



STUDENTS ADVOCATING FOR STUDENTS

LOS MEDANOS COLLEGE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS MINUTES

DATE: 4/30/18 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: Vacant

Senators: Marayah Guinto, Jessica Quintos, LeeAndra Matthews, Priscilla Tatmon, Earl Russell Tang Almazan, Sierra Abel

Student Representatives: None

Advisor: John Nguyen

Absent: Ruben Rocha

Minute Taker: Amata Abatcha

Guests: Sirreck Brown Smith

| ITEM # | TOPIC/ACTIVITY | OUTCOME |
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| 1 | Call to Order | I. President McMullen called the meeting to order at 1:03pm |
| 2 | Approve: I. Agenda II. Minutes from the 4/23/18 meeting | I. Motion to approve the agenda A. Motioned by: Senator Guinto B. Seconded by: Senator Abel C. Motion approved unanimously 8-0-0 II. Motion to approve the 4/23/18 minutes A. Motioned by: Vice-President Smith B. Seconded by: Senator Matthews C. Motion to amend the minutes by correcting three grammatical errors D. Motioned by: Senator Matthews E. Seconded by: Senator Guinto F. Motion approved unanimously 8-0-0 |



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| BUSINESS: REPORTS | | |
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| 3 | Public Comment | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I. From Sirreck Brown Smith: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Stated that he will be speaking later on in the agenda [Item #7] I. From Vice-President Smith: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Announced that the John Kerr Foundation will be holding a Life-Enhancing Retreat for youth with muscular atrophy from July 12 to July 15 at the Tuolumne Trails Campground |
| 4 | Officer & Senator Reports/Updates | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I. From Senator Guinto: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Recapped Sexual Violence Awareness Week. Commented that it was well organized and learned many skills from Monday’s Self-Defense workshop B. Would like to continue such an event as a “yearly effort” II. From Treasurer Mendez: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Thanked Commissioner Villalobos for organizing Sexual Violence Awareness Week B. Recapped the Asian/Pacific Islander event last week. Reported that the food was “well done” and the performers were entertaining III. From Commissioner Villalobos: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Attended an event at the University of California, Davis last Saturday as a part of the Puente program where alumni from Los Medanos spoke B. Sad to hear that when in their classes they feel unusual because they don’t see “other people of color like them.” Appreciates that UC Davis makes an effort in encouraging more diversity C. Reported that 310 high school seniors attended Senior Saturday. Many students came to her for questions D. Announced that today is priority registration for those who qualify E. Thanked everyone who assisted in the Self-Defense workshop on Monday F. Officially announced her candidacy for Student Trustee for the Contra Costa Community College District IV. From Senator Almazan: |



