



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

Scribe: Marieya Jagroop & Arvind Dev

Student Development: Chris Daversa, Chris Cali

1. Approval of the Agenda

- a. Approved (24 approve, 3 abstain, 0 deny)

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

- a. Approved (23 approve, 4 abstain, 0 deny)

3. Student Development Updates

a. [Giving Tuesday](#)

- i. Giving Tuesday = funding for student activities
- ii. Looking for volunteers to help out (not limited to just MSC members)
- iii. To participate in the video recording, please click [here](#)

b. [Spring Reservations](#)

- i. Are now open - Moving to 75% occupancy in spring
- ii. Spring occupancy [info](#)

c. Event Approval Reminders

- i. Do not edit event descriptions or details right before the event happens because it will cause the event to go offline on Club Macaulay - delays event approvals
- ii. Hoping commons & cabaret will be open soon, but more information will be available about this soon
- iii. Dean Valdes updates:
 - 1. They are trying to get commons & cabaret open, but it will not be available in the very near future (maybe in spring! Who knows)

d. [Spring Intern](#)

- i. Looking for a student life intern and student lounge managers for spring semester.
- ii. 10-12 hours per week/ \$15 per hour

e. [Supporting Students at events](#)

- i. This is a toolkit that has useful tips on how to identify and support students who you may find are in distress
- ii. For in-person events, you can contact Public Safety

f. [Senior Committee Recruitment](#)

- i. Recruiting for class of 2022 senior committee
 - 1. Advise on senior related things (senior events, maybe commencement)
 - 2. Spread to other seniors within class of 2022 cohort
- ii. Works really close with alumni relations (legacy gifts)

g. [First Generation Initiative](#)

- i. Collecting stories about first gen students, staff
 - 1. The things Macaulay does for first gen students

h. [Finals Wellness](#)



- i. Taking place December 10th, 2021 – In person event
 - 1. Workshops include (are not limited to) meditation
 - i. [Macaulay Courses](#)
 - i. All upper level Macaulay Courses are up for spring
 - 1. Convenient – helps check off honors classes needed to graduate
 - ii. Take a look if interested + spread around to cohort
- 4. Keeping up with Dean Valdés**
- a. Town Halls
 - i. Likely in December, closer to end of semester
 - b. First-Generation College Student Talk with Dean Valdés
 - i. Good opportunity to speak to Dean Valdés and share any first gen student stories
 - ii. <https://tinyurl.com/mhcfirstgen21>
 - c. Commons/Cabaret Space
 - i. Discussed above
 - d. Student Manifesto re: advisors
 - i. Dean Valdés will be talking to all the advisors about student notes and reviewing what it means to be an advisor
 - ii. Advisor curriculum will be sent out soon
 - iii. Needs reps to help with the manifesto, which includes: issues with advisors, what do we need from advisors, expectations for advisors, etc.
 - iv. Volunteers: Joie, Fawziyah, Taly, Sophia, and Aryeh
- 5. Dean Search Committee (Zobia):**
- a. MSC student Reps to serve: Suha & Joie
 - i. Alternates: Talya & Laila
 - b. Dean Search Stakeholder Meeting
 - i. 11/23 – [Survey](#)
- 6. Diversity Day Committee:**
- a. If interested, reach out to Gena or Erin.
 - b. Co-chairs: Joie and Erin Approved (25 approve, 1 abstain, 1 deny from Joie herself <3)'
 - i. If you're interested, write your name below:
 - 1. Fawziyah (will reach out to Diversity Ad-hoc to help out)
 - 2. Phillip
 - 3. Shania
 - 4. Sophia
 - 5. Labiba
 - 6. Gena

Ideas regarding Diversity Day:

- c. We were thinking of having performances like we had last time. We could definitely ask clubs, but Kamille came up with such a cool idea! We could ask students to team up together and do a performance that they'd like. We would definitely have to reach out and start working on flyers ASAP.



- d. I'm not sure how it would work with food. I know there's a thing with the packaging, so if this event is in person we were wondering if we could pack cultural foods in individual boxes and give it out. If that doesn't work, do we have to buy from restaurants?

