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1. Executive Board Introductions

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1. Approval of the Agenda

- a. Unanimously Approved (22 approve, 0 abstain, 0 deny)

2. Approval of Last Meetings Agenda

- a. Approved (22 approve, 0 abstain, 0 deny)

3. Student Development Updates

- a. Giving Tuesday (first Tuesday after Thanksgiving)
 - i. National day of giving
 - ii. CUNY and specifically Macaulay have campaigns
 1. For Macaulay, it's raising funds for student activities because we don't have student activity fees
 - iii. [Go to this website](#) to contribute
 1. Clubs can have fundraising profiles
 2. Phone-a-thon (delivered by Christian)
 - a. Reach out to alumni and parents of students/alumni asking for contributions
 - b. Got ~\$1000 out of this part last year
 - c. Helps you learn cold-call skills
 - d. Let Christian or Mike know if you're interested
- b. Emergency Fund Application
 - i. Limited emergency funds available for students through a specific fund at Macaulay central
 - ii. If there is something hindering someone's ability to be enrolled in Macaulay, they can apply for this
 - iii. Allocation varies by student



- iv. Emergency funds are also available on individual CUNY campuses which are usually capped at \$1500
 - c. Student Support Team
 - i. Can fill out [this anonymous form](#)
 - ii. Can refer students, can file anonymously but it's better if you don't so they can ask followup questions
 - 1. Still is kept anonymous from person who is reported
 - d. 2020 Census
 - i. CUNY, in an effort to assist with data compilation process, has created a CUNY Census Corps
 - ii. Employing CUNY students to speak and table at events to advocate for filling out census
 - iii. CUNY Census Corps pays \$15 an hour for 12 hours a week
 - e. Student Lounge Volunteers
 - i. Work in reading room to support students
 - ii. Hosting two events
 - 1. Tips on Surviving Undergrad
November 22nd, 6-8pm
Tips on being in college and a part of Macaulay
See Marieya if you want to speak at it
 - 2. Talent Show
December 6th, time TBA
Read poems, sing songs, etc.o
 - iii. Support them by going to their events!
 - f. Club Events
 - i. Triplets Concert next Friday (Come support Erin!)
 - ii. Theater Club show on 22nd and 3rd of November
 - g. Diversity Initiative Administrative Committee
 - i. Dean Pearl, 2 alumni, all leaders of Diversity Initiative, and Scholars Council rep (Elise)
 - ii. Elise talked to enrollment management on November 14th
 - 1. [Notes are here](#)
 - iii. Looking for one representative
 - 1. Aaron volunteered
 - 2. Friday the 22nd at 1:30pm
- 4. Strategic Planning Committee (Presented by Caroline)**
- a. Space renovations happening in Macaulay
 - i. Third floor classroom 3N is being renovated into office space for 8 new full-time professors being hired to standardize the seminars
 - ii. Approved but tentative plans to change lower level to divide commons & cabaret into 3 spaces with New Media Lab
 - iii. Early strategy to let administration know that we're unhappy was to reach out through the MSPC form



- iv. Letter was also sent out by Aaron, people can sign
- v. Club Leaders spoke:
 - 1. Club leaders use the space to interact with Macaulay community and by not having that space available
 - 2. Space will be even more limited than it already is
 - 3. The way it was handled was also not very well-done, no direct communication to students and club leaders
 - 4. Want to find who they can approach about their concerns
 - 5. Want a town hall to express their opinions directly rather than through direct channels
- vi. Samah will see Dean Pearl on Thursday
- vii. Student Development comments
 - 1. Meeting to review space for the upcoming semester with Sara Mazes on the 18th
 - 2. Cannot use 3N for the upcoming semester
 - 3. Make sure you're referring to the right plan when discussing
- viii. CUNY is controlling lower level construction right now, so that's why it's not being handled right now
- ix. Do not know who we can refer to about this yet, Chris will try to speak to more people to find out but nobody really knows right now
- x. Club leaders are trying to meet with Dean Pearl, encouraging Scholars Council reps to spread to the rest of the constituents
- xi. Elise asked about whether other staff is on board
 - 1. Staff has a misconception about how the building is used after 5pm just because they are not privy to it
 - 2. Ambivalence about construction because it doesn't impact staff directly
 - 3. Confusion is not just isolated to students, staff are also unsure
- b. What is our action?
 - i. Letter
 - ii. Possible sit-in
 - iii. Proposing alternative spaces
 - 1. Screening Room
 - 2. Patio
 - iv. There isn't enough space for clubs already
 - v. Send out emails now!
- 5. **Charter (Presented by Aaron and Charter Review Committee)**
 - a. 4th Meeting last Friday, lots of freshmen & non-board members woo!
 - b. Will be discussing 5 of them today
 - c. Motion to approve process (26 approve, 0 abstain, 0 deny)
 - d. Amendments:
 - i. **Name:** The name of the student government of Macaulay Honors College shall be the Macaulay Scholars Council



