



Chair. President Gennady Vulakh (GennadyVulakh@gmail.com)

Scribe Arvind Dev

Student Development Chris Daversa & Chelsea Alterman

1. Approval of the Agenda

- a. Approved (25 approve, 2 abstain, 0 deny)

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

- a. Approved (26 approve, 1 abstain, 0 deny)

3. New Members:

- a. Aryeh Kalb; Lehman 2023
- b. Daniel Wronski; CSI 2024 (Representing 2022)

c. **Welcome to both!**

4. Attendance & Being Present

- a. 3 unexcused absences allowed, otherwise you will be removed
- b. Do your committee work please!
- c. You're also a go-between from your campus and us! Represent and amplify your campus's voice!
- d. How to be involved?
 - i. Vote!
 - ii. Talk!
 - iii. Be Present!

5. Student Development Updates:

- a. MSC Club Macaulay Checklist
 - i. Club Macaulay → Checklists → MSC Checklist
 - ii. Will show requirements for the year
- b. Giving Tuesday Update
 - i. \$31,095.35 dedicated to student activities!!!
- c. [FAFSA](#)
 - i. Delineates if you get tuition scholarship applied to record or not
 - ii. FAFSA Communication is going out soon, NEEDS TO BE DONE ASAP
 - iii. All scholarships and stuff get absorbed by Macaulay for the tuition scholarship so be aware of that!
- d. Reimbursement Deadline
 - i. If you've spent \$ for MSC with MSC budget, all of it needs to be submitted BY JANUARY
 - ii. <https://community.macaulay.cuny.edu/studentactivities/building-closed-budget-policies-resources/>
- e. Club Fair Booth



- i. Go to MSCOn Club Macaulay
 - ii. Go to “My Tools”
 - iii. Scroll all the way down to “Virtual Fairs”
 - iv. Here, you can edit the MSC booth and make it look nice for the January Club Fair on January 29th, 2021.
 - f. Student Lounge Volunteer Application
 - i. If you want to get involved with Student Development, please apply [here](#)
 - g. Finals Wellness 12/10
 - i. This Thursday, 3:30- 8:30pm
 - ii. Gather Town, meditation, bring your own pet Zoom
 - iii. SUPPORT CLUB LEADERS & STUDENT DEVELOPMENT!!!
- 6. USS Updates (Shawn & Nick, shoutout to both of them for doing this!)**
 - a. CUNY University Student Senate
 - i. Governance of a lot of students for all of the CUNY campuses
 - ii. They have a direct line to the CUNY Board of Trustees, they can talk to Chancellor and stuff
 - iii. Meets once a month, starts at 12:30pm and ends at 2:30pm usually
 - iv. [November 29th, 2020 minutes](#)
 - b. We will have a council rep on Senate
 - i. We haven’t had representation for quite some time, Shawn brought up that we didn’t have representation and we will be having two delegates and two alternate seats.
 - ii. Since we have no student activities fees, we won’t be able to vote, but hopefully this can change on resolutions (outside of financial ones)
 - c. Two big resolutions
 - i. [First was to request that the Chancellor and Board of Trustees pass CR/NC for Fall 2020](#)
 - ii. [Second was to push CUNY admin to stop purchasing furniture from Corcraft, which is related to prison labor](#)
 - d. Delegate Nominations:
 - i. Fawziyah (Delegate)
 - ii. Nick (Delegate)
 - iii. Helen (Alternate)
 - iv. Zobia (Alternate)
 - v. Motion to approve these delegates:
 - 1. Approved (24 approve, 0 deny, 2 abstain)
 - vi. Amendment will be added for USS delegate stuff to charter
 - 1. If you want to be involved with this, message Gena or Shawn

**7. Hoodie Design Contest (Sam)**

- a. T-shirt design contest with certain rules
- b. Would get people involved, especially artistic people
- c. Accept submissions across campuses, narrow it down to top 10 and choose from there
- d. T-shirts would be less than hoodies
- e. We can do a pre-order with Google Forms or something
- f. Can make an ad hoc committee for this project, working with Chris Daversa & Chris Cali
- g. Motion to approve this ad hoc committee, chaired by Sam
 - i. Approved (24 approve, 0 no, 2 abstain)
 - ii. If interested, message Sam or Gena