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| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none">A. No reportV. From Senator Quintos:<ul style="list-style-type: none">A. Appreciated the Honors cupcake sale which sold out over 200 cupcakes, making over \$300.00 in revenueB. 43 messages were shared during the clothespin project for Sexual Violence Awareness WeekC. Was part of a panel for Senior SaturdayVI. From Senator Abel:<ul style="list-style-type: none">A. Encouraged parents at Senior Saturday not to delay education. Found most of the parents to be “engaging and supportive”VII. From Senator Matthews:<ul style="list-style-type: none">A. Participated in some of the Sexual Violence Awareness events such as the Clothespin Project and Chalk Talk. Found it inspiring despite “some of the tears.” Felt it was nice to see that, “you’re not the only one undergoing certain experiences.”B. Asked whether LMC has a radio station. Felt that in order to get announcements out, LMCAS should have a podcastVIII. From Vice-President Smith:<ul style="list-style-type: none">A. Spoke to a returning student who confided in Vice-President Smith, expressing that she did not agree with the Walk Out Against Gun Violence earlier in the semester because she felt the event had too much of a politically left-leaning bias. Considered many aspects of the event to be “too liberal” (she herself identifying as conservative). Did not feel there was enough representation on both sides of the political spectrumB. The board responded with much confusion, not quite understanding the critique, requesting for Vice-President Smith to further explain the student’s concernsC. Vice-President Smith added that she had encouraged the Young Americans for Freedom Club, a politically conservative club, to push for their events as some other clubs may not receive recognitionD. Senator Guinto asked how she could reach out to students in an unbiased way because she |
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| | | <p>sincerely felt that Senator Abel, who organized the event, was unbiased</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">E. Vice-President Smith added that the student had grown up in Brentwood and was not used to “this type of diversity.”F. Senator Abel wanted to add that since they are a college campus, certain things may be controversial for some students, “but this is what college is all about.” Mentioned that Senator Rocha was trying to start a Democratic club on campusG. President McMullen said they would never deny any student, regardless of their political affiliations if they wanted to do something, but in terms of not liking certain views, he found it strange that the student took issue with other students expressing their anger at the mass murder of several high school students in Florida back in February. Asserted that people “do have a right to speak about their views.”H. Commissioner Villalobos said that it’s a misconception to think LMCAS is liberal because some senators around the table may identify as conservative themselves <p>IX. From President McMullen:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">A. Stated that once the new Student Union building is built, the Honors center would be relocated thereB. Senator Abel asked, “who exactly would be in charge of monitoring the Interfaith Room?”C. President McMullen responded that the school is thinking about about destroying the current Honors Center as well as talk about rid of the current cafeteriaD. Senator Matthews said that it seems that people are waiting to see what others are doing, stalling the processE. Commissioner Villalobos spoke to Gary Walker and talked about long-term plans for the Interfaith Room and the major concern to keep in mind is “how to keep students safe.”F. Treasurer Mendez said he enjoyed the current dialogue and felt this should be made as an agenda item next weekG. President McMullen ended that he will speak to classified Senate regarding this next week on Monday, May 7 |
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| <p>5</p> | <p>Advisor Report</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none">I. From Advisor Nguyen:<ul style="list-style-type: none">A. Similar to what Vice-President Smith said earlier in her Senator Report/Update, he added that many students cannot make it to these meetings so this is why they confide in people they trust instead. Advised the board to represent all students and not just the ones they agree withB. Reported that the Asian/Pacific Islander event had a large turnout. Many people were vegetarian/vegan and they were able to cater to themC. Added that there may be a new Asian American Club on campusD. Talked about job opportunities at Student Life. Stated that applications close today at 5:00pmE. Announced that Advisor Appreciation will be held this Wednesday in room L-109. Encouraged people to “show up” as they ordered food for over 100 peopleF. Said that LMCAS decided 10-15 years ago not to have meetings during finals week. Announced that the last meeting of the semester will be two weeks from now on May 14. “There are only three meetings left including this one.”G. Senator Matthews asked who is eligible to receive a sash for graduation. Advisor Nguyen responded that anyone has ever who joined LMCAS at any time during the academic year automatically gets a sash |
| <p>6</p> | <p>Committee Reports</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none">I. From Senator Guinto:<ul style="list-style-type: none">A. Spoke as a student representative for OERB. Will present at the SGC meeting again next Thursday from 3:30pm-5:00pmII. From Treasurer Mendez:<ul style="list-style-type: none">A. No reportIII. From Commissioner Villalobos:<ul style="list-style-type: none">A. At the Public Safety meeting, the board discussed new system in which people can talk directly to dispatch as well as updated police training however, these were not action itemsIV. From Senator Quintos: |



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| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. No report V. From Senator Abel <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Reported that the IDEA committee wants to meet with police services B. Announced that the new Health and Fitness committee will be meeting briefly this Wednesday in the dance studio across the track VI. From Senator Matthews: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. No report VII. From Vice-President Smith: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Stated that Julia Steele, an LMC student, stopped by to distribute applications for the End of Summer Bash taking place on August 31 B. Announced that Shenanigans will be showing <i>Torn Pages</i> until Saturday, May 5 C. Debate Society will be holding a public debate at Brentwood City Hall on Wednesday, May 9. Doors open at 5:00pm. The debate begins at 5:30pm, and will end at approximately 7:15pm D. SACNAS reported that the East Bay Regional Park Districts will be having (paid) internship opportunities. Applications due by the end of the month. Those interested may go online to their website to apply E. SACNAS Added that they are also hiring for temporary positions which involve “lots of outdoor work.” F. SACNAS recapped Earth Day event from last Wednesday in which succulent sales were a “success.” Will plan on doing this again for the next event G. SACNAS Announced that there would be a hike at Black Diamond Mines on Friday, May 4 H. SACNAS Announced that on the following day, Saturday, May 5, there will be a sand mines geology and history talk I. Young Americans for Freedom is planning on bringing in Jason Mattera, a conservative writer on campus to speak about right-wing issues J. SACHE participated at Senior Saturday. Asked for feedback. One complaint was that one student with autism felt someone at the event was making fun of her but could only describe |
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| | | <p>the person as someone with “long dark hair.”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> K. Announced that “Bike to Work Day” will be on Thursday, May 10 L. AGS is still selling Jamba Juice cards for \$10.00 M. Recalled that if any clubs would like to show a movie on campus, they must secure a license as it is illegal not to do so. They must also submit a copy of the license to the Office of Student Life for reference <p>VIII. From President McMullen:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Recapped that at the SGC meeting, it was reported that LMC may lose half a million dollars in funding and has one year to sort their finances out. They are currently trying to see whether there is a way to not lose “so much money.” |
| NEW BUSINESS | | |
| 7 | EOPS Petition | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I. From Sirreck Brown Smith: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Introduced himself as one of the student advocates for EOPS (Extended Opportunity Programs and Services). Reported that one of the meetings his team had is that they realized that as their program grows in numbers, there is not a space for EOPS students to gather and get work done or socialize, and his team felt it would be helpful if they could have their own space B. That being said, EOPS advocates recently started a petition in order to get the measure going. Stated that what they are generally looking for is any feedback LMCAS can regarding its content or any possible grammatical/structural errors C. Commissioner Villalobos asked where this room would be located. Guest Smith responded that his team are not yet sure. In response, Commissioner Villalobos remarked that perhaps a room in the new Student Union building or room SS-412 would be the best options D. Treasurer Mendez said he liked the idea but warned that sometimes room SS-412 is used for counseling classes and meetings E. Guest Smith said that if EOPS is able to secure their own space, they would need to |



