

DATE: 3/6/17 TIME: 1:00 pm – 3:00pm LOCATION: SS-409

#### Present:

President: Israel Cortez

Vice-President: Natasha Garcia

**Treasurer:** Not appointed

Commissioner of Campus Events: Angela Lee

**Publicity and Outreach:** *Not appointed* 

Senators: Jessica Havelhorst, Jean Carlos-Alvarado, Al-Ameen Ishola, Nilton Serva

Student Representatives: Dale Satre

Advisor: John Nguyen

Absent: RC Kubota, Jonathan Pantino

Minute Taker: Amata Abatcha

Guests: Tammy Smith, Marco McMullen, Azuka Atum, Jelani Johnson, Diana Cobian, Phil Gottlieb, Diane Ferguson

ITEM #	TOPIC/ACTIVITY	OUTCOME
1	Call to order	I. President Cortez called the meeting to order at 1:09pm
2	Approve: I. Agenda II. Minutes from 2/27/17 meeting	<ul> <li>I. Motion to add another agenda item 12 "Election Committee"</li> <li>A. Motioned by: Natasha Garcia</li> <li>B. Seconded by: Angela Lee</li> <li>C. Motion approved unanimously 5-0-0</li> <li>II. Motion to approve the previous minutes with amendments (removing Natasha Garcia from 'Absent' section)</li> <li>A. Motioned by: Natasha Garcia</li> <li>B. Seconded by: Jessica Havelhorst</li> <li>C. Motion approved unanimously 6-0-0</li> </ul>
	BUSINESS: REPORTS	



3	Public Comment	I. None
4	Officer and Senator Updates	<ul> <li>I. From Commissioner Lee: <ul> <li>A. No report</li> </ul> </li> <li>II. From Senator Serva</li> <li>A. No report</li> <li>III. From Vice-President Garcia</li> <li>A. No report</li> <li>IV. From Senator Havelhorst</li> <li>A. No report</li> <li>V. From Senator Ishola: <ul> <li>A. Recapped the UC Berkeley Transfer Center talk with a guest speaker. Described it as "an event geared toward those interested in transferring." Was not sure why there was not a larger turnout with only 10 people attending and would like to speak to Transfer Center coordinator. "Besides that, I found it to be a great event with useful information."</li> <li>VI. From Senator Alvarado: <ul> <li>A. No report</li> </ul> </li> <li>VII. From Nilton Serva: <ul> <li>A. Recapped 'Earn and Learn East Bay,' a program which helps students the transition between college and career as smooth as possible. Held a table with Kristin Conner from the Transfer Center and President Bob. Does not think many LMC students were aware of the event, but rather, DVC students. Small business developers were there. Talked with President Bob about what he is working with at LMC and the degree he is pursuing</li> </ul> </li> <li>VIII. From Israel Cortez: <ul> <li>A. Announced that Pittsburg is becoming a sanctuary city in which they will not comply with the Trump Administration's executive order regarding illegal immigrants. A meeting will be held at 65 Civic Center later today, March 6, at 6:15pm and officially at 7:00pm where everyone is</li> </ul> </li> </ul></li></ul>





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	В. С. D. E. F.	Announced that there are other meetings that will be booked in this room (L-106) from 1:00- 3:00pm for the next two weeks. That being said, LMCAS will take place in an alternate room, SS-409 for the time being Elections are coming up soon within a month or so Student Life's 'A Place to Talk' continues on March 9 from 2:00pm-3:30pm at the Student Life office. Topic will be "Hate Speech versus Freedom of Speech." Cesar Chavez Blood Drive will be on Tuesday, March 21. Those interested must enter the code 'LOSMC' online at 'bloodheroes.org.' Pointed out that you not only get to save lives but there are also prizes offered such as free tickets to Safari West, a 4K TV, various gift cards to Starbucks, Target, etc. In addition to this, every participant receives a free shirt "Empowering Ladies" event will be held on Wednesday, March 22 from 11:30am-1:30pm in room L-109 to encourage female students that there are careers that they can go into no matter what they identify as. The objective is to bring in motivational speakers, specifically women, who can speak to attendees about it. Added that there are five confirmed panelists so far. The event will begin with a movie. Attendees can network with panelists. Three confirmed panelists including Suzie Quesada (president of Lamar Food International), Dory Stevens (CEO of Sutter and Delta Medical Center), Sergeant Simetal (Pittsburg Unified School District) "Femina" Student Life open mic event will be on March 23 in room L-109 from 7:00pm- 9:00pm. People will be encouraged to walk up to microphone to perform poetry, spoken word, songs, etc for Women's History Month. "If you would like to perform, sign up at Student Life." March 31 Civil Rights event "where were you in the 60s?" will be held on March 31 in room SS-412. Time TBA Announced that Los Medanos will be hosting the Latina Conference this year. Will take place from April 6-8. More information can be found online at Ilncc.org/2017-conference



