



LOS MEDANOS COLLEGE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS MINUTES

DATE: 8/14/17 TIME: 1:00 pm – 3:00pm LOCATION: L-106

Present:

President: Marco McMullen

Vice-President: *Not appointed*

Treasurer: Dale Satre

Commissioner of Campus Events: *Absent*

Publicity and Outreach: *Not appointed*

Senators: Jessica Havelhorst, Tammy Smith, Jean Carlos Alvarado

Student Representatives: Philip Tripp

Advisor: John Nguyen

Absent: Hannah Tatmon, Jonathan Pantino

Minute Taker: Amata Abatcha

Guests: Serena Neal, Jessica Wilson, Joseph Carioso, Dion Powell

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 5/15/17 meeting	I. Motion to amend and approve the agenda A. Motioned by: Senator Havelhorst B. Seconded by: Treasurer Satre C. Motion approved unanimously 3-0-0 II. Motion to approve the previous minutes A. Motioned by: Senator Havelhorst B. Seconded by: Treasurer Satre C. Motion approved unanimously 3-0-0
BUSINESS: REPORTS		
3	Public Comment	I. From Serena Neal:



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		<ul style="list-style-type: none">A. Inquired upon becoming a senator but wanted to know whether there was a limitB. Advisor Nguyen responded that there is no limit, especially as there are very few senators left. Stated that senator applications are due on September 11 at 3:00pm. Reminded her to make sure to acquire the 50 required signaturesII. From Jessica Williams:<ul style="list-style-type: none">A. Inquired upon the boundaries of power a senator can holdB. President McMullen responded, "If you would like to represent to be a voice for all students, so long as it serves those purposes."C. Advisor Nguyen added that prospective senators will be handling a budget; every semester, students pay a small fee that serves as a tax that goes to the budget which will help represent them. For example, Senator Smith represents DSPS, and if she feels a disabled student needs a certain goal fulfilled, she can serve on their behalfD. President McMullen said for example, Guest Williams could join PDAC which would be a great opportunityIII. From Joseph Carioso:<ul style="list-style-type: none">A. Would like an item to be voted on by LMCAS which is to offer vouchers. A recent California bill allowed community colleges to increase the amount of vouchers distributed throughout various California community colleges. Will continue a survey which they started in the previous semester, and once it is complete in October, Guest Carioso will consult Advisor Nguyen.B. Stated that he would like the permission of LMCAS to conduct this survey. Explained that the reason why he asking is because they ran into a roadblock during the summer. Will bring all information they currently have to present for next weekC. President McMullen told Guest Carioso that it is good they notified the board so they can make it an agenda item for next weekIV. From Dave Belman:<ul style="list-style-type: none">A. Wanted to come by and introduce himself as the Dean of Students who works with a variety
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		<p>of groups and organizations. Has been working at LMC for 10 years now and was also an alumni several years previously. When he returned to LMC in 2007 he worked at the Student Life Office. Wanted to give kudos for the Student Life Retreat held in the summer. Got a chance to meet with President McMullen about the goals he would be considering for the year. “To me when I think about Student Government,” he ended, “your role is really about addressing the questions about limits and boundaries and is all about serving students. I want to encourage you to keep sight of those things you learned at the retreat and think of how you can be flexible and nimble.” Referenced the Charlottesville, Virginia tragedy the past weekend and tied it into lessons on effectiveness.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">B. Proceeded to go around the table in which everyone seated introduced themselves, their majors, and what they are interested in accomplishingC. After everyone had introduced themselves, Guest Belman spotted out that pattern he noticed was that everyone was looking to serve a larger community in some way. Added that he is a part of many committees including Diversity and Equity and to feel free to speak with him
<p>4</p>	<p>Officer and Senator Reports/Updates</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">I. From Senator Havelhorst:<ul style="list-style-type: none">A. No reportII. From Senator Alvarado:<ul style="list-style-type: none">A. No reportIII. From Treasurer Satre:<ul style="list-style-type: none">A. Announced that the first Safety Committee MeetingB. Stated that he will be absent for the next two meetings as he will be stationed in KoreaIV. From Senator Smith:<ul style="list-style-type: none">A. Wanted to let anyone know that the Student Life Office will be hosting many events this weekV. From President McMullen:



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		A. No report
5	Advisor Report	<p>I. From Advisor Nguyen:</p> <p>A. Went over upcoming events this week.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Monday: Free Jamba Juice, muffins, and artist sketches 2. Tuesday: Club Day 3. Wednesday: Ice cream social at the Brentwood campus 4. Thursday: Free hot dogs from administrators 5. Next Tuesday: Rock climbing <p>B. Looks forward to working with everyone. Worked with President McMullen over the summer extensively. "Let's work for a year where students feel appreciated," he ended.</p> <p>C. President McMullen asked who will be tabling for Club Day. Senator Havelhorst stated that she would be unavailable whereas Senator Smith stated that she would be available to hel</p>
6	Committee Reports	<p>I. From Representative Tripp:</p> <p>A. No report</p> <p>II. From Senator Havelhorst</p> <p>A. No report</p> <p>III. From Senator Alvarado</p> <p>A. No report</p> <p>IV. From Treasurer Satre:</p> <p>A. No report</p> <p>V. From Senator Smith:</p> <p>A. No report</p> <p>VI. From President McMullen:</p> <p>A. No report</p>
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7	Budget Approval	<ul style="list-style-type: none">I. From Treasurer Satre:<ul style="list-style-type: none">A. Stated that this year, LMCAS has a lot more money to work with this semester. Listed last starting budget and this year’s starting budget. “We’re going to have \$20,000.00 to work with this year.” Noted increased bumps in a few different items.B. Stated that he more than doubled the amount in Line Item #7 and added ‘Student Conference Fund’ which did not exist last year. Created Line Item #11. Instead of having \$500.00 in reserves, he increased the amount to \$5,000.00II. Motion to approve the budget<ul style="list-style-type: none">A. Motioned by: Senator AlvaradoB. Seconded by: Treasurer SatreC. <i>Discussion:</i> The set up fees dropped by \$7,000.00, said President McMullen. “Why is that?” Advisor Nguyen responded that it was because they were not really spending any money on that itemD. Senator Havelhorst inquired about possible conferences they can attend now that they have more money for conferences. McMullen said he spoke to Tabitha Romero who said that they’d have more funds especially for transportation reimbursements. “SSCCC is definitely on the table.”E. Senator Alvarado inquired about scholarships and whether they could create more scholarships. Advisor Nguyen responded that each scholarship has a particular amount and throughout the year has allocated money into slots. Senators have the power to add more money as there is a lot of flexibility since LMCAS has an abundance of money. “More scholarships can definitely be made for students.” Throughout the year, senators will be able to look over the budget and move from one item to another, but would not recommend this procedure, rather suggesting thinking over it during the year and recommending a change during an agenda itemF. Advisor Nguyen cleared up a misperception regarding Line Items #5 and #6 about whether they had already been approved or not
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		<p>G. Senator Alvarado asked what Line Item #16 means. Advisor Nguyen said for example if you have something to say about the events in Charlottesville, Virginia this past weekend, senators can plan an event about it if a sizeable amount of students feel upset by it</p> <p>H. President McMullen said to be cautious about spending money since a few years ago the budget ran out</p> <p>I. Senator Havelhorst pointed out a couple typos on the Annual Budget Form</p> <p>III. Motion to amend the previous motion of approval</p> <p>A. Motioned by: Senator Havelhorst</p> <p>B. Seconded by: Treasurer Satre</p> <p>C. <i>Further Discussion:</i> It was inquired why sponsorships are listed as \$0.00. Advisor Nguyen said it is an item that must stay in place and Transfer Center is in charge of it anyway</p> <p>A. Motion approved unanimously 3-0-0</p>
<p>8</p>	<p>Community College Bachelor's Degree</p>	<p>I. From Joseph Carioso and Dion Powell:</p> <p>A. Recapped how last semester, they discussed whether LMC should offer Bachelor's degrees. Looked through California legislature in which it would cost \$80.00 per unit for upper division classes alone. Considered costs and how it would work. Looked into how Fridays and Wednesdays are usually quiet with empty classrooms that could be put into use</p> <p>B. Former LMCAS president Gary Walker who now works with the Contra Costa College District was not convinced of their data when they presented it to him because anyone can forge answers since Student IDs weren't always provided. Wanted to ask LMCAS whether they would be on board with the idea, such as helping to spread the news</p> <p>C. Senator Alvarado asked whether a survey was all they needed. Guest Carioso responded that yes, in addition to the Student ID number in order to verify identity.</p> <p>D. Senator Alvarado further clarified his question. "Say everything works fine," he said. "What happens after?" Guest Carioso responded that it would take a year to get the program started. "So if everything goes smoothly it would happen Fall 2019?" asked Senator Alvarado.</p>



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		<p>Guest Carioso responded definitively. Said he believes a community college in Florida has been starting to offer bachelor's in science and engineering because it was in such high demand. The board was impressed by this</p> <p>E. Guest Powell added some colleges are offering Bachelor’s degrees in dental hygiene. “So how would this happen?” inquired Senator Alvarado. Responded that they can start off small by offering liberal arts degrees</p> <p>F. Stated that next week, he and his colleague have a meeting with the head of the academic senate</p> <p>G. If the board is interested, Guest Powell added, he will bring in the survey to present next week</p> <p>H. Has been talking to some schools in San Diego via Twitter who are happy to support the pilot program and hopes the Contra Costa Community College District gets on board</p> <p>I. Guest Powell added that this would show that the old ways of getting into college don’t always work and we need to implement new methods and would be beneficial such as preventing students from getting into debt</p> <p>J. Guest Carioso added that he knows this will be a challenge but is willing to go downstairs</p> <p>K. Guest Powell added that they can review what works and what doesn’t</p> <p>L. Senator Alvarado said he could not see the cons of this besides less parking space. Thinks the idea is “very cool,” does not think that even San Francisco City College does that</p> <p>M. Wrote their contact information on the whiteboard. Contact Joseph Carioso at cariosojoey@gmail.com and Dion Powell at drockjr@sbcglobal.net</p>
9	Adjournment	I. Senator Havelhorst motions to adjourn meeting at 2:14pm