



LOS MEDANOS COLLEGE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS MINUTES

DATE: 5/8/17 TIME: 1:00 pm – 3:00pm LOCATION: L-106

Present:

President: Israel Cortez

Vice-President: Natasha Garcia

Treasurer: *Not appointed*

Commissioner of Campus Events: *Absent*

Publicity and Outreach: *Not appointed*

Senators: Jessica Havelhorst, Dale Satre, Marco McMullen, Tammy Smith, Azuka Atum, Al-Ameen Ishola, Nilton Serva

Student Representatives: RC Kubota

Advisor: John Nguyen

Absent: Jean-Carlos Alvarado, Angela Lee

Minute Taker: Amata Abatcha

Guests: RC Kubota, Marco Mendez

ITEM #	TOPIC/ACTIVITY	OUTCOME
1	Call to order	I. President Cortez called the meeting to order at 1:06pm
2	Approve: I. Agenda II. Minutes from 5/1/17 meeting	I. Motion to approve the agenda A. Motioned by: Senator Ishola B. Seconded by: Senator Serva C. Motion approved unanimously 7-0-0 II. Motion to approve the previous minutes with amendments A. Motioned by: Senator Serva B. Seconded by: Senator Ishola C. Motion approved 7-0-0
BUSINESS: REPORTS		
3	Public Comment	I. From RC Kubota:



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		<ul style="list-style-type: none">A. Announced ADA concerns from students as well as DSPS; hoping to deal with faculty who refuse ADA or DSPS supported requests. Students have spoken to her about students who make, under definition, “reasonable requests” which are denied by faculty. For example, a student notified their instructor that they will need extra time completing a biology laboratory assignment however the the instructor declined to allow it. “There were no other sections the student could transfer into and it was too late to drop,” she ended.B. Senator Ishola offered that the difference between the situation she described is that the biology and chemistry labs are set up within certain parameters that are finiteC. Senator Havelhorst further clarified along with Senator Ishola’s statements that the labs are unlike tests where it is easier to accommodate more time especially since they are typically done in groups rather than individuallyD. President Cortez stated that LMCAS is here to affirm the student and advocate for all students however, the board will need more details in order for LMCAS to be able to speak with DSPS and obtain a more complete case in order to represent this particular concern as a whole. Because the student already dropped the class, there is little the board can doE. Senator Smith agreed with Guest Kubota and stated, “this should not happen on our campus.”F. Guest Kubota brought up how it is hard to target tenured professorsII. From Guest Kubota:<ul style="list-style-type: none">A. Announced “Parents for a Safer Environment” Training from 2:00pm-5:00pm on May 9 at the Mount Diablo Universalist Church
<p>4</p>	<p>Officer and Senator Reports/Updates</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">I. From Senator Atum:<ul style="list-style-type: none">A. Had the opportunity to attend the Stanford Honors Symposium last SaturdayII. From Vice-President Garcia:<ul style="list-style-type: none">A. Finished up production on <i>Death and Silence</i> playB. Found out that she will be a student speaker for the graduation ceremony



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| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none">III. From Senator McMullen:<ul style="list-style-type: none">A. Attended “A Place to Talk” last week and enjoyed the conversationIV. From Senator Havelhorst:<ul style="list-style-type: none">A. No reportV. From Senator Satre:<ul style="list-style-type: none">A. Also attended “A Place to Talk” and found it to be an interesting discussionVI. From Senator Serva<ul style="list-style-type: none">A. Presented his research on Latino entrepreneurship at the Honors Stanford Symposium last SaturdayVII. From Senator Smith<ul style="list-style-type: none">A. Had the opportunity to table for the Academic CompetitionB. Held the DSPS end-of-the-year celebration which went as plannedC. Held viewing of “Fixed” which turned out very well. Had a sign-up sheet in order to gage whether people would like to see more of these types of events in the future. Found it to be “one of the most enriching moments” of her life. “We had people from all-walks of life attend who felt empowered in expressing the boundaries of ‘normalcy.’”D. Attended <i>Death and Silence</i> and found the performances to be “incredible.”VIII. From Senator Ishola:<ul style="list-style-type: none">A. He and Israel Cortez presented at the Honors Stanford Symposium last SaturdayB. Briefly attended “A Place to Talk.” Thought that there needed to be more moderatingC. Was in an informal meeting with Eric Sanchez and Kristen Conner about equity-type possibilities in the summer. Talked about setting up a meeting for continuing students in the summer. Topics such as prayer spaces for Muslim students were brought upIX. From President Cortez:<ul style="list-style-type: none">A. In addition to presenting with Al-Ameen Ishola at the Honors Stanford Symposium, helped out with SACNAS, La Raza, and Puente for the Cinco de Mayo event last week and recruited for the Academic Competition there |
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		<ul style="list-style-type: none">B. Reminded the board that it is mandatory for senators to volunteer for the Academic Competition as part of office hoursC. Announced the Scholarship Award Ceremony on May 19 from 1:45pm-2:45pmD. Senator Ishola reported that some Honors students wanted to know whether they could receive volunteer hours for volunteering at the Academic Competition as he is the Outreach Officer for the Honors Club. Advisor Nguyen responded that it would be fine and that he would like to hear back from him by today or tomorrowE. Reminded the board that election for LMCAS President and Student Trustee of the District are now open onlineF. Senator Ishola suggested that having a physical polling booth in a public space should be a must and could foster more voter turnoutX. Motion to suspend the order of the day<ul style="list-style-type: none">A. Motioned by: Vice-President GarciaB. Seconded by: Senator ServaC. Motion approved unanimously 8-0-0
5	ACCJC Midterm Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none">I. From BethAnn Robertson:<ul style="list-style-type: none">A. Stated that Midterm Report is due to the Commission in October. “We have up until mid-September to finish up.”B. President Cortez found the report to be clear thus farII. Motion to approve the ACCJC Midterm Report<ul style="list-style-type: none">A. Motioned by: Senator IsholaB. Seconded by: Natasha GarciaC. Motion approved unanimously 7-0-1
6	Advisor Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none">I. From Advisor Nguyen:<ul style="list-style-type: none">A. Announced that next week will be the last LMCAS meeting for the year



