



**LOS MEDANOS COLLEGE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS MINUTES**

**DATE:** 1/29/18 **TIME:** 1:00 pm – 3:00pm **LOCATION:** L-106

**Present:**

**President:** Marco McMullen

**Vice-President:** Tammy Smith

**Treasurer:** Marco Mendez

**Commissioner of Campus Events:** Jocelyn Villalobos

**Publicity and Outreach:** Serena Neal

**Senators:** *Absent*

**Student Representatives:** Priscilla Tatmon

**Advisor:** John Nguyen

**Absent:** George Diaz

**Minute Taker:** Amata Abatcha

**Guests:** Mariyah Guinto, Earl Russell Almazan, Jessica Quintos, Sierra Abel, Leeandra Matthews, John Keating, Edward Haven, Rossana

Clark

ITEM #	TOPIC/ACTIVITY	OUTCOME
1	Call to Order	I. President McMullen called the meeting to order at 1:03pm
2	Approve: I. Agenda II. Minutes from the 12/4/17 meeting III. Minutes from the 1/22/17 meeting	I. Motion to move agenda item #7 after agenda item #3 A. Motioned by: Vice-President Smith B. Motioned by: Officer Neal C. Motion approved unanimously <b>4-0-0</b> II. Motion to amend the 12/4/17 minutes by correcting a misspelling A. Motioned by: Officer Neal B. Seconded by: Vice-President Smith C. Motion approved <b>4-0-0</b> III. Motion to amend the 1/22/17 minutes by correcting a misspelling A. Motioned by: Commissioner Villalobos B. Seconded by: Vice-President Smith



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		C. Motion approved unanimously <b>4-0-0</b>
	<b>BUSINESS: REPORTS</b>	
<b>3</b>	Public Comment	<p>I. From Rosanna Clark:</p> <p>A. Stated that she was able to establish two breast cancer scholarships (one for pre-treatment and one for post-treatment recipients) back when she used to be an LMCAS senator. This was to be funded by the LMCAS budget. Stated that the information was supposed to remain on the website but later saw that it was no longer on the website and is unsure of what had happened and whether it is still in continuation</p> <p>B. Reiterated that the purpose of the scholarship was to aid those fighting through the disease as the costs for treating it is highly expensive</p> <p>C. Advisor Nguyen responded that a previous board had removed that budget line item however, the current board has the power to bring back funding for it</p> <p>D. President McMullen stated that luckily today, the board will be reviewing the budget update and will decide upon that today</p>
<b>4</b>	Zero Textbook Cost Grant	<p>I. From Edward Haven:</p> <p>A. Stated that the goal of the Zero Textbook Cost Grant (ZTCG) would be to allow a student to earn their associate's degree for transfer without having to pay the cost for textbooks</p> <p>B. Continued that the initiative aims to make textbooks <i>free</i> to students. "Typically what would be done within a similar initiative would be to shift the costs or spread them out elsewhere but this is not the case</p> <p>C. Will be conducting a student survey next week. Cited a statistic which pointed out that 68% of students took fewer units per semester simply because of the high cost of textbooks</p> <p>D. Would love to see some resolution and support from the students to show that this matters to them and they are willing to draft a resolution</p> <p>E. Looking for student involvement. Looking to set up a separate board for this purpose</p>