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6	Committee Reports	١.	From Jean Carlos Alvarado:
			No report
		II.	From Dale Satre:
			No report
		III.	From Al-Ameen Ishola:
		Α.	No report
		IV.	From Jessica Havelhorst:
		Α.	Upcoming TLC meeting in which she will give a five-minute presentation later today, March 6,
			from 3:00pm-5:00pm in room L-109. Will go over critiques of SLOs
		V.	From Natasha Garcia:
		Α.	No report
		VI.	From Nilton Serva:
		Α.	No report
		VII.	From Angela Lee
		Α.	No report
		VIII.	From President Cortez:
		A.	No report
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7	Senator Appointments	١.	From Israel Cortez:
		A.	Re-capped interviews with previous applicants Azuka Atum, Jonathan Pantino, and Dale Satre
		B.	Commissioner Lee asked, "what happens when people for their senator appointments are
		Б.	absent?" Advisor Nguyen responded that it is the choice of the board to reschedule their
			appointments or vote them out
		C	Senator Ishola commented that those absent do not set a good precedent and that this
		С.	should be taken into consideration. President Cortez appreciated the comment and said, "no
			comment is out of order."



		II.	Motion to appoint Azuka Atum as a senator for LMCAS
		Α.	Motioned by: Natasha Garcia
		В.	Seconded by: Al-Ameen Ishola
		C.	Discussion: President Cortez asked, "will you be continuing at LMC next year?" To which she
			responded that she will be transferring to San Francisco State University next year
		D.	Motion approved unanimously 6-0-0
		III.	Motion to appoint Dale Satre as a senator for LMCAS
		Α.	Motioned by: Jean-Carlos Alvarado
		В.	Seconded by: Al-Ameen Ishola
		С.	Discussion: Senator Ishola asked how long a term for a senator lasts. President Cortez
			responded that so long as you attend seven meetings prior to becoming a senator, the
			contract lasts a full fiscal year. "Since Dale [Representative Satre] is graduating next Spring
			and transferring after, he has enough time to fulfill this contract. Good question."
		D.	Motioned approved unanimously 7-0-0
		IV.	From President Cortez:
		Α.	Noted that Jonathan Pantino had been present for his interview but late for a previous
			meeting and still is not present. Asked the board what to do about this
		В.	Senator Serva suggested to table it to next week and that during his own time, he will ask him
			why he did not show up
		V.	Motion to table Jonathan Pantino's Senator Appointment until next week
		Α.	Motioned by: Nilton Serva
		В.	Seconded by: Angela Lee
		С.	Discussion: Senator Satre noted that Jonathan should have notified them of his absence
		D.	Motion approved unanimously 8-0-0
8	Senator Interviews	١.	For Marco McMullen:
		А.	Senator Ishola noted that he was not aware of the Berkeley TAP when he applied. Asked him,