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		<ul style="list-style-type: none">B. Wanted to recognize Israel Cortez, Al-Ameen Ishola, and Nilton Serva for presenting at the Honors Stanford SymposiumC. Wanted to recognize Natasha Garcia for securing the position as a student speaker at graduationD. Announced LMCAS/Student Trustee elections from May 8-10E. Announced ICC Advisor Appreciation tomorrow in room L-109 from 11:00am-1:00pm. They will be providing Togo's sandwiches and cakeF. Announced Academic Competition this Saturday. Went from 4 to over 20 teams registering. Deadline extended until tomorrow at 5:00pm to Student Life. "T-shirts should be coming in tomorrow."G. Announced STELLAR Awards on May 18 from 11:00am-12:00pm Indoor Quad. Senator Ishola asked whether a student committee could be created for this; an internal committee rather than just student life coordinators. Advisor Nguyen and President Cortez both responded that it was possibleH. Guest Kubota suggested holding the awards in the evening so that family and friends can easily attended
7	Committee Reports	<ul style="list-style-type: none">I. From Senator Ishola:<ul style="list-style-type: none">A. No reportII. From Senator Smith:<ul style="list-style-type: none">A. No reportIII. From Senator Satre:<ul style="list-style-type: none">A. No reportIV. From Senator Havelhorst:<ul style="list-style-type: none">A. No reportV. From Senator McMullen:<ul style="list-style-type: none">A. No report



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		<ul style="list-style-type: none">VI. From Senator Atum:<ul style="list-style-type: none">A. No reportVII. From Vice-President Garcia on behalf of Commissioner Lee:<ul style="list-style-type: none">A. Updated the board regarding activities taking place within ICCB. Announced that Student Life Ambassador Applications for next year are now availableVIII. From President Cortez:<ul style="list-style-type: none">A. No report
BUSINESS		
8	2017-2018 LMCAS Budget	<ul style="list-style-type: none">I. From Advisor Nguyen:<ul style="list-style-type: none">A. Requested for someone to table this item for next week since there are many items to talk about so as not to rushII. Motion to table this item for next week<ul style="list-style-type: none">A. Motioned by: Senator IsholaB. Seconded by: Vice-President GarciaC. Discussion: Senator McMullen asked what the numbers on the right are. Advisor Nguyen responded that it is the updated budgetD. Discussion continued: Senator Ishola asked what the board will be doing next week. Advisor Nguyen said that the updates need to be approved for next year. During the summer, spending will also need to be approved for the retreat. If everything goes as planned, LMCAS will have a tentative budget to plan in the summer for what the board needs in the fall. “The new officers can think of something new if they choose.” Student activity fees from next year will give the board more money as wellE. Discussion continued: Senator Ishola inquired further about the summer retreat. “Won’t there only be two people attending?” Advisor said everyone else present will continue such as Senator Havelhorst, Senator Smith, Senator Alvarado, Senator Serva, and President Cortez will be returning as a senator