8. January Meeting

- a. As of now, it doesn't exist since there's not much we need to do. HOWEVER, there has been an informal meeting called during this time. Do we need it?
- b. Thoughts?:
 - i. Arvind: Yes b/c crazy semester, need to discuss projects like hoodie contest and club fair
 - ii. Kay: Yes b/c there will be last-minute spring semester announcements
 - iii. James: February meeting is two weeks into class, would need to talk about provisional things before they start
 - iv. Zobia: Agrees
 - v. Gena: February meeting is Feb 7, so we would need to in mid-January if so. Also we don't need to do Sunday at 11am
 - vi. Fawziyah: Yeah I definitely feel like there would be way too big of a gap between now and february and we should be able to update each other in between
 - vii. Chris Daversa: We don't need to be there but can + be aware of other stuff like interning and winter classes in the council
 - viii. Kay: Agrees it shouldn't be 11am on Sunday
- c. Most people are available
- d. Doodle Poll will be sent soon

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.*

Motion to remove 5-minute break: 20 yes, 0 abstain, 6 deny



9. Campus and Campus Event Updates

- a. Baruch
 - i. They removed CR/NC policy
- b. Brooklyn
 - i. Nothing
- c. City
 - i. Town Hall with President Boudreau Dec 8, 12:30 PM.
 - ii. P/NC policies??
 - 1. Hybrid policy, cannot be applied to major
 - 2. Advisors still figuring it out, more details TBA
- d. College of Staten Island
 - i. CSI SGA is advocating for CR/NC and is in active discussions with the Provost
 - ii. CSI Dorms on lockdown due to rise in COVID- 19 cases (Just happened a few minutes ago)
- e. Hunter
 - i. We have CR/NC?
- f. John Jay
 - i. Nothing
- g. Lehman
 - i. Still haven't put the credit/no credit policy in place for Fall 2020.
 - ii. Cut out a family nurse practitioner program for students.
 - iii. Lehman director is leaving after Spring (?)
- h. Queens
 - i. Nothing

10. Committee Updates

- a. Academic Affairs (Zobia Jamal: zob90jam@gmail.com)
 - i. [Supporting Excellence Conference Workshop](#) Recap
 - 1. Chris Cali was main person participating, shoutout to him!
 - 2. Also shoutout to Laila, Netanel, Dylan and Joie for helping!
 - ii. Standardizing Syllabi Endeavor-
Please complete the following google form by the next meeting:
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScH-AAkVbTpg-8yHkomHjiGNvo_JfTNBL6TyHk443DDuvnZtw/viewform?fbclid=IwAR0skV_deS6LDzcFPmwqo8zaH5EpCicyRUPNldOX-e0SMVapD3-Xfb9S_ec
 - **MSC REPS ARE REQUIRED TO FILL OUT THIS FORM BY FEBRUARY MEETING**



- b. Campus Affairs (Kay Kelly: kkelly002@citymail.cuny.edu)
- i. Committee met last Tuesday.
 - ii. Notes on inclusive timing for club leaders appear successful.
 1. Won't change Friday evenings, but clubs are restructuring events
 - iii. Last CC of the semester on Friday
 - iv. **January Club Fair on January 29, 3-6 PM.**
 1. This committee will moderate a panel of club leaders to discuss their experiences with student life (3 -4).
 2. **Call for help** : Asking MSC members to rep at the booth (4-5), talk to interested guests about MSC and the MHC community, run the prize wheel, etc. Fawziyah & Adam will make bingo cards for attendees. Open invitation to all MSC to play Among Us & other games in the Gathertown room 5-6.
 3. Mention this event to your cohorts.
 - v. Diversity Day on the backburner will start working over winter break.
 1. If interested, message Kay
 2. It's an event where you host tables that represent your culture, you can bring food/clothing/cultural representations + presentations
- c. Community Service (Rebecca Gorovoy: rebecca@gorovoy.com)
- i. Staff & Student Community Service Committee met Dec. 3rd
 1. New committee started by Chris Cali, Veronica Maldonado (Assistant Dean of Student Services), & Cam Stewart (Writing Specialist)
 - a. Will meet two times a semester to discuss & update community service requirements and policies - enhance the student experience
 - b. Consists of Cali, Veronica, Cam, Diane Philips (Director of institutional effectiveness), Eileen Makak (Baruch Advisor), Jamie Ruden (Career Development), MSC VP of Community Service, club leaders from MSI & Macaulay Against Cancer
 - c. Status of in-person volunteering (also concerns internships and study abroad to an extent)
 - i. Current CUNY policy on experiential learning prohibits travel - you cannot get academic credit/opp fund from an in - person internship or