1. 26 approve
- ii. **Palm Sunday:** No rep or other person shall be penalized for not attending a MSC meeting/event that infringes upon established religious convictions. Meeting and events dates shall be scheduled to reasonably avoid interfering with any religious holiday
 1. See who is approving the dates and when that is taking place
 2. Also vote on dates in May
 3. 26 approve
- iii. **Town Hall:** Must host town hall meeting for all students at least once a year, accessible to all students from MHC in all 5 boroughs and surrounding areas
Methods of accessibility shall be but not limited to livestream and phone conference. The Academic Affairs Committee, IT/Communications Committee, and the President shall work together on town hall logistics
 1. Opposition says we only have it when there's controversy or time of need
 2. Amendment to have best practices guidebook
 3. 17 approve, 8 deny, 1 abstain
- iv. **Running for Multiple Positions:** If rep is running for President, they can submit one for VP as well. President tally will occur before all other elections. Winner of election for President will be eliminated from VP ballot if they win, but they can stand for VP if they lose.
 1. Great idea, but the President position is quite limited in what it can do. Nevertheless it still allows people who are still passionate about the Scholars Council to serve on the E-Board.
 2. Opposition: May make it more difficult for new and upcoming sophomores to run for VP positions. There is a worry about more people running for VP positions who are older and more experienced hoarding more votes.
 3. Opposition 2: People who are running for President can dip their toes in two ponds: VP and President pool
 4. 1 approve, 24 deny, 1 abstain
- v. **Term Limits:** No MSC rep shall be eligible to be elected to any office if that person has held such office for two full terms. This amendment shall not apply to any person serving in any office for the 2019-20 academic year
 1. Support: can give opportunities to all students
 2. Opposition: Power of democracy, term limits might get in the way, shouldn't be able to do job again just because of term limits, 4-year term limit is enough, student development agrees that it limits reps' ability to choose
 3. 1 approve, 1 abstention, 22 deny

6. Food Drive (Presented by Elise)



- a. Lehman got a box
- b. John Jay is sending out a box
- c. Macaulay will have a box
- 7. Halloween Party**
 - a. Additional Funding
 - i. May not need too much but need council money to retroactive get \$155 from general events budget (which is \$1500 currently)
 - ii. 25 approve, 1 abstention, APPROVED
 - b. Volunteers
 - i. Not enough volunteers manning food, water, etc.
 - ii. Volunteer sheet wasn't filled out, so PLEASE sign up
 - c. Went perfect, broke attendance records
- 8. Diversity Day/Macaulay Melting Pot**
 - a. Budget will be presented next time
 - b. Event celebrating different cultures, performances, food, etc.
 - c. Committee has been assembled, message Samah if you are interested in being a part of it
 - d. Event would be right after Club Council
 - e. February 29th at 7pm (0 against, 0 absentions, 25 approve!)

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.*

9. Campus and Campus Event Updates

- a. Baruch
- b. Brooklyn
- c. City
- d. College of Staten Island
- e. Hunter
 - i. Brookdale fiasco
- f. John Jay
 - i. A student dropped
- g. Lehman
- h. Queens

10. Committee Updates

- a. Academic Affairs (*Shawn*)
 - i. College Council on October 15th, were not informed it was happening
 - 1. Find out who should be on the seats
 - ii. Wants to meet with Mr. Ugoretz or Dean Pearl to discuss this along with construction and stuff
- b. Campus Affairs (*Aaron*)
 - i. Letter being sent



- ii. Report on Macaulay Diversity
 - iii. Club Council meetings are working better, will be chaired by Nick next time
 - c. Community Service (Brianne)
 - i. **DONATE! DONATE!! DONATE!!!**
 - 1. For Thanksgiving Food Drive
 - ii. Census Night
 - 1. It the community service committee taking it up?
 - a. If not, we are all done! :)
 - b. If so, I would need to request \$100 for food and supplies to turn it into a nice community service event. It is likely that it would happen in December before finals to fill out the census. Upon completion of the census, we will shift into making Holiday Cards for DOROT.
 - c. Supplies:
 - i. Cardstock Paper
 - ii. Envelopes
 - d. Can happen at the finals wellness event
 - i. Motion to give community service \$100 (1 abstain, 23 approve)
- d. Student Life (Gena)
 - i. Holiday Party (December 20th, day after finals, 4-6pm)
 - 1. Booted from Cabaret into Lecture Hall because staff is having a party that day
 - 2. May try to move day
 - ii. Lounge Volunteer Events
 - iii. Movie Nights
 - 1. 6 movies
 - 2. \$15 budget for each, \$10 for popcorn and \$5 for renting movie
 - 3. Can partner with Holiday Party
 - 4. 0 against, 0 abstentions, 24 approve
- e. IT/Communications (*Arvind*)
 - i. Council Bios to Raf (rafael.garcia@macaulay.cuny.edu)
 - 1. Page will go up, you can check if your stuff is there and if not then send it
 - ii. Reminder about event promotion
 - 1. bit.ly/mscinp
 - iii. Minutes Uploading
 - iv. Mountain Lion Monthly
 - 1. Engagement ideas?
 - 2. Gift card
- f. Finance (*Christian*)
 - i. Additional Funding



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1. 1 request in November from Deewane (\$2900)
 2. Approved (24 approve, 0 abstain, 0 deny)
 - ii. Giving Tuesday
 11. **Old Business**
 12. **New Business**
 - a. Sweatshirts
 - i. Fill out form!!
 - b. Mountain Lion Monthly Winner
 - i. ELISE!!! 🎉🎉🎉
 13. **Final Remarks and Discussion**
 14. **Adjournment**
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December Scholars Council Meeting

Date: Dec 8th, 2019

Time: 11am-1pm

Location: Lecture Hall

December Club Council Meeting

Date: Dec 6th, 2019

Time: 4pm-6pm

Location: Lecture Hall