



STUDENTS ADVOCATING FOR STUDENTS

LOS MEDANOS COLLEGE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS MINUTES

DATE: 3/20/17 TIME: 1:00 pm – 3:00pm LOCATION: L-106

Present:

President: Israel Cortez

Vice-President: Natasha Garcia

Treasurer: *Not appointed*

Commissioner of Campus Events: Angela Lee

Publicity and Outreach: *Not appointed*

Senators: Jean Carlos-Alvarado, Al-Ameen Ishola, Dale Satre, Azuka Atum, Jessica Havelhorst, Marco McMullen, Tammy Smith

Student Representatives: Jonathan Pantino, RC Kubota

Advisor: John Nguyen

Absent: Nilton Serva

Minute Taker: Amata Abatcha

Guests: Samantha Mori

ITEM #	TOPIC/ACTIVITY	OUTCOME
1	Call to order	I. President Cortez called the meeting to order at 1:10pm
2	Approve: I. Agenda II. Minutes from 3/13/17 meeting	I. Motion to remove agenda item 9 and approve agenda with amendment A. Motioned by: Vice-President Garcia B. Seconded by: Senator Satre C. Motion approved unanimously 6-0-0 II. Motion to approve the previous minutes with added amendments A. Motioned by: Senator Ishola B. Seconded by: Senator Satre C. Motion approved 3-0-3
BUSINESS: REPORTS		
3	Public Comment	I. No public comment



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<p>4</p>	<p>Officer and Senator Updates</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">I. From Senator Havelhorst:<ul style="list-style-type: none">A. No reportII. From Senator Satre:<ul style="list-style-type: none">A. Announced that he will not be attending the March 27 meeting as he will be deployed in TexasIII. From Senator Ishola:<ul style="list-style-type: none">A. Stated that AGS has rescinded their request for funding for their state convention. “They have achieved their goal and are no longer in need of funds.”B. Has been working with the Veteran’s Club closely in order to update their budget. “I think it has been re-worked into something much more appropriate at this time.” Stated that he will allow them to further speak out when they come in [at item 9]C. Initial proposal was \$1,500.00 which has now been dropped to \$849.15D. Vice-President Garcia asked, “do they still have a sufficient amount of money to support their feed?” In response, Senator Ishola stated that because they are a new club, they will need all the help they can getE. Vice-President Garcia strongly urged for them to return to ICC and submit another request form. Senator Ishola replied that they will be attending today’s ICC meeting. Then President Cortez said that it is important that they attend today’s meeting.F. “So they will need an exact request?” Vice-President Garcia responded that ICC matches funds. They will need the corresponding amount to get the same amount. For example, if they request \$100.00, they will need to possess \$100.00G. President Cortez then said that since they will be attending the meeting later on and voting, they will wait on Diane Ferguson to speakIV. From Senator McMullen:<ul style="list-style-type: none">A. No reportV. From President Cortez:<ul style="list-style-type: none">A. Will be donating blood for the first time
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		<p>B. Regarding the Job Shadowing program, Kristen Conner reported that she only received two applications. Re-stated that during Spring Break, there are 7 different fields available where students can expose themselves to different fieldwork. Deadline was once again extended to March 30</p> <p>C. Los Medanos College will be hosting this year’s Latina Conference where there will be keynote speakers and attendees to network with. The fee is \$25.00 for students. Various students all over California will be attending. For more information, contact Teresea Archaga of Student Life</p> <p>D. Reminded the board that every month, there are district board meetings where all the various constituencies meet. This week they are meeting on Wednesday at 6:00pm at the District Office in Martinez</p> <p>E. Announced that there will be a change to this year’s Academic Competition, an annual event that LMCAS funds in which scholarship money is awarded to students who win. This year it will be moved up to May 13 from roughly 8:00am-4:00pm [timing not official] a week before the original planned date. Asked the board to check their calendars to see whether they’d be available to volunteer</p> <p>VI. From Senator Atum:</p> <p>A. No report</p> <p>VII. From Representative Pantino:</p> <p>A. No report</p> <p>VIII. From Vice-President Garcia:</p> <p>A. Announced that she is on the cover of <i>The Experience</i> for Women’s History Month in which her life, achievements, and academic journey are featured</p> <p>B. Renaming “Local Discounts” to the “Mustang Discount” and will be distributing flyers listing details</p> <p>C. Will not be able to attend the first Senior Saturday (April 22)</p> <p>D. Spoke with Blue Saigon last week because she heard that students were getting discounts</p>
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		<p>even though it has not been officially implemented</p> <p>E. Because Jamba Juice has been frequently switching district managers, it is, “difficult to confirm whether they will still be offering discounts.”</p> <p>IX. From Commissioner Lee:</p> <p>A. No report</p> <p>X. From Senator Alvarado:</p> <p>A. No report</p>
5	Advisor Report	<p>I. From Advisor Nguyen:</p> <p>A. Congratulated Natasha Garcia for being featured in <i>The Experience</i></p> <p>B. Gave thanks to Amata Abatcha for doing well on the LMCAS minutes</p> <p>C. Regarding the blood drive, all the spots are filled. From 11:00am-2:00pm. “At this point we are in no need of volunteering.”</p> <p>D. This Wednesday, partnered with Workforce Development and the Antioch Rotary for the Empowering Ladies event. Was originally going to be held in room L-109 but because they exceeded maximum capacity so the event has now been relocated to the Recital Hall at the same time from 11:00am-2:00pm.</p> <p>E. Student Life’s “Femina” coming up Thursday evening. Anyone interested in performing must register online. From 7:00pm-9:00pm. Free food and entertainment. Senator Havelhorst asked whether there was a dress code, to which Advisor Nguyen responded there is none</p> <p>F. Club Day will be next week on March 29 from 11:00am-2:00pm in the indoor quad. Lots of food will be sold</p>
6	Committee Reports	<p>I. From Tabitha Romero:</p> <p>A. Introduced herself as the Regional Affairs Director for Region 3. Will be meeting at Berkeley City College this month for The State Senate for California Community Colleges (SSCCC) which will be responding and taking action to legislation that will directly impact community college</p>