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| | | <p>accomodate more. For example, they cannot give students laptops but there would be a space available for them to place their own laptops</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">F. Senator Abel added that the old Honors center may also be a good option if it isn't torn down since they are already structured as student communitiesG. President McMullen said there may be a committee in charge of this, noting that Alex Porter would be the right person to speak to regarding thisH. Advisor Nguyen said that LMCAS could vote on something called a resolution which would go directly to the school president where they could speak directly to the President BobI. Senator Guinto said she could aid in writing the resolution as she wrote a previous one. Commissioner Villalobos also offered to help wherever possible |
| 8 | Office Hours | <ul style="list-style-type: none">I. From President McMullen:<ul style="list-style-type: none">A. Went over the email he sent to all senators the previous night regarding advertisements for Office HoursB. Vice-President Smith stated that a random folder was given to her by a secretary at the front desk of the Brentwood campus for advertising purposesC. Senator Almazan said anything kind of materials would work out well. "Whatever Tammy [Vice-President Smith] proposes, I'm for it as well."D. President McMullen recapped that they need a stand for the flag, two stands for boards, an overhead banner, snacks and candy for both campuses, and a table cover for the Brentwood CampusE. Advisor Nguyen said that the remainder of the item should become an action item for next week so he can order it as soon as possible from Amazon |
| 9 | Mustang Discount | <ul style="list-style-type: none">I. From President McMullen:<ul style="list-style-type: none">A. Asked the board what businesses senators are currently interested in visiting to negotiate for the Mustang Discount |



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| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> B. Displayed the current copy of the Local Business Application for the board to view C. Commissioner Villalobos noted that many students on campus are unaware of the discount D. Advisor Nguyen said he would work on getting more information together E. Commissioner Villalobos recommended offering adequate help to new senators who may feel intimidated F. Senator Almazan suggested advertising this in the Honors Newsletter and <i>The Experience</i> G. President McMullen stated that Fonzi, the Student Life graphic designer, is currently creating flyers H. Senator Abel recommended 'Miller's Cafe' on located on Hillcrest Avenue in Antioch I. 'Mi Salvador' and 'Maya's Ice Cream' were also recommended by the board |
| 10 | Destress Week | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I. From Treasurer Mendez: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Stated that \$150.00 was funded toward last year's Destress Week. "That being said, \$200.00 should be funded this year in order to purchase the blue books for the writing portions of some exams." B. Advisor Nguyen added that the board would still need to purchase more scantrons since they used them for the Academic Competition C. Treasurer Mendez said Monday to Thursday or Tuesday to Thursday would be viable options for tabling, excluding Fridays D. Commissioner Villalobos said AGS club members would be more than happy to help volunteer E. Advisor Nguyen said that, "now would be a good time to go to Honors or AGS for people who need volunteer hours." F. The board further discussed planning for the appropriate days and times G. Advisor Nguyen added that they should plan to hold multiple tabling locations H. The board further discussed tabling plans for the Brentwood campus in which Senator Almazan and Vice-President Smith expressed interest |



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| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none">I. The board further discussed planning for which breakfast foods to offer, recalling that adequate fruit was forgotten last yearJ. Commissioner Villalobos remarked that she could be available to table at the Brentwood campus on WednesdayII. Motion to fund up to \$250.00 toward Destress Week<ul style="list-style-type: none">A. Motioned by: Senator AbelB. Seconded by: Senator GuintoC. Motion approved unanimously 8-0-0 |
| 11 | Budget Update | <ul style="list-style-type: none">I. From Advisor Nguyen:<ul style="list-style-type: none">A. Stated that the updated budget plan will be available by next week. Is working closely with Treasurer Mendez in getting it completedB. Further stated that, “the good news is that there will be a larger budget by \$20,000-\$40,000 next year.” |
| 12 | Adjournment | <ul style="list-style-type: none">I. Motion to adjourn meeting at 2:39pm<ul style="list-style-type: none">A. Motioned by: Treasurer Mendez |