Deadline for new club charters, with a minimum of 10 interested club members
- e. Mid-spring elections for Scholars council 2018-2019

5. Student Involvement

- a. Attendance Policy
 - i. Going forward, this is how absences will be counted:
 1. Everyone is entitled to one excused absence
 2. After one absence, any additional absences will be unexcused, unless for a medical reason
 3. In all cases, reps must give 24-hour notice if they will miss a meeting
 - a. If you have no absences, but still fail to give notice, it counts as an unexcused absence (excluding emergencies)
 4. 3 unexcused absences will result in MSC removal
 - ii. For absences prior to this meeting: if you have 2 or 3 absences, one of these will count as unexcused (as of today, no council member has more than 1 unexcused absence)
- b. From last meeting: how do we incentive non-reps to volunteer with/support us?
 - i. A non-voting, auxiliary member position that allows students to serve on committees » **Vote: No auxiliary board**

**6. Opportunities Gala Update**

- a. Possible performers have been contacted
- b. Goldman Sachs have bought a table - Goldman Sachs fellow in opportunities fund
- c. Deewane and Triplets will perform, possibly Musicians' Collective
- d. Contact Geoffrey Glick if you have ticket/table buyers in mind

7. Reflection on the Semester

- a. How did we do? → Go around the room and say one positive thing about the Council's achievements this semester
 - i. Campus affairs: Club Council meetings successful; expounded on club leader expectations with videos, etc
 - ii. Finance: Budget process was smooth, all completed by November
 - iii. Better reaffirmed the goal and purpose of the council, guidelines
 - iv. Volunteer events were successful
 - v. Able to revise charter
 - vi. Had support in committees
 - vii. No negatives about events
 - viii. John Jay town hall successful
- b. What can we do better? → Go around the room and say one obstacle you faced/setback that occurred
 - i. Attendance rate is 76% for Club Council meetings → more outreach so that everyone is aware of meetings
 - ii. Couldn't reach goal for Giving Tuesday
 - iii. Lack of involvement
 - iv. Work on getting to know each other better
 - v. Feedback from Macaulay students
 1. Most students felt events weren't promoted enough - send out event reminders to students through email? Put up posters in honors lounge?
 2. Engage upperclassmen in coming to events
- c. What are some things you wish we would have accomplished this semester? →
Addressed in Spring Semester Strategy
- d. Committee feedback forms (5 minutes to complete)
- e. Committee meetings in January
 - i. VPs should confer with their committees and then choose a date:
<https://doodle.com/poll/9ih4a3xt2kdfdq7p>

8. Spring Semester Strategy → Motion to move the before the break → All approved

- a. What other things do we want to accomplish next semester? → Break up into your committees and brainstorm for 5 minutes
 - i. Inclusivity
 - ii. Advising

9. Club and Organizations Updates

- a. New Clubs
 - i. Macaulay Peace Action → 18 approved, 1 objection, 1 abstention
 1. Start with general interest meeting to gauge interest on what topics people are interested in
 2. Affiliated with Peace Action NY and have chapters at different campuses
 3. UN conference attendees
 4. Currently about 20 students from CCNY and CSI
 - ii. Italian Cultural Society



1. Club to teach and celebrate Italian culture; will have movie nights, coordinate a networking events, food/culture workshops → **All approved**
- b. Appeals
 - i. **Colleges Against Cancer**

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.*

10. Committee Updates

- a. Academic Affairs (*Nicolette*)
 - i. **Lobbying Macaulay administrators to up the diversity**
- b. Campus Affairs (*Christian*)
 - i. Club Fair
 1. 1/26, 2-5 pm
 2. Volunteers needed
 3. Fill out volunteer sheet
 - ii. Division of Committee personnel amongst clubs
 1. Clubs divided amongst committee members, will facilitate monthly communication or updates
 - iii. Reflection on First Half CC Meetings
 1. 76% Attendance Rate
 2. Necessary to have monthly? Or 2-3 with new committee initiative above
 - a. **Phone call instead of physically coming in?**
 - b. **Monthly should remain to keep connections between the council and the club leaders**
- c. Community Service (*Angela*)
 - i. Tali: volunteer event in February DOROT/ NYC Food bank
 1. **Two possible organizations → Queens-centric or city-centric?**
 2. **One deals with caring for seniors**
 - ii. HEALTH for Youths: great volunteer opportunities
 1. hmbutts@aol.com - Heather
 2. Work with local community
 - iii. Macaulay Community Service Day 4/14/18
 1. Any interested clubs/individuals email angela.chi@macaulay.cuny.edu
 2. Macaulay community goes out and volunteers
- d. Student Life (*Destany*)
 - i. Ugly Sweater Party
 1. Today. Volunteers needed!
 2. Decorating begins at 2:00PM
 - ii. Book Reshelving in Reading Room
 1. Sunday, February 4th at 12:00PM → **food as an incentive!**
 - iii. Spring Formal
 1. Saturday, May 5th 7-11 pm
- e. IT/Communications (*Samah*)
 - 1) The “video” - winner on Facebook poll was an end of year wrap up, final in-meeting vote if there are objections to it
 - a) Fall wrap up/slideshow
 - b) **Verdict: end of year video**



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- 2) Newsletter - 100th subscriber wins a prize; merging December and November update into one
 - 3) Instagram - at about 100 followers --> any ideas for promotion?
 - a) At events have a laptop to have people follow the page. Same with newsletter
 - 4) Another townhall for the beginning of the spring semester?
 - a) When schools have their advisory meetings, council reps can hop on the bandwagon
 - b) Facebook live
 - f. Finance (*Chris*)
 - i. Votes for Additional Funding based on committee recommendation
 - ii. Budget procedure for next semester
 - 11. Old Business**
 - a. Recap of November meeting with Dean Pearl → touched on Gala, Diversity Week, etc.
 - 12. New Business**
 - a. Important Campus Updates
 - i. Brooklyn College:
 - 1. Debate between Macaulay and non-Macaulay students about priority registration/Macaulay “privilege”
 - 2. Poll in Facebook groups about whether or not Macaulay is secure and “doing well” → entire Kingsman issue focused on Macaulay
 - 3. People going around scamming students with fake Broadway show passes (has apparently happened at other CUNY colleges)
 - ii. City College:
 - 1. Students not a fan of the way makeup workshop was marketed in Dean Pearl’s email
 - iii. John Jay:
 - 1. Targeted advertising
 - 2. Dislike of seminar classes → make them more interesting, give descriptions of what they’re geared towards early → cross-campus continuity in terms of structure and workload
 - b. Strategic Planning Recap
 - 13. Final Remarks and Discussion**
 - 14. Adjournment**
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January Scholars Council Meeting

Date: January 28, 2017

Time: 1pm-3pm

Location: Lecture Hall

February Club Council Meeting

Date: February 2, 2018

Time: 4pm-6pm

Location: Lecture Hall