7. Student Feedback Ideas:

- a. Brainstorm different ways we can focus on student feedback
 - i. Survey?
 - ii. Have each committee come up with an idea by December, present when we return in February
 - iii. Currently, we have a [feedback box](#), though it's not heavily trafficked
 - iv. Can also do in two phases:
 - 1. One on committee-specific stuff
 - 2. One on campus-based stuff (can send out the same survey at different times)
 - v. **For December:** every committee will be required to come up with their committee's questions for the overall survey. We will then decide if we will do a mass email, individually, etc. Form will be put together during winter break and then sent out in the spring

8. Campus and Campus Event Updates

- a. Baruch
 - i. No updates
- b. Brooklyn
 - i. Spring registration opens tomorrow
 - ii. 70-80% back in person, honors lounge will be open
- c. City
 - i. Libraries and honors lounge are open without reservation requirement.
 - ii. Most classes will be in-person in the Spring.
- d. College of Staten Island
 - i. William J. Fritz, the President of the college, retired.
 - ii. Most classes will be on campus for Spring semester
- e. Hunter
 - i. Registration started for winter, starts Monday for spring
 - ii. Had a screening of Fighting Words by Aida Rodriguez at Hudson Yards on Friday
 - iii. Mostly in-person classes next semester most likely
- f. John Jay
 - i. Winter registration taking place 11/22; Spring registration taking place 12/6 (why is it so late. they said Fur epermits)
 - ii. John Jay is pushing for 75% in person for Spring semester
- g. Lehman
 - i. Fun picnics continue
 - ii. Registration starts November 18th
- h. Queens



- i. Dean Valdés is coming to Queens on Friday November 19th. She'll be meeting with queens college students and the MHC queens advisors.
- ii. Queens College library does not require registration to go in

9. USS Delegate Report

- a. 10/4
 - i. Informal meeting discussing bylaws and possible amendment changes to the USS Constitution.
- b. Next official USS meeting (more info to come)

10. Diversity Committee Updates (Fawziyah):

- a. Idea to post an info-graphic about Native American Heritage Month the week of Thanksgiving.
 - i. Can we post it on MSC IG?
 - 1. Arvind is having a meeting with IT next Monday to discuss social media, will follow up

11. Committee Updates

- a. Academic Affairs (Zobia Jamal: zoboojam@gmail.com)
 - i. College Council 10/28 Summary- Dean Valdes wants to improve outreach and recognition of Macaulay, efforts for first-gen students ('navigating higher education as first gen' workshop 11/16 1-2pm), Spring Courses 2022 are out, JEHN Program new cohort will be recruited to start in Fall22
 - ii. Meeting with Ben Ross soon to discuss Opps & Funding
 - iii. Begin planning e-permit/CUNY BA workshop in December (if interested in helping come to next committee meeting Dec. 2nd)
- b. Campus Affairs (Erin Foo: erin.foo@macaulay.cuny.edu)
 - i. Club Council was November 12th (if your club is unable to make it to club council please let me know, an email has already been sent out)
 - ii. Club fair is in January- we are not sure what that is going to look like (thinking of how it would look like in person)
 - iii. Diversity Day planning committee: Diversity Day is a super fun event, but it won't be successful without everyone on board so PLS JOIN the committee if you can
 - iv. Diversity Day dates (we're thinking sometime in March or even late February to be inclusive to everyone)
- c. Community Service (Rebecca Yaminian: rebecca.yaminian97@gmail.com)
 - i. GlamourGals Holiday Card Making event success - 18 attended on Friday, November 5th from 10-11:30am
 - ii. Launch of Virtual Community Service Fair this Monday, November 15th. Fair starts November 15th and will go through until Friday, December 10th. Share with your cohort!
https://macaulay.campusgroups.com/msc/rsvp_boot?id=1371004
- d. Student Life (James Brischetta: jamesnuhs@gmail.com)
 - i. Halloween Party Reflections



- ii. Holiday Party – December 22, 2021 (3:00–5:00pm) (includes in-person and virtual events)
 - iii. Pre-MSD Party
 - e. IT/Communications (Arvind Dev: arvind.dev@macaulay.cuny.edu)
 - i. Tinyurl.com/msc-promotion
 - ii. Monthly report
 - 1. 10 requests fulfilled for the month of October–November
 - 2. Put out MSD rep features
 - 3. Instagram
 - a. +9.7% increase in reach
 - b. +6.8% in engagement
 - c. +2.9% increase in page visits
 - iii. Building Tour update
 - 1. It was posted!!! Click [here](#) to watch
 - f. Finance (Daniel Wronski: danwronski46@gmail.com)
 - i. Two Additional Funding Requests (21 approve, 6 abstain, 0 deny)
 - ii. [Club Budgets 2021–2022](#)
- 12. Old Business**
- a. No comment
- 13. New Business**
- a. MSD Member of the Month: Sasha!!!
- 14. Final Remarks and Discussion**
- a. No comment
- 15. Adjournment**
- a. Approved (26 approve, 0 abstain, 1 deny)

Upcoming Important Dates for Follow Up:

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NEXT Scholars Council Meeting

Date: 12/5/2021

Time: 11AM

Location: Zoom

NEXT Club Council Meeting

Date: 12/3/2021

Time: 4pm

Location: Zoom