- study abroad unless you go through the petition/waiver process.
- ii. According to Veronica - community service is not part of the waiver process, at least not yet. Students cannot receive credit for in-person community service at this time. All community service must be virtual to receive credit. This may change in the coming weeks.
- d. Changing the way students log com serv hours
- i. Getting rid of the old form > new form that will show you your com serv history as well (all the projects you did).
 - ii. This is in the works - admin is looking to make a new platform or add to an existing one.
- e. Adding a reflection component to the community service requirement
- i. Eileen Makak (Baruch advisor) brought this idea up - currently, Baruch has this requirement where at the end of every academic year, students have to submit a reflection paper where they reflect on all the community service projects they did that year (if any). The other campuses do not have this requirement.
 - ii. She suggested that this should be a requirement across all 8 MHC campuses since it allows students to reflect and think deeply about service, and it allows Macaulay to keep a better record.
 - iii. Cali and Veronica suggested bringing this to the advisors at the other campuses and see what they think - if they like it and want it. If it ends up getting approved and all - it may become policy in the coming years (**not this academic year!**)
 - 1. They also want to hold a focus group of students from Baruch who have had to do this already to see what they think of having to do this reflection component, maybe include students from other



campuses to see what they think of this becoming a component for them too.

iv. What do you all think of adding this component?

1. May serve as a problem for some students - could be used as gatekeeping to prevent graduation in some cases
2. Should be phased in
3. Baruch focus group should share their honest opinions

ii. Thinking about hosting a virtual December fundraiser

1. Suggestions?

a. Homeless; LGBTQ teens

- i. Trevor Project
- ii. The Door

iii. Met with Student Development to begin discussing community service day

1. Will be completely virtual
2. Will try to reach out to organizations to organize virtual service events for groups, but this will be hard to do
3. May end up switching to a community service fair and/or some sort of "competition" with who can do the most hours in March on club Macaulay.

4. Any suggestions/ideas for organizations that would be willing to host virtual service events for groups?

- a. If any, let Rebecca know

d. Student Life (James Brischeetta: Jamesnuhs@gmail.com)

i. Thank you to the members of student life for hosting awesome mini-events!

ii. Holiday Party

1. Gif(t) Exchange Event is from 2:00- 3:00 the same day.

a. DrawNames for gif(t) exchange (Arvind)

b. 1) Visit this link and click "Join the Group"

<https://www.drawnames.com/t/M2BK7ko>

c. 2) Find your name on the list.

d. 3) Continue to set up your account.

e. 4) In your Wishlist section, you can click the pencil icon and custom add a text wish which can be used to help your person figure out what GIF to give.



- a. MSC Members of the Month for fall semester
 - i. August: Erin 🐱🐱
 - ii. September: Fawziyah 🐱🐱
 - iii. October: Alexa 🐱🐱
 - iv. November: Elise 🐱🐱
 - v. December: Netanel 🐱🐱
 - b. Have an amazing Winter Break! We're not going anywhere
- 14. Adjournment**
- a. Approved (24 approve, 1 abstain, 0 deny)
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Upcoming Important Dates for Follow Up:

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NEXT Scholars Council Meeting

Date: 2/7/2020

Time: 11AM-1PM

Location: Zoom

NEXT Club Council Meeting

Date: 2/5/2020

Time: 4pm-6pm

Location: Zoom