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"how would you go about letting the Student Body know about the different programs out there?"
<ul> <li>B. He responded that when he applied, he took a placement test and "right off the bat," was unaware of all the programs available and "walked in with a blind eye." Wishes to transfer to UC Berkeley as well and thinks that it would be effective to host workshops as, "for me, that would have changed a lot for me and would have increased my awareness." Also thinks it would be cool to distribute a packet that details the mission goals of each group as well as meeting and contact information so that students can plan their schedules accordingly. Is involved in baseball, Debate Society, and Honors</li> <li>C. President Cortez then asked, "how would that be different from Club Day, Transfer Center</li> </ul>
services, etc?" D. Guest McMullen responded that this would be in addition to all of those things. Would have resources that would be essential to not only increasing transfer rate. "In my personal
experience, I think this kind of thing would be super helpful and would increase involvement no matter whether the student is interested in transferring or not. We could always think of new ideas along the way."
E. President Cortez: "So this is kind of like a questions and answers booklet?"
F. Guest McMullen's response: "Not really, it would be more of a listing. The head of those clubs can give a little description. They can get people from those clubs to give more input."
G. Senator Ishola: "What do you think would be the best way to distribute these packets?"
H. Guest McMullen's response: "We can give them out for free during the existing workshops."
I. President Cortez: "More of a practical questionyou did mention that you are already a part of the above three mentioned groups (baseball, Debate Society, and Honors.) How are you
going to prioritize LMCAS? Personally I had to make a sacrifice, or rather, a decision."
J. Guest McMullen's response: "I have about 35 hours of free time in my schedule. I actually have a lot of free time even though I am a part of three different groups."
K. President Cortez: "How do you plan out your weeks"



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	L. Guest McMullen's response: "In three hour increments. I have a calendar. I calculated it on my computer."
	M. Senator Serva: "If more people were to know about Berkeley TAP, wouldn't it make it harder to get in?"
	N. Guest McMullen's response: "Well yes, the competition pool would be bigger, but that would not change the chances of people getting in."
	<ul> <li>O. Vice-President Garcia added that a lot of students find it inconvenient to commute to Berkeley/those who are concurrently taking classes</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>P. Guest McMullen: "So even with a packet, we ensure that people know for sure rather than them not."</li> </ul>
	Q. Senator Atum: "Do you think we should give these kinds of "care" packages to incoming high school students while they're still in school?"
	R. Guest McMullen's response: "Definitely. I might even choose LMC over DVC, when it comes to choosing between the two, because I'd know in detail what each school has to offer in terms of programs, clubs, etc."
	S. Senator Alvarado: "Do you work?"
	T. Guest McMullen's response: "I work on Sundays."
	II. For Tammy Smith:
	A. President Cortez asked, "what triggered you to joining LMCAS?"
	B. Guest Smith responded that it came down to "how do we spend our money, and how do we spend our time?" She continued, "many of us are in that middle ground and yet we do not qualify to participate within those services. I tried to make a difference in my own little way
	but back then, the time just wasn't there."
	C. President Cortez: "When did you begin LMC?"
	D. Guest Smith's response: "Back in 2012. Back then, I took very few units and got the chance to
	talk to many people who did not even know what LMCAS is. Information needs to be passed to those who come mostly in the evening in addition to those in the morning."
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	E.	President Cortez: "How would you inform evening students?"
	F.	Guest Smith's response: "Not necessarily anything different but I would advocate for more
		evening events." Also noticed that Brentwood students are very isolated with some of them
		not being able to come to Pittsburg because of lack of transportation and wants to find a way
		to get everyone involved because she feels there is a disconnect. "We are all a part of this
	c	community."
	G.	Senator Ishola: "When you mention the biggest issue facing students as financial uncertainty, how would you address that?"
	Ι.	Guest Smith's response: "A small step was getting involved with the READ club." Wants their initiatives to become permanent. "Many professor's assign a textbook and expect students to do homework quickly, but if financial aid does not come in, students cannot properly complete assignments even if they try to check them out at the library in which they don't always have copies available. As a club and a community, we can start buying books for those students. That can possibly be five students in a day borrowing the same textbook." Senator Ishola: "Who would be in charge of this?" Guest Smith's response: "The LMC Foundation. A system would be in place for students to be
	J.	able to loan books."
		Senator Atum: "I really liked what you had to say about transportation. The Brentwood and Pittsburg campuses feel like islands even though they have the same name. I had classmates in classes from Discovery Bay who had to drive a long way to Pittsburg and this affected the way they got involved in the community. How do you plan to address transportation?" Guest Smith's response" "By organizing carpools. I had friends who also had children to tend to. Lack of money for gas can affect attendance. We organized ourselves a carpool system
		beginning in Discovery Bay, then Brentwood, then myself in Antioch, and from there arrived in Pittsburgh."
	M.	President Cortez said that he knows someone working for Tri Delta Transportation who may look into this issue



