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1. Executive Board Introductions

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- g. *VP of Finance:* Christian Ralph Buonamassa
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1. Approval of the Agenda

- a. Approved unanimously

2. Approval of Last Meetings Agenda

- a. Approved unanimously

3. Dean Pearl

- a. Will not be using emails to communicate, will use Instagram
- b. Cabaret Updates
 - i. 6 years ago, grant proposal was written to create the “New Media & Data Sciences Lab” and funding was secured
 - ii. Plans were made to complete the cellar (kitchen/IT area) to reconfigure space for club uses
 - iii. Plans were shown at the meeting, are also available in Dean Pearl’s office to be looked at
 - iv. Timing of this is still unknown, controlled by CUNY central
- c. Classroom 3N Updates
 - i. Need to find space for faculty members to meet with students in the building
 - ii. Classroom 3N will be converted into this space
 - iii. Former kitchen has been cleared out and will become a space for certain activities to work here
 - iv. Kitchen plans include storage space, club space, meeting space, etc. also in the big plans document
- d. For future questions, speak to Samah to communicate to Dean Pearl

4. Student Development Updates



- a. Introduction of Chris Cali, the new student development coordinator!
 - i. Graduated in 2018, was a member of Scholars Council (VP of Student Life and Finance on 2 diff years:))
- b. Macaulay Staff Coat Drive with New York Cares
 - i. If you have coats or sweaters, you can contribute by December 27th
 - ii. Will be going to social service agencies, schools, places of worship, etc.
- c. Meditation Retreat on 2/7/20-2/9/20 at Stony Point
 - i. Done in the past, bringing it back
 - ii. 3-day trip with guided meditation, group talks, yoga, etc. upstate
 - iii. Run by Cam Stewart and Bart (does meditation at Macaulay)
 - iv. Clipboard was sent around for people to sign up, contact Chelsea if you're interested!
- d. January Academy on 1/21/20-1/22/20
 - i. Lots of workshops
 - ii. Communication of workshops will be going out sometime soon
 - iii. Spread the word!
 - iv. Student development will be doing a workshop on getting involved
- e. Giving Tuesday
 - i. More than \$54,400!
 - ii. May hit even higher, Giving Tuesday still open
- f. Free DACA Renewals with VOLS (Volunteers of Legal Service) until June 2020
 - i. Macaulay has partnered with VOLS to support DACA students, contact Chelsea Alterman for more information
- g. Finals Wellness Event next Friday (12/13!)
 - i. Massages, therapy animals, destress, etc.
 - ii. Building is open 24/7 from Reading Day until Finals (12/13-12/20)
- h. Spring Club Registration
 - i. Open until January 24th
 - ii. If a club that hasn't been re-registered wants to be renewed, email student.clubs@mhc.cuny.edu to walk through the process
 1. Including photography club, book club, SPARK, and Macaulay Messenger
 - iii. If you want to start a new club, also reach out to Chelsea for more information
- i. Student Organization Leadership Workshop
 - i. Primarily for new club leaders, but if you want to learn about Club Macaulay and stuff attend the meeting!!!
- j. Two positions open in Student Development
 - i. Spring Student Lounge Volunteers
 1. Dedicate at least 1-2 hours a week putting out coffee and tea + making a comfortable vibe in the reading room along with putting on events



2. Marieya really liked it because it was calm and you get to know people in the Macaulay building
 - a. Hosted Open Mic Night
 - ii. Student Life Intern
 1. Original person had to step down, application reopened on CareerPath
 2. Scholars Council members should apply!
5. **Meeting (Presented by Shawn)**
 - a. [Dropbox was sent out with information](#)
 - b. Dean Ugoretz met with Academic Affairs, summaries of the meeting are available in the above folder. Includes information on:
 - i. Aquarium rumor in Reading Room
 - ii. GPA Policy
 1. Discussion about students being treated unfairly due to the per-semester GPA policy
 - iii. Room Conversion
 1. Concrete floors prevent screening room from being converted into something useful, would be too expensive
 2. Fun Fact: this building used to be for mingling Jewish singles, which explains some choices of architecture
 3. Patio also cannot be converted, too much money
 4. Possibility to buy or rent a new building
 5. For money, new budget chancellor will be helping + private funds will likely be used, space team has been assembled to explore funds
 - iv. Laptop instead of MacBook
 - v. Seminar Survey
 1. Should we standardize seminars?
 - a. Rebecca: standardize coursework, not topics
 - b. Peter: at least seminar 1 and 2
6. **Diversity Day**
 - a. February 29th
 - b. Expectations meeting
 - c. Having more kinds of diversity
 - d. Need groups and performer, contact Samah if you want to represent a country
 - e. Diversify kinds of performances too
7. **Diversity Initiative Admin Meeting (Presented by Elise)**
 - a. Meeting notes here [insert link]
 - i. Reviewed past task force's missions, ideas, members
 - ii. Bridge Scholars located at Lehman
 - iii. Bring back Multicultural Dinner, but can be viewed as exclusive
 - iv. 2020



- v. 2020-2025 Strategic Plan discussed, final draft can be found on website:
<https://macaulay.cuny.edu/about-macaulay/macaulay-honors-college-strategic-planning/>