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		<p>students. "This is very important."</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">B. President Cortez added that anyone can be chosen to serve as a temporary delegate for this meetingC. "Currently we do not have a student representative," added Guest Romero. "The college will sit as inactive because they have not attended three meetings." She is here for the purpose of getting a temporary delegate who will only be able to attend one meetingD. Further stated that SSCCC will have a presentation from Line Bike, a potential business partner for LMCE. Because the meeting is this Saturday, as a group, LMCAS will forward their pick and Guest Romero will notify themF. President Cortez stated that anyone who is interested in filling this role should let him knowG. Guest Romero added that there is a Student Representation Fee which costs \$2.00. "One dollar goes toward their bank account and the other dollar goes toward the regions." <p>II. From Jessica Havelhorst:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">A. Recapped last week's TLC meeting where she was a part of a panel. Received positive feedback that was specific to her. "Overall my presentation went very well." <p>III. From Senator Atum:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">A. No report <p>IV. From Representative Pantino:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">A. No report <p>V. From Vice-President Garcia</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">A. No report <p>VI. From Commissioner Lee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">A. No report <p>VII. From Senator Satre:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">A. The Safety Committee held an "unusually short meeting" at 20 minutes. Will be outfitting classrooms with better safety where one can identify rooms with CPR and defibrillators.
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		<p>Lieutenant Chad reiterated that the use and sale of marijuana is prohibited on campus</p> <p>B. Senator Ishola asked whether it was a particular building where the safety rooms will be implemented. Senator Satre responded that it will not be random but “strategically implemented.” Will be put into place 2-3 months from now</p> <p>C. Representative Ishola stated that there was a comment regarding training for students and said that the training would be organized on campus but LMC would be skipped. The next step would be to contact police to get this held at LMC. “It was easier for staff and students to be able to attend and receive specific safety trainings.” Secondly, “the police aides are supposed to have protective vests. Is that something the Safety Committee can do to replace?” Senator Satre responded that they are “pretty expensive” per unit.</p> <p>VIII. From Senator Ishola:</p> <p>A. No report</p> <p>IX. From Representative Kubota:</p> <p>A. Made some comments regarding the Technology Staffing Plan</p> <p>B. TAG is tomorrow from 2:00-4:00 in room SS-409. However, she has not checked her email to verify this</p> <p>X. From Senator Alvarado:</p> <p>A. No report</p> <p>XI. From Senator McMullen:</p> <p>A. No report</p> <p>XII. From Senator Smith</p> <p>A. No report</p> <p>XIII. From President Cortez:</p> <p>A. LMC hired the Vice-President of Business Services and Equity who are both fairly new and is acquainting them. They were looking for student representation and Nilton Serva said he would serve this role next year.</p> <p>B. Stated their objectives for SGC and EEO. Committee itself less than two years old. Retaining a</p>
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		<p>diverse workforce and hiring a diverse workforce are two different committees</p> <p>C. In response to Senator Havelhorst’s question, Advisor Nguyen said anyone can serve as a student representative however, they will not have voting rights</p>
BUSINESS		
7	Committee Appointments	<p>I. Motion to approve the aforementioned committee appointments</p> <p>A. Motioned by: Senator Ishola</p> <p>B. Seconded by: Vice-President Garcia</p> <p>C. Motion passes unanimously 9-0-0</p>
8	Election Committee	<p>I. From President Cortez:</p> <p>A. Re-capped the present three members of the election committee (himself, Al-Ameen Ishola, and Amata Abatcha)</p> <p>B. Vice-President Garcia and Commissioner Lee raised interest in joining</p> <p>II. Motion to approve Natasha Garcia and Angela Lee to the election committee</p> <p>A. Motioned by: Commissioner Lee</p> <p>B. Seconded by: Senator Ishola</p> <p>C. Discussion: Commissioner Lee asked when the first meeting would take place. President Cortez responded that it is yet to be decided, and that a chair would need to be chosen.</p> <p>D. Advisor Nguyen commented that chairs have voting rights and must adhere to the Brown Act/Robert’s Rules</p> <p>E. Discussion ensued regarding who take the the position of chair and the minute taker. Likely that Israel Cortez will chair and Amata Abatcha will minute take</p> <p>III. Motion to approve Natasha Garcia and Angela Lee as members of the Election Committee and Al-Ameen Ishola as chair</p> <p>A. Motioned by: Senator Ishola</p> <p>B. Seconded by: Senator Havelhorst</p>