9	Request for Support: AGS Conference		From Jelani Johnson, Diana Cobian, and Phil Gottlieb: Guest Johnson introduced the Alpha Gamma Sigma Society 91st Annual Convention in Ontario, Canada this year. "Gaddi Vasquez will be a luncheon speaker at the event." (Orange County Supervisor) Guest Cobian quoted John Quincy Adams regarding leadership. As a chapter of AGS, this is an opportunity for them to represent LMC. Last year, she was in a wheelchair, but then the president of AGS asked her if she would be able to be a part of it and wondered how would she get to be a part of the stage since there was no ramp available. So her team members decided to carry her wheelchair up the stairs. Everyone was watching. "Why was that important?" It showed the audience that her members were adamant to have her on stage rather than leaving her behind because she had something to contribute. Posed question to LMCAS: "Do you think that it is important to have us attend?"
		C.	Guest Johnson distributed a sheet entitled 'State Convention Financial Break Down.' Amount still needed is \$2,080. He stated that AGS has already raised over \$3,000 from various fundraisers. "One of the things we did in the past was putting on a 21k run around the campus/lake."
		D.	Guest Cobian said that this year she is helping homeless shelters and throwing birthday parties for children who cannot afford having special events and serve to make them feel valued and special, "to feel like they matter."
		E.	Guest Gottlieb said anywhere from 400-500 people will be attending
		F.	President Cortez asked, "why \$2,080 specifically?"
		G.	Guest Johnson responded that these are rough estimates from the past. "The cost per student is \$75 and some students do not wish to share a bed."
		Н.	President Cortez took the time to commend them for their efforts and asked them if they have seen membership growth from last year
		1	Guest Johnson said from his understanding, it always increases from each spring semester.
			Said there was about 10 more students this year compared to last year. President Cortez then



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clarified, "Are there more people this year than last year?" AGS responded with a definitive 'yes.'
J. Senator Serva: "When did you [AGS] find out about the conference?"
K. Guest Johnson responded that it is not just funds from recently, but that they have been
saving up money since last fall not included in the paper distributed
L. Vice-President Garcia asked, "did you [AGS] attend last year?"
M. Guest Gottlieb responded yes, and they came last year to request money from LMCAS as
well. He has been here as their advisor since 2004. Both a club on campus and a statewide
chapter
N. Senator Ishola asked, "why is the lumpia sale the only projected sale?"
O. Guest Johnson responded that they have a deadline to submit money. Then Senator Ishola
clarified, "so all money would go toward AGS?"
P. Guest Johnson said yes, so long as it makes an impact on the community. Two \$500.00
scholarships are given to a continuing student and a transferring student
Q. Further elaborated that scholarships are available at the convention. Said there are three
different categories and they have been winning for the past four years. Guest Gottlieb added
that this is "pretty exceptional."
R. Vice-President Garcia: "Have you thought about reducing the amount of 35 people?"
S. Guest Johnson responded that it is very important to have as many people attending as many
members get to break out of their shell, do not get to know each other since they meet once
a week and have this opportunity to bond
T. President Cortez remarked that although he commends them, "the reality is that we are in a
financial deficit. Assuming we cannot fund the entire amount, what will you do?"
U. Guest Cobian responded that they would try to do more fundraisers
V. President Cortez: "Are the people going now paying for themselves?"
W. Guest Gottlieb said yes, they pay partially, "though we have never gotten to that point."
X. Commissioner Lee: Is there an application process to go through with it? Guest Cobian said
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		<ul> <li>no, "they get selected." Then Commissioner Lee said that perhaps the people who applied should have priority in attending. "As far as I'm concerned, the people who applied for scholarships should go. 35 people is <i>a lot</i> considering our tight budget."</li> <li>Y. Senator Ishola asked, "what are the criteria to apply for scholarships?" Guest Gottlieb responded, "a minimum 3.0 GPA, and in order to qualify for <i>academic</i> scholarship, 3.75 minimum, as well as letters of recommendation."</li> <li>Z. After AGS left, Senator Atum asked President Cortez about the amount the board is allowed to approve. President Cortez replied that it is up to the senators to decide the amount</li> </ul>
10	Request for Support: Veteran's Pasta Feed	<ol> <li>From Diane Ferguson:         <ul> <li>Came to speak on behalf of ICC for the LMC Veterans Appreciation Dinner. Instead of catering, they will prepare the food themselves, which will be a "spaghetti feed." Will also hold a White Elephant Auction</li> <li>President Cortez asked about costs. "The costs will be for non-LMC students, and any fees made will go toward funding scholarships for veterans and buying a copy machine for the Veteran center." She added that the Veteran's Center is run without a budget. The officers are going to "Operation Veteran Center Funding" in Sacramento to lobby for funding for 113 veteran centers across California</li> <li>She continued to add that the center is run by five work study students who are paid out of their GI bill. "However, there is no money for supplies or new equipment. The center itself was generously built with a few grants but with no money left to operate it."</li> <li>Commissioner Lee once again clarified what they would be putting the money into. Guest Ferguson responded, "not necessarily to run the center but buy new supplies. Most of the money will come from the auction as we do not expect to make much money from the dinner itself."</li> <li>President Cortez asked why there is \$500.00 allocated for spaghetti as he feels the cost is too high. Guest Ferguson responded that they probably did not research the prices well enough.</li> </ul> </li> </ol>



