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1. Approval of the Agenda

- a. Approved (21 yes, 9 abstain, 0 deny)

2. Approval of Last Meeting's [Agenda](#)

- a. Approved (26 yes, 4 abstain, 0 deny)

3. Passions and Events:

- a. This is part of your attendance
- b. Everyone is going to present it
- c. Passion or event idea that is digital/ in person or any other ideas that you have
- d. ****Take part and share your ideas y'all****
- e. Similar ideas we can work together

4. Student Development Updates

a. [Events & Zoom Security](#)

- Diversity through Hair event was Zoom-bombed
- [Protect](#) your Zoom meetings and events from unwanted guests:
 - Access to CUNY zoom account (contact campus help desk if you need access)
 - Zoom profile > settings "Require that all meetings are secured with one security option"
 - Have co- hosts for each meeting to moderate the events, waiting rooms, etc.
 - Security button available for hosts of events at bottom of the screen during a Zoom meeting
 - Report unwanted disturbances to Zoom using the security button so Zoom can freeze the meeting and save information
 - Who can see the link?
 - ex: only people who registered on Club Macaulay can see your link

b. [Justice & Equity Certificate Program](#)

- New certificate program that just launched (cohort based program)
- You can apply now for the Fall 2021 semester
- Macaulay will identify specific honors courses that can count for the Certificate program

c. [Interruption Form](#)



- For Juniors & Senior s, specifically
 - If [graduation requirements](#) are unable to be fulfilled due to COVID- 19 or other reasons, apply for an exception to these policies through the interruption form

d. [SNAP Eligibility](#)

- Food resources and benefits
- [Blast it](#) out to your cohorts
- Brief change in requirements:
 - Anyone eligible for federal work study or zero - expected family contribution can now apply
 - Those who are getting full financial aid are also eligible
 - Suha's program (y'all have to spread the word) To sign up for our program fill out our super short [form](#) or text "food" to 855- 230- 6746

e. Emerging Leaders Conference

- March 19th, 124PM
- For new leaders in student clubs or the student community
- If you'd like to be nominated, send Student Development an email

f. [Ten Minute Mind](#)

- 10 minute daily meditation guide emailed to your inbox everyday

g. [SLV events](#)

- Support our SLVs (GO TO THEIR EVENTS)
- Have a variety of events (music nights, study nights, and so many more cool events)

h. Commencement Speaker Nominations for Class of 2021

- You can [nominate](#) yourself or others to audition for this process to be a commencement speaker

5. [USS Amendment](#) Approval

- a. Postponed

6. Diversity Committee Updates (Fawziyah)

- a. Re: Diversity Through Hair Event

- i. Dean Pearl contacted the head of Public Safety the day after the incident. She also noted that this was a coordinated national attack.
 - Public Safety is still investigating this incident.
- ii. If the attackers are caught and found to be CUNY students, major disciplinary action will be taken (expulsion).
- iii. MDI is planning to reschedule the event with higher security measures.



iv. Students are being encouraged to contact the [Wellness Center](#) regarding issues like this.

- b. MDI's (amazing) work through their Guidance Counselor Project has contributed to a 14% increase in Macaulay applications for the 2020-2021 admissions cycle! Dean Pearl plans to give them their well-deserved credit.
- c. Dean Pearl approved of our Open Letter to Macaulay Faculty Regarding Inclusive and Standardized Seminars. She encouraged the distribution of the letter and has placed it on the Macaulay Faculty Council's next meeting agenda.

7. Diversity Day Updates (Kay & Gena)

- a. Cancelling Diversity Day this year :(
 - Did not have much man power and buy in
 - Not much initiative to participate in this event

8. [Senior Capstone Workshop](#) (Netanel)

- a. Thank you Chelsea and AA (amazing promotion)
 - 90+ RSVPs
- b. Ready to go!! Send out those emails if you haven't already!