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		<ul style="list-style-type: none">C. Discussion: Senator Satre said, “wouldn’t it be more orderly to appoint a chair once they convene at the very first meeting?” Advisor Nguyen agreedD. Discussion continued: Vice-President Garcia paid respect to Senator Ishola’s interest as chair but said, “it would be better to have a chair with experience.”IV. Motion to approve Natasha Garcia and Angela Lee as members of the Election Committee and leave the position of chair open<ul style="list-style-type: none">A. Motioned by: Senator AlvaradoB. Seconded by: Senator SatreC. Motion approved unanimously 7-0-2D. President Cortez then restated list of members of election committee which are as follows: Israel Cortez, Al-Ameen Ishola, Amata Abatcha, Natasha Garcia, and Angela Lee
<p>9</p>	<p>Request for Support: Veteran’s Pasta Feed</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">I. From Diane Ferguson:<ul style="list-style-type: none">A. Re-stated some of Senator Ishola’s earlier statements. Removed the entertainment portion as they are now able to get a band free of charge. Believes they met with the band last Friday. They called in and played a sampling of their music over phoneB. Had a volunteer go out to Grocery Outlet in Antioch to survey prices for ingredientsC. Distributed chart which illustrated that the pasta dinner will cover about 20 family scholarshipsII. Motion to approve \$500.00 to the Veteran’s Club<ul style="list-style-type: none">A. Motioned by: Senator IsholaB. Seconded by: Commissioner LeeC. Discussion: Vice-President Garcia told Guest Ferguson to return to ICC to match the fund request as stated earlier. Drafted on the whiteboard the way the process works in order to get Guest Ferguson on “the same page” and to feel confident enough to present itD. Discussion continued: Guest Ferguson clarified that she is not sure whether the board fully understands their goal. [Refer to 03/06/2017 minutes]