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	President Cortez then added, "we need to help you with what you <i>need</i> as we do not have enough room to spend too frivolously."
F.	Senator Alvarado asked, "where are you purchasing sheet cakes?" Guest Ferguson said at
	Safeway. Senator Alvarado then said it would be much cheaper to purchase at Costco
G.	Senator Satre inquired on what kind of marketing will be done. Guest Ferguson responded
	that this will include tickets and posters.
П.	Motion to extend meeting to 3:10pm
Α.	Motioned by: Senator Ishola
В.	Seconded by: Senator Atum
С.	Motion approved 6-0-1
111.	Discussion Continued:
Α.	Senator Serva strongly suggested going back to cut down prices to which Guest Ferguson
	clarified that some money was already approved from ICC
В.	Senator Atum asked whether it was possible to make a very specific itemized list
С.	Commissioner Lee said that as a club, Student Life services offers free marketing and that
	would be a much smarter option rather than paying someone outside to do it
D.	Senator Ishola suggested having a senator to assist them in addition to Commissioner Lee's suggestion
E.	Guest Ferguson let the board know that she would be gone along with some of the veterans
	this Wednesday to Sacramento as she mentioned previously
F.	President Cortez once again summed up that the board seems to be on consensus with
	getting a cut down, more concise budget. Vice-President Garcia said the decision would be made by today
G	Senator Ishola asked, "when is the latest time to decide on food?" Vice-President Garcia
0.	replied, "a week prior." The board has the rest of March to figure it out (By April 1st or 3rd).
Ц	Guest Ferguson stated that they are going to various VFWs to sell their tickets
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		Ferguson responded, " a fee of \$25.00 for family of five rather than the standard \$15.00 per person."
11	Request for Support: Empowering Ladies in Leadership	<ol> <li>From John Nguyen:         <ul> <li>Reminded LMCAS that Student Life already allocated \$100.00 for this event</li> <li>A deal was made in 2014 that the district will match Student Life's budget with LMCAS's budget</li> <li>LMCAS has a choice whether to continue to fund or not</li> <li>Motion to table this meeting till next meeting</li> <li>Motioned by: Azuka Atum</li> <li>Seconded by: Dale Satre</li> <li>Discussion: Board expressed not wanting to rush important discussion regarding upcoming elections in a short amount of time and will, therefore, not go forth with the "Election Committee" item proposed during Item 1</li> <li>Motion approved unanimously 6-0-0</li> </ul> </li> </ol>
12	Adjournment	I. Commissioner Lee motioned to adjourn meeting at 3:12pm