9. Opp Fund Expansion (Netanel)

- a. Juniors & Seniors were not able to use the opportunities fund as originally intended due to the pandemic
 - Suggested alternatives to faculty and administration in the case that this happens again, or Macaulay experiences budget cuts
- b. Across every campus there are diff kinds of scholarships (we are trying to make a document to compile all that is offered from each campus)
 - This can be shared to everyone!
- c. Message from Veronica on what is going on with the opp fund
 - Allotting the money for MCAT prep courses
 - Not everyone is pre-med (on the fence about sending out a survey)
 - **Students should be given more of a choice**

10. Campus and Campus Event Updates

- a. Baruch
 - i. No updates
- b. Brooklyn
 - i. Class of 2021 Virtual Commencement is on May 27
 - Electronic and paper diplomas will be sent out
 - Diplomas will display majors for the first time beginning this year
 - [Subscribe](#) to the BC Commencement Newsletter
- c. City



- i. Honors Center needs help with accepted students events
 - ii. Remind cohorts to check the MS Teams page for updates
 - iii. Potential 25% reopening capacity or fall! Details TBA.
- d. College of Staten Island
 - i. One of the athletics directors is retiring
- e. Hunter
 - i. Brookdale summer housing is open
- f. John Jay
 - i. No updates
- g. Lehman
 - i. Attorney General (speaking on the 25th)
 - ii. Deadlock of Credit or No credit policy going on in the Lehman SG Senate
- h. Queens
 - i. Faculty are unable to access their QC emails (still ongoing)

11. USS Delegate Report (Nick)

- a. **TW:** Suicide, Depression, and Self Harm
- b. [USS/DGSC Joint Resolution Demanding a Safe Vessel at NYC Hudson Yards](#)
 - Pushing for safer setups at Hudson Yards to prevent these incidents from happening again
- c. [CUNY Student Food Navigator Program](#)
 - Free food resources and personal support for peers
 - Supporting SNAP application process and connecting with food organizations
 - Suha's program (y'all have to spread the word) To sign up for our program fill out our super short [form](#) or text "food" to 855- 230- 6746
- d. [New Deal for CUNY](#)
 - More funding accessible and CUNY accessible for all
 - Pushing to legislative ground and has a backing from a state senator
 - Close the TAP gap and redirect funding 2022- 2023 year
- e. [March for New Deal / Mental Health at Barclays Center \(3/6/2021\)](#)
 - Have more counselors at our campus
- f. Spring CR/NC Policy unlikely at the moment

12. Committee Updates

- a. Academic Affairs (Zobia Jamal: zob90jam@gmail.com)
 - i. [Senior Capstone Workshop 3/11](#)
 - Please heavily advertise this event to your cohorts, important and useful info for anyone who hasn't already done a senior thesis will be given out!



- ii. Seminar Syllabi
 - Will be presenting [survey](#) results at next Curriculum committee meeting to be incorporated in final syllabi revision before they are sent out
- iii. Diversity Committee x AA - Open Letter to Standardize Syllabi
 - Fawziyah will prepare 8 pdf copies with the 4 reps from each campus signed off and hand them over to the freshmen reps who will then confirm everyone's signatures and forward the letters to their respective directors once we give them the green light (after curriculum committee meeting when the syllabi are finalized and sent out)
- iv. Opps Fund Meeting
 - We were told that at the moment, nothing can be done regarding what the limited \$1500 can be used for, but we will make lists of resources available at each campus so students can allocate money efficiently. Let us know if you have any resources! Veronica also advocating for us to External Relations (in charge of Opps Fund)
- b. Campus Affairs (Kay Kelly: [kkelly00 2@citymail.cuny.edu](mailto:kkelly002@citymail.cuny.edu))
 - i. Diversity Day: cancelling
 - ii. Club Council this past Friday
 - [Agenda](#)
 - Promote having convos about race and equity
 - Dewanee competition being live streamed
 - Princess Bride reading for Theatre club
- c. Community Service (Rebecca Gorovoy: rebecca@gorovoy.com)
 - i. [Community Service Fair](#) will be open and asynchronous from March 15th to April 4th - people will be able to click through service organizations and different opportunities and sign up for their email list.
 - ii. [DOROT event](#) (make birthday cards for seniors isolating at home) on March 21st at 2pm- **share this with your cohorts!**
 - 16-20 people signed up
 - iii. Chris Cali is hosting a [read aloud service project](#) with Success Academy on March 12- **it's full**
 - iv. Updates from Admin/Staff Community Service Committee
 - 1. Not doing a focus group for the potential addition of a reflection component
 - That discussion has been tabled at the moment.