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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>F. Around 10 other community colleges are going through with the same initiative</li><li>G. Setting up a preliminary meeting to be held next week on Thursday, February 8 from 2:00-2:30pm every other Thursday. Location TBA</li><li>H. Officer Neal asked how piracy laws come into play with this. Responded that he will make sure they do not interfere with copyright laws. “Many college professors who love their subject and love the material may create content under a creative commons license up to a certain standard of academic integrity.”</li><li>I. Stated that the textbooks have a zero guarantee that they are reviewed. Publishers simply publish content and are not required to fact-check</li><li>J. Laws in the United States allow professors to show snippets and clips so long as its for educational purposes and not directly for-profit</li><li>K. Clarified that only written materials will be covered but not other materials such as instruments for music classes</li><li>L. President McMullen clarified that it was a one-time, \$50,000 grant to get this established which they can hopefully continue to carry on if successful</li><li>M. Stated that the price of the textbook would be irrelevant. Physical copies will be provided. Cited a statistic which stated that 70% of students do not purchase from the bookstore anyway. They would be allowed to place their non-profit margin on it so the price of a textbook could be cut from \$200 to \$6.00</li><li>N. Ended that they are lucky because the college is a non-profit institution owned by the college rather than a private for-profit which makes the process much easier</li></ul>
5	Continued Public Comment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>I. From John Keating:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>A. Regarding the Antioch Police Department, he would like to bring a few officers to campus to speak to students as well as campus police</li></ul></li><li>II. From Leeandra Matthews<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>A. President of ULC/Umoja Club and is in the process of joining LMCAS. Attending to see how</li></ul></li></ul>



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		<p>things play out</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>III. From Earl Russell Almazan<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>A. Looking to apply to become a senator. Has not yet collected his 50 signatures and is attending to see how things play out</li></ul></li></ul>
<p><b>6</b></p>	<p>Officer &amp; Senator Updates/Reports</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>I. From Officer Neal:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>A. Reported that during Club Day, there was some conflict since some clubs were trying to sell food in order to fundraise but Student Life was distributing free hot dogs at the same time which took away from sales</li></ul></li><li>II. From Treasurer Mendez:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>A. Reported that Club Day went well</li></ul></li><li>III. From Commissioner Villalobos<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>A. Contacted the organization heading awareness regarding human trafficking and is also working on bringing in a self-defense instructor to teach and inform</li><li>B. During a presentation, a sex abuse survivor said the first thing that can be done is increase awareness. “But another thing that can be done is bringing in research on how pornography affects the brain, relationships with people, and influences sexual violence and abuse.” Is aware that this can be uncomfortable to talk about but believes that it is necessary to bring about change</li><li>C. Regarding Clubchella planning, would still like to incorporate awareness themes into the event</li></ul></li><li>IV. From Vice-President Smith:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>A. Spoke with ICC advisor about the food pantry and would like to get LMCAS involved in collecting canned foods and donating toiletries. Emphasized that these small things such as feminine hygiene are much more impactful than one may think</li><li>B. Commissioner Villalobos added that in public restrooms they have feminine products in vending machines and wondered whether it is possible to have these available without any</li></ul></li></ul>



