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## 1. Executive Board Introductions

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## 1. Approval of the Agenda

- a. o deny, o abstentions, 23 approve

## 2. Approval of Last Meeting's Agenda

- a. o deny, o abstentions, 23 approve

## 3. Virtual Procedures

- a. **Thumbs up is a YES**
- b. **Thumbs down is a NO**
- c. **Closed fist is ABSTAIN**

## 4. Check in

- a. Gena and Chris have bubble tea now
- b. Gene has a presentation
- c. James abstains

## 5. Student Development Updates

[Chris Daversa]

- a. Big Thank You + Congrats to a great year!!!
  - i. Spring semester has been tough, but y'all have been tougher!
  - ii. Looking forward to another year next year
- b. Assessment for this Year
  - i. Fill out [this form](#)
- c. Next Year Questions
  - i. Planning to have mostly-virtual orientation, although capacity is not clear
  - ii. [Information on dates](#)
  - iii. Not much more knowledge, actively evolving situation



- iv. May not be able to do big events or have large gatherings, may stay to some degree virtual but we just don't know enough
- d. Veronica Maldonado and Joe Ugoretz hosting Live Sessions
  - i. Every Friday, [more info here](#)
  - ii. Email issues + issues with 2020-2021 election results
- e. Brooklyn Tech Racist Situation
  - i. Addressing racist or derogatory remarks made at Macaulay as well
  - ii. Make a report if something happens or you're witness to this
- f. Upcoming Events
  - i. Kay, student life intern, has been hosting virtual reading rooms once a week. ONE MORE COMING UP
  - ii. Peer Mentors want to plan a couple of events
    - 1. Elijah is planning a Smash Brothers tournament for next Saturday using Switch and Discord
    - 2. Michael Borrello is planning a How To Play Dungeons & Dragons event on
- g. [Senior Awards Info](#)
  - i. Going out very soon, if you are a senior and you're getting an award you have been notified by now
  - ii. Info going out about what we're going to do for senior awards in the next couple weeks
- h. Special Club Council
  - i. May 4th [more info here](#)
- i. Next Year Orientation Leaders/Peer Mentors recruiting
  - i. Many more applicants this year (wool!)
  - ii. Relying on these people to spearhead experience if made virtual
- j. COVID Connectedness + Macaulay challenge
  - i. Checklist in Club Macaulay » points functionality and leaderboard

[Chris Cali]

- k. Another Kudos, y'all rock!!!
- l. [Club Leader Info Form](#)
  - i. Today is deadline for clubs to submit the election results and club contact information for next year
- m. Finance team has sent out checks for reimbursements this week
- n. [Team Building Workshop](#) (ATTEND! and share with friends!)
  - i. 3 workshops so far, not super well-attended
  - ii. All MSC reps should go to the one this Thursday, which is the teambuilding workshop run by Chelsea
  - iii. This Thursday, 7pm
- o. [Finals Wellness](#) (GO GO GO! and share with friends!)
  - i. Different activities and different Zoom rooms
    - 1. Bring your Pet
    - 2. Two meditation sessions



3. Wellness Team is doing drop-in hour
4. Macaulay FIT club sponsors yoga sessions
5. Service Initiative is doing a social media campaign to share positive messages with nursing homes
6. Chamber music concert
7. Messenger open mic

## 6. Movie Nights/Kahoot

- a. Initiatives run by James
- b. Student Life wanted to host a bunch of Kahoot nights + movie night
- c. Kahoot nights have been successful (~20 for first two, last one was around ~6 + some incoming freshmen!!)
- d. Movie night at 7pm on May 10th (Freaky Friday)

## 7. Year in Review

- a. Chris Daversa: still mad about when some of y'all went outside during the MSC retreat when there were bobcats... also wanted to add that a good thing was a great class of 2023. All of you on the council were really great and brought a lot of energy to the group and showed up to everything which forced everybody to show up for everything.
- b. Aaron: Work on being better advocates for the Macaulay community. We can play a bigger role by illuminating the concerns we have and follow up with those concerns with Macaulay community. Focus on diversity. Huge improvement in meeting concision and focus.
- c. Adam: Pleasure working with you all this year, one thing he liked was having a teammate chemistry and we all liked and got along with each other. Not that much bad except we couldn't see out year completely. Fun group! James is the funniest person here.
- d. Nick: we did a lot of good things representing students. When we had the whole situation with the student space being cut down, we worked to address that with administration really well. I think the charter review was a big step up considering that was a big change. Lot of other things where we worked together. Student situation in Brooklyn College was handled well, worked better with Dean Pearl.
- e. Shawn: Appreciates how council is talking to Dean Pearl, on more friendlier terms since last year. One thing he wishes our council would do more of is address individual students. If a student has an issue, we should be doing more to advocate for that student.
- f. Alexis: Proud of everyone for coming together and working hard. This is a really difficult time and it's still nice that everyone is still involved online and coming up with these different ways to work. Go
- g. Arvind: Good, need a way to have professional as well as personal record of work
- h. Ashley: Culminating experience being able to meet more people from different campuses. Strengthened cross-campus relationships.