2. Instead a survey will be sent out to students asking for their feedback about the Macaulay community service requirement and experience as a whole! The reflection component will be addressed in the survey along with other things, including whether or not students would potentially be interested in having a long term community service opportunity count as experiential learning (i.e. extended hospital volunteering program, medical service trip, etc.). That could become a point of discussion.
 - We were also talking about ways that Macaulay can emphasize community service more and make it a bigger part of each student's college experience.
 - ex: having community service orgs at Community Resources Day for freshmen and at Club Fair.
 - Making new partnerships with service organizations and hosting more Macaulay organized events (through Scholars Council or admin (student development))
3. Next meeting of this committee will be sometime in April.
 - **If you are interested in running for VP of community service next year, it would be a good idea for you to attend this meeting (if you can) and become more informed about the discussions that are happening!**
- v. Keep pushing the [community service opportunity sheet](#) to your cohorts! I have been hearing that there are still many students who are struggling to find virtual opportunities and this sheet is an answer to this problem!
 - **Also feel free to tell your cohorts to email me if they need help finding virtual opps. I or someone on my committee can likely find an opportunity that they might like!**
- d. Student Life (James Brischetta: James.brischetta@macaulay.cuny.edu)
 - i. We are continuing our small scale events as per usual; If you have any ideas or would like to run an event with one of my committee members, let us know.
 1. Banana Bread Day
 - a. Taly and Emma
 - b. Bring more inclusivity (Queens + Baruch peeps)
 - c. Also played bananagrams



- ii. Spring Formal is going to take the form of a Macaulay - wide Campus vs. Campus Olympics style games (Fun, Right?)
 1. Colleges are going to be paired by fair population and made into teams. The event itself is going to be a combination of live team events and simultaneous individual events, and by participating, students are collecting points for their campus teams
 2. Think Disney Channel Games, but on Gather Town and without Selena Gomez (Unless she answers my emails)
 3. We're aiming to have a Save the Date announcement by 3/24
 4. Once more information comes out START HYPING UP YOUR CAMPUSES.
 5. Make them excited!! Mandatory FUN
 6. May 1st- MARK YOUR CALENDARS
- iii. Internal MSC Event: Big Brother!
 - Reality show (you are participating in games and evicting someone off)
 - Super competitive
 - Staying connected can be a bit tough
 - Difficult to get everyone together (exciting end of spring semester!!)
 - Chill and hang out
- e. IT/Communications (Arvind Dev: arvind.dev@macaulay.cuny.edu)
 - i. Please use our [promotion request form](#) !
 - ii. If you need anything, ask us!
- f. Finance (Nicholas Cocozzelli: nicholas.cocozzelli@macaulay.cuny.edu)
 - i. [Budgets for March](#)
 - ii. Approved (25 yes, 5 abstain, 0 deny)
 - iii. \$360 for Macaulay Dewanee

Old Business

- g. Dethroning Laila as MSC member of the Month

13. New Business

- a. [Research Club](#) has been restarted by Fawziyah Shamim (City '24), Joie Ning (John Jay '24), Kamille Tipan (Brooklyn '24), and James Zou (City '24)!
 - i. Our general interest meeting is on **Monday, March 22nd at 7 pm.**
 - ii. We have goals to facilitate a research community for people studying ALL disciplines (includes social science, humanities, and arts, not just STEM!), so **please encourage members of your cohort to join** regardless of what their major or interests are.



b. [Macaulay Pre-Health's Graduate School Fair](#)

- April 23rd, 11-2PM
- Event is geared towards Macaulay Honors students
 - Open chat rooms and Zoom rooms with different graduate school representatives showing presentations and hosting Q&A's
- Check social media as well!

c. ioMSC Member of the Month

i. Nominees:

1. Fawziyah
2. Joie
3. Samantha
4. Ally
5. Christine

ii. Congrats Joie!!

14. Final Remarks and Discussion

- a. N/A

15. Adjournment

- a. Approved (20 yes, 10 abstain, 0 deny)
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Upcoming Important Dates for Follow Up:

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NEXT Scholars Council Meeting

Date: 4/11/21

Time: 11am

Location: Zoom

NEXT Club Council Meeting

Date: 4/9/21

Time: 4pm

Location: Zoom