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| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none">E. President Cortez elaborated further on how matching funds with ICC works (get what you put in/have). Said it is best to help every organization as much as possibleF. Guest Ferguson: “We have allocated \$550.00 for the deposit but because the money is not returnable, we did not want to include that in the budget.”G. Senator Satre calculated that what they are asking for would cost 37% of the corresponding line item within LMCAS’s budgetH. Representative Kubota suggested that because the scholarships are only available to those a part of the Veteran’s Club and not every LMC student, this should be separate, however, “to my understanding, LMCAS does not have any such restriction on this.”I. Vice-President Garcia said food coverage is at \$350.00 that ICC cannot cover, but refreshments, facility rental, performers, and printed materials can be covered <p>III. Motion to amend the amount of \$500.00 to \$350.00</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">A. Motioned by: Senator AlvaradoB. Seconded by: Senator SatreC. Discussion: Senator Alvarado said that based on attending ICC meetings, he thinks there is a very good chance the board there will approve part of their fundsD. Discussion continued: Senator Ishola said he is working with them to acquire donations. Said that personally, Shelter Inc. has not been responding to him. “They will need some type of back-pocket funding for auctionable materials in general, something I want the board to be aware of.” Asked Guest Ferguson when deposits get returned. She replied, “after the event, but they may take my check and not cash it.”E. Senator Ishola asked Vice-President Garcia whether they can return the \$500.00 to ICC since it is returnable. Responded they can request about \$350.00 if approved and get \$900.00 backF. Motion passes unanimously 10-0-0 <p>IV. Diane mentioned that one item they can possibly win is a flat screen and thanked everyone for their time</p> |
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<p>10</p>	<p>Student Workers' Wages</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">I. From President Cortez:<ul style="list-style-type: none">A. Mentioned that several tutors came up to him and said that tutors get paid more than student ambassadors. The difference used to be \$10.00 vs \$11.50B. What we have now is tutors getting a \$0.50 raise but still not enoughC. Once again stated that he has received several emails from student tutors saying they go through a more rigorous process, such as having a focused area and having to demonstrate their capability through their A or B gradesD. Went over two designations for student workers: hourly instructional pay and hourly non-instructional payE. Representative Kubota said they used to have student assistants, specifically lab assistants who could reach a 'pay threshold'F. Senator Ishola asked to clarify the meaning of student ambassadors. Some confusion ensued so Advisor Nguyen clarified what was in the pastG. Senator Ishola then said that students who instruct indeed deserve a higher raise by \$0.50 to \$1.00. "\$1.50 to \$2.00 is pushing it."H. Vice-President Garcia asked whether the students are asking for a dollar back. President Cortez said they are simply asking to consider a wage raise. She then provided anecdote of how she used to work as a tutor for another organization at the K-8 level and was paid much more than college-level tutors here at Los MedanosI. Commissioner Lee cleared up the misconception and stated that currently, tutors are already paid fifty cents moreJ. President Cortez said that police aides have their own budget which is handled by police servicesK. Senator Havelhorst remarked how tutors sometimes sit and "do nothing" while they wait, while ambassadors constantly do office work.L. Commissioner Lee strongly agreed and felt that they should get paid more "but then again, the workload is less."
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		<p>M. Senator Atum said she thought the student tutors did not actually give a specific reason why they are requesting a raise, to which President Cortez responded they in fact did</p> <p>N. Senator Ishola agreed with Senator Havelhorst and Commissioner Lee, further stating how student tutors, due to frequently low demand, largely “sit around” waiting to help and get paid for this inactivity, but also recognized that this isn’t their fault</p> <p>O. Senator Alvarado provided a differing perspective about how he struggled in science subjects and and that the board must consider how their knowledge in itself is valuable and should be valued</p> <p>P. Senator Satre said maybe they should only be paid based on the actual hours they work and provided an economic perspective</p> <p>Q. Vice-President Garcia said there isn’t a way for them to do that. “But what Senator Satre is saying is right where we need to balance the demand in the market and that STEM tutors should possibly be paid more.”</p> <p>R. Representative Kubota brought in sociological/historical perspective where minorities tended to be undervalued and wanted to bring in the component of stress from a gender approach. Added that she had a job where they did not pay as much because they expected them to receive tips and for the tips to compensate. Brought her statements back to two different designations of pay. “Last component is complaints about how people need tutors when they are not available,” tying back to Senator Satre’s economic perspective</p> <p>S. President Cortez stated that the board will continue the discussion next week</p>
11	Adjournment	I. Senator Ishola motions to adjourn meeting at 3:01pm