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		<p>costs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>C. Guest Keating added that if they ever need an advocate he would be willing to help as he himself had gone through homelessness last semester and through the help of different organizations and clubs giving him grants and aid, it was a great help for him to be able to continue through school</li><li>D. Guest Matthews stated that last year, many people shied away from collecting food from the food pantry due to the stigma of not wanting to be seen as poor or needy</li><li>E. Vice-President Smith recalled remedying this issue by walking with someone</li><li>F. Victims of Sexual Assault Trauma, a group Vice-President Smith belongs to, will be meeting this Friday to talk about personal traumas. Reminded everyone that they will be meeting at someone's home so if anyone is interested, they may contact her personally so as not to give out the person's address publicly</li><li>G. DSPS will have two welcome events next week; one on Monday, February 5 from 12:00pm-1:30pm; Tuesday, February 6 from 12:30-3:30pm, and Wednesday, February 7 from 9:30pm-12:30pm. The Tuesday event will be hosted at the Brentwood campus and the Wednesday and Thursday events will be hosted at the Pittsburg campus</li><li>V. From President McMullen:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>A. Enjoyed seeing new faces at Club Day</li><li>B. Regarding designating a room for Muslim students to pray in; "in order to get through with this, we would need solid evidence that there is a need for such a space."</li><li>C. Would like to hear from anyone on the board any feedback or whether they know anyone who would use such a room</li><li>D. Would also like to have a reflection room in the New Student Union building permanently open for students to pray/meditate in</li><li>E. Would like to get Clubchella planning going again as soon as possible. Because Julia Steele, the organizer for the event is unable to attend LMCAS meeting's this semester, Guest Abel volunteered to act as a messenger between Julia Steele and the board. Also suggested that</li></ul></li></ul>
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		Julia Steele could send in written reports to Advisor Nguyen
7	Advisor Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>I. From Advisor Nguyen:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>A. Reminded everyone that senator applications are due Friday, February 23 by 3:00pm in the Student Life Office. Will be starting senator interviews next week</li><li>B. Briefly went over the protocol on how new senators are admitted to the board</li><li>C. Went over the perks of being a senator such as a free parking permits as well as the more important benefit of having the ability to enact direct change</li><li>D. Recapped Welcome Weeks event such as free pizza and hot dog giveaways. Held one of these giveaways in the evening as him and Vice-President Smith wished to make a greater presence to students who have lifestyles where they're only able to take evening classes</li><li>E. Advisor Nguyen stated that after hearing feedback from Officer Neal that giving out free hot dogs during Club Day took away from club fundraising, he decided to change this for the next Welcome Week/Club Day event. Noted that their rationale was to garner a greater turnout but unfortunately, it did not turn out this way. Appreciated the constructive feedback given</li><li>F. Guest Matthews offered the opinion that a way around the selling conflict would be to notify the clubs ahead of time that there would be a giveaway and that if Student Life tabling could be placed at the center of the quad so that logistically, club tabling could not be avoided</li><li>G. Advisor Nguyen switched gears and introduced an upcoming event called "Pizza With A Cop" in room L-109 on Thursday, February 8 from 12:30pm-2:00pm and get to enter into a drawing for a free parking permit and have free pizza</li><li>H. Announced upcoming Canned Food Drive contest taking place from February 5 to March 23. "Whoever donates the most cans will have their name posted on a plaque to be displayed in the Student Life Office."</li><li>I. Guest Almazan asked whether it was possible to donate money rather than food to the food pantry. Advisor Nguyen responded that yes, that would be possible and he could speak with him further to arrange this</li></ul></li></ul>



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<b>8</b>	Committee Reports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>I. From President McMullen<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>A. No report</li></ul></li><li>II. From Officer Neal<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>A. No report</li></ul></li><li>III. From Treasurer Mendez<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>A. No report</li></ul></li><li>IV. From Commissioner Villalobos<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>A. No report</li></ul></li><li>V. From Vice-President Smith:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>A. Stated that the Inter-Club Council meetings would resume today every Monday from 3:30pm-4:30pm in room CC2-223. Orientations will be taking place then</li></ul></li></ul>
<b>NEW BUSINESS</b>		
<b>9</b>	Budget Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>I. From Treasurer Mendez:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>A. Stated that he would like to go through a few line items to illustrate past expenditures and the present budget</li><li>B. [Refer to Los Medanos Associated Students Annual Budget Form for the Spring of 2018]</li></ul></li><li>II. From Treasurer Mendez:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>A. Was unfamiliar with the Hosts Scholarships. Advisor Nguyen clarified that it was intended for students going through financial hardships</li><li>B. Advisor Nguyen stated that since certain allocations have already been put in place, they would not be able to fund the Breast Cancer Scholarship until next year</li><li>C. President McMullen added that some money from Conference Funds could go toward scholarships or Sponsored Campus events since they would no longer be attending SSCCC</li><li>D. Treasurer Mendez clarified that “Accessories” went from \$200 down to \$8.87 because of the multiple business cards LMCAS chose to invest in last semester</li></ul></li></ul>



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<b>10</b>	Mustang Discount	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>I. From President McMullen:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>A. Recapped the goals of the Mustang Discount to new members. Stated that LMCAS would be continuing an effort from the previous board to collaborate with local eateries</li><li>B. Vice-President Smith reported that she spoke with Zam Zam Mediterranean restaurant regarding the discount as well as offering free advertisement. Successfully agreed to a 15% discount. Students must simply display their Student ID card</li><li>C. President McMullen reminded the board that if anyone is interested in targeting a specific restaurant, they should openly let the board know</li></ul></li></ul>
<b>11</b>	Adjournment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>I. Motion to adjourn meeting at 2:53pm<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>A. Motioned by: Treasurer Mendez</li></ul></li></ul>