8. Holiday Party

- a. Budget has been approved
- b. Decorations and food are done
 - i. Pizza, cookies, etc.
- c. Activities
 - i. Cookie decorating, ornament decorating, painting, karaoke, live music
 - ii. Video games, board games, the usual
- d. Advertise & decorate posters
- e. Event from 5-7PM, 6:30-7PM is karaoke
- f. Darley and Yina on registration
- g. James and Shawn on food and utensil restocking
- h. Erin on cookie decorating
- i. Ashley on ornaments
- j. Adam as a “fun monitor”
- k. Lexi on painting

9. Charter (Presented by Aaron and Charter Review Committee)

- a. Macaulay Diversity sheet made by Aaron
- b. 3 Amendments
 - i. Ties: MSC will decide between a tie unless the representative is incumbent, where it will go back to the campus (3 nos, 5 abstentions, rest approve)
 - 1. In the case of an Eboard tie, the Eboard will vote on breaking the tie
 - 2. Chelsea brought up that bringing it back to campus will cause a delay
 - 3. An anonymous statement from the runners in order to anonymize the process better and let voters read these statements
 - 4. Or a hypothetical situation
 - 5. Amending this amendment
 - 6. Changed to
 - ii. Representative Vacancies (2 against, 2 abstentions, rest approve)
 - 1. Vacancies in a campus are highly suggested that people from the campus missing a Scholars Council member recommend students to take on this position
 - a. If someone of that year is unavailable, other students from other grades may take on this position (ex: Brianne as John Jay’s senior representative)
 - iii. E-board Vacancies (0 nos, 1 abstention, rest approve)



1. Any vacant positions of the E-board shall be subject to a special election voted on by the MSC at large within 1 meeting of the official vacancy.

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. Campus and Campus Event Updates

- a. Baruch
- b. Brooklyn
- c. City
- d. College of Staten Island
- e. Hunter
 - i. Dorming updates
 1. No more free dorms for Macaulay Hunter students after 1 year
 2. Working with brokers in the area to find housing for MHC Hunter students
- f. John Jay
- g. Lehman
- h. Queens

11. Committee Updates

- a. Academic Affairs (*Shawn*)
 - i. Summary of meeting with Dean Ugoretz
 - ii. Questionnaire/survey regarding experience in this semester's seminar classes
- b. Campus Affairs (*Aaron*)
 - i. A few clubs want to help out with the MSC Holiday Party
 - ii. Dean Pearl spoke about the New Media & Data Sciences Lab
 1. Following up with Dean Pearl and Chris Dennis about what's occurring in the cellar
 - iii. Ali wants clubs to help with outreach for greater diversity in future MSC students
 - iv. Club Fair taking place on 1/31/20, message Chelsea for more details (tablings, etc.)
 - v. Ideas for decorations for the club fair?
 1. Karaoke machine, VR headset, or disco ball
 - vi. Spring Group GIM (4 clubs talking about their clubs for an hour)
- c. Community Service (*Brianne*)
 - i. Results of the canned food drive (*Elise*)
 - ii. Current toy drive (*Mariya*)
 1. Toy Drive is being accompanied by a card-writing session. Students will be able to come to Macaulay to write Christmas



Cards during the finals wellness event. It would be amazing if we could see at least 20 people come to the event.

- a. Can get community service hours for making cards
- b. The card-making session will last an hour

iii. Share the google excel sheet! ()

1. The community service committee spends a lot of time creating this resource and it is extremely underused. This is a resource that should be taken advantage of at any point in the year/month/week/day. Please share this bit.ly with your constituents and please try to attend an event and push them to come to one.

- a. <http://bit.ly/MHCCommunityService>

d. Student Life (Gena)

e. IT/Communications (*Arvind*)

- i. Trello re-introduction
- ii. Website Updates
 1. Everyone's bios are up
 2. Club Council agendas are up
 3. MSC agendas will be updated soon

iii. Meeting syntheses

1. One member of IT/Communications will write up a summary of the meetings and email to their campus's cohorts
 - a. Gene and Zobia have done this before, very useful!!
 - b. Try and find an email list for your cohort

f. Finance (*Christian*)

- i. December Additional Funding Allocations
 1. 3 clubs requested, everyone approved, 4 abstain
 2. Good point for next semester
- ii. Giving Tuesday Follow Up
 1. Huge success
 2. Raised \$9000 more than last year, almost doubled our goal

12. Old Business

a. MSC Sweatshirts

- i. \$23 each with the designed logo

b. Monthly Movie Nights (*James*)

- i. Will hopefully start in December, waiting on Sara's reply
 1. Home Alone screening on Friday, December 13 or possibly December 19 from 6-9PM

13. New Business

a. Mountain Lion Monthly Winner

- i. Yina!! Enjoy your time abroad we will miss you 🥺🥺

14. Final Remarks and Discussion

15. Adjournment



February Scholars Council Meeting (Held in January)

Date: Jan 26, 2020

Time: 11am-1pm

Location: Lecture Hall

February Club Council Meeting

Date: February 7, 2020

Time: 4pm-6pm

Location: Lecture Hall