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		F. Motion approved unanimously 8-0-0
9	IDEA Committee: Student Feedback	<ul style="list-style-type: none">I. From Senator Atum:<ul style="list-style-type: none">A. Stated that the non-student members of these committees would like to know what kind of data the students are comfortable with sharing in order to make LMC a more equitable campusB. Ran into Sabrina Kwist and David Belman regarding this. Came to the agreement of identification. For example; “black, female, heterosexual.” Explained that these are Intersectional identities you navigate your space in. For example, are you comfortable with LMC gathering information regarding your sexuality, veteran status, religious affiliation, etc. When it comes to the point where your identities are making your space dangerous is when they can step back. “What is it that they can know in order to help?” she posed to the boardC. President Cortez said that a concern would be a fear of backlash where such information could possibly be misused. “Information should be collected in person rather than electronically as students may feel more comfortable.”D. Vice-President Cortez suggested distributing it in a General Education classE. Senator Smith suggested an anonymous online surveyF. Senator Atum stated that some people may not be comfortable sharing the fact that they are transgender, however, collecting such information could assist in helping them such as directing them to the Allies clubG. President Cortez stated that he found it to be necessaryH. Senator Atum found religious affiliation and sexual orientation/gender identity/expression to be pertinentI. Advisor Nguyen added that perhaps students do not share and may not want to disclose such information because of fearJ. Guest Mendez said that he would not find it bad so long as it is kept confidentialK. Senator McMullen asked if for instance, they find that 20% of the population is non-



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10	Food for Thought Part II	<ul style="list-style-type: none">I. From Vice-President Garcia:<ul style="list-style-type: none">A. Went over tentative budget consisting of granola bars, bananas, apples, cuties, orange juice, coffee, and scantrons. Asked the board whether they should add bagels or muffinsB. Reported that she will see what she can do about Starbucks CoffeeC. Guest Kubota suggested cutting the muffins in half, especially since Costco muffins since they are large in sizeII. Motion to approve up to \$275.00 in food for the event<ul style="list-style-type: none">A. Motioned by: Vice-President GarciaB. Seconded by: Senator SatreC. Motion approved unanimously 8-0-0
11	Request for Support: Academic Competition	<ul style="list-style-type: none">I. From Advisor Nguyen:<ul style="list-style-type: none">A. Reminded board that they were unofficially up to this. As soon as it was announced that students could receive gift cards to the bookstore or Target. Will come out of the Student Life line item budget and will not exceed \$1,200.00II. Motion to approve up to \$1,200.00 for gift cards<ul style="list-style-type: none">A. Motioned by: Vice-President GarciaB. Seconded by: Senator ServaC. Motion approved unanimously 8-0-0
12	Request for Support: De-Stress Week	<ul style="list-style-type: none">I. From Advisor Nguyen on behalf of Justin Rocha:<ul style="list-style-type: none">A. Announced that Student Life Ambassador Justin Rocha thought of setting up a vending booth for De-Stress week in order to encourage conversations and friendships and is asking for



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		<p>\$50.00 to pay for donuts</p> <p>II. Motion to approve \$50.00 for De-Stress Event</p> <p>A. Motioned by: Senator Serva</p> <p>B. Seconded by: Vice-President Garcia</p> <p>C. Motion approved unanimously 8-0-0</p>
13	Request for Support: SACHE	<p>I. From Guest Kubota:</p> <p>A. Reported that the Fixed event went well and is asking to reimburse expenses for T-shirts</p> <p>B. President Cortez asked why requests weren't made before the event. Explained that they requested at ICC but did not get full amount requested and were hoping to match with LMCAS</p> <p>C. Senator Havelhorst expressed that it is "uncomfortable" to fund money after an event has already taken place rather than prior to the event in advance</p> <p>D. Senator Satre said regardless of the amount, it is a bad precedent to ask after the event, agreeing with Senator Havelhorst that he does not like the idea. Asked Guest Kubota whether she still had receipts, to which she was unsure</p> <p>E. Guest Kubota responded that she could understand the principle of what they were saying</p> <p>F. Senator Ishola asked whether there was a history of LMCAS approving afterward. Advisor Nguyen said no. Senator Ishola then asked Guest Kubota who was in charge of this. She responded that members individually purchased them through credit cards</p> <p>G. President Cortez ended, "planning is a crucial part, especially when it comes to money."</p>
14	LMCAS Last Meeting	<p>I. Motion for Monday, May 15 to be the last LMCAS meeting for the year</p> <p>A. Motioned by: Vice-President Garcia</p> <p>B. Seconded by: Senator Ishola</p> <p>C. Motion approved unanimously 8-0-0</p>
15	Adjournment	<p>I. Senator Ishola motions to adjourn meeting at 3:04pm</p>



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