- i. Caroline: Want to see a more activist student government, taking on more visible roles for students. Loves us and will miss us.
  - j. Christian: As someone who's been here for 4 years, we've had a glo up! Finance killed it. This year the group as a whole did a great job even through all of this!
  - k. Christine: Having separate communications for fun and work, but overall great job!
  - l. Chris Cali: Wasn't here all year but it seems like we worked as a cohesive unit which was good. Work together AND friends, which wasn't always the case before.
  - m. Dylan: One thing that's good is that we have really high standards and don't back down easy.
  - n. Gena: Very cohesive unit, events worked really well, trying to integrate people more
  - o. James: [positive stuff] + work on accountability. "Class of 2023 is attractive and humble"
  - p. Gene: Individual events didn't happen, would have been a good idea to engage campuses (Gena agrees)
  - q. Helen: Everyone worked together well and got a lot done
  - r. Elise: Event participation was really good, everyone came to help out!
  - s. Marieya: Well-oiled machine, everything went smoothly and there wasn't anything we didn't overcome. Love you guys!!
  - t. Peter: Worked more as a council this year than ever, especially amidst crisis we really stepped up. Still need to advertise better and more transparency.
  - u. Rebecca G: Really good job overall and mutual respect and everyone wants to do their work. Student engagement is an issue and a hard issue to solve, we try our best to get our stuff out but it's not always reciprocated. All the colleges in the city are much more involved and some feelings held back regarding Macaulay. Work on engaging cohorts more.
  - v. Sam: Attendance and amount of people who showed up was a lot better. Coming from 2016, where nobody was really at events. Decisions seem to be made in dark rooms and that could be improved.
  - w. Erin: Really great events and attendance and really liked to meet all of y'all! Accountability needs to improve; some committees were really active and some weren't and we need each committee to participate in certain events.
  - x. Suha: Liked how nice everyone was, enjoyed working with everyone and felt welcomed.
  - y. Zobia: As Suha said, we had a lot of support from each other and it was a fun thing to look forward to and this one was really different and special because we were really respectful towards each other and no hidden hard feelings or subs thrown. Good and supportive energy. Loves and will miss the seniors + council members who won't be returning.
- 8. Goals for next year**
- a. Pretty much brushed over during previous item



**9. Campus and Campus Event Updates**

- a. Baruch
  - i. Graduation is online, students are petitioning to change that
  - ii. Nick is now “Supreme Leader of Baruch”
- b. Brooklyn
  - i. Online graduation
  - ii. Met Class of 2024
- c. City
  - i. Graduation is delayed
- d. College of Staten Island
  - i. Student government elections online
  - ii. No graduation announcement, thinking of pushing it to August, October or even next January. Macaulay advisor wants to hold a mocktail hour for us)
- e. Hunter
  - i. Graduation postponed
  - ii. Hunter USG elections, drama!
  - iii. Brookdale updates
- f. John Jay
  - i. Class of 2022 is having problems with seminar 4 teacher
  - ii. Meetings with people
- g. Lehman
  - i. Graduation TBD, mixed signals regarding cap & gown (can request home delivery or refund but Illinois factory is closed)
  - ii. Digital advisement meetings for underclassmen and digital honors ceremony
  - iii. Advisor about to go on maternity leave, will have Ben Ross for fall
- h. Queens
  - i. Virtual student meeting, was cute
  - ii. That’s it

**10. Committee Updates (How are you supporting the community?)**

- a. Academic Affairs (*Sharon*)
  - i. College Council Meeting recap
    - 1. Student with rape allegations will be graduating with 2020 students. They were never informed by the school whether they should remove him or not so they’re keeping him on the roster
      - a. Investigation is still pending at campus, cannot say what is happening. If a student is found guilty, they would not be able to graduate.
    - 2. Continuity and Completion Policy
      - a. Summer 2020 will be online, for some reason they still haven’t extended policy for easing of probation regarding summer semester



- ii. Pandemic was an issue for committee, couldn't have event
      - iii. Upsetting that we are discouraged from advocacy
    - b. Campus Affairs (*Aaron*)
      - i. Working with Student Development
      - ii. Last Club Council on Friday, checking in with clubs
    - c. Community Service (*Brianne*)
      - i. Nothing
    - d. Student Life (*Gena*)
      - i.
    - e. IT/Communications (*Arvind*)
      - i. [Engagement Report](#)
      - ii. Class of 2024 outreach
      - iii. Looking Ahead
    - f. Finance (*Christian*)
      - i. Funding meeting, don't know what the funding is going to look like next year
  - 11. Old Business**
    - a. Nothing
  - 12. New Business**
    - a. Mountain Lion Monthly Winner
      - i. Goes to... SENIORS!!!
  - 13. Final Remarks and Discussion**
    - a. Samah's Remarks:
      - i. Been on the council for 4 years, and the highlight of her time at Macaulay was being on the council. She never thought she could have a better council than the one she's had in high school. We are incomparable. Thank you!!!
  - 14. Adjournment**
    - a. Love you seniors!! 🙄🙄
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