



LOS MEDANOS COLLEGE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS MINUTES

DATE: 3/19/18 **TIME:** 1:00 pm – 3:00pm **LOCATION:** SS4-401

Present:

President: Marco McMullen

Vice-President: Tammy Smith

Treasurer: Marco Mendez

Commissioner of Campus Events: Jocelyn Villalobos

Publicity and Outreach: Serena Neal

Senators: Sierra Abel, Marayah Guinto, Jessica Quintos, LeeAndra Matthews, Ruben Rocha

Student Representatives: Priscilla Tatmon

Advisor: John Nguyen

Absent: John Keating

Minute Taker: Amata Abatcha

Guests: Eliacin "Eli" Velazquez, Earl Russell Tang Almazan, Dale Satre, Alex Porter, Liz Greene, Gregg Brown, Gilles Djomani, Vince Morris

| ITEM # | TOPIC/ACTIVITY | OUTCOME |
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| 1 | Call to Order | I. President McMullen called the meeting to order at 1:04pm |
| 2 | Approve: I. Agenda II. Minutes from the 3/12/18 meeting | I. Motion to amend and approve the agenda A. Motioned by: Senator Abel B. Seconded by: Officer Neal C. Motion approved 9-0-1 II. Motion to amend the the 3/12/18 minutes A. Motioned by: Senator Guinto B. Seconded by: Vice-President Smith C. Motion approved unanimously 10-0-0 |
| BUSINESS: REPORTS | | |
| 3 | Public Comment | I. From Dale Satre: |



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| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none">A. Introduced himself as a former treasurer of LMCASII. From Eliacin Velazquez:<ul style="list-style-type: none">A. Introduced himself as a former treasurer of LMCAS |
| <p>4</p> | <p>Officer & Senator Reports/Updates</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none">I. From Senator Guinto:<ul style="list-style-type: none">A. Reported that the 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament has been going well so farII. From Treasurer Mendez:<ul style="list-style-type: none">A. Attended the Walk Out against gun violence last Wednesday. Applauded Senator Abel and Senator Quintos for putting things togetherIII. From Representative Tatmon:<ul style="list-style-type: none">A. No reportIV. From Vice-President Smith:<ul style="list-style-type: none">A. Encouraged DSPS students to “out” themselves as disabled last week and not be ashamed of who they areV. From Senator Quintos:<ul style="list-style-type: none">A. Attended the Walk Out against gun violence last week which “went well.”VI. From Commissioner Villalobos:<ul style="list-style-type: none">A. Wanted to thank the speakers of the event and Senator Abel and Senator QuintosB. Attended “A Place to Talk” last Thursday where they discussed safety issuesC. Announced that Sexual Abuse Awareness Week will be taking place after Spring Break between April 23-26D. Will be unable to fulfill office hours this week as she will be travelling to Washington DCVII. From Officer Neal:<ul style="list-style-type: none">A. No reportVIII. From Senator Abel:<ul style="list-style-type: none">A. Thanked everyone for supporting and setting up the Walk Out Against Gun ViolenceB. Thought “A Place to Talk” discussion was very thought provoking |



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| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none">C. Talked to middle schoolers about college lifeIX. From Senator Rocha:<ul style="list-style-type: none">A. Thought the Walk Out Against Gun Violence was well organizedB. Attended the Leadership brunch last weekC. Wanted to remind everyone about the Blood Drive tomorrow on Tuesday, March 20 in front of the libraryD. Announced that “March for Our Lives” will be taking place this Saturday, March 24 in Walnut Creek. Explained that it is a nationwide event which will also take place in San Francisco and RichmondE. Announced that “Dolores Huerta Day” will be on Saturday, March 31. More details to come laterF. Attended “A Place to Talk” last week and found it to be very informativeG. Will be seeing Michelle Obama at the Oracle Arena on Wednesday, March 28X. From Senator Matthews:<ul style="list-style-type: none">A. Wanted to thank the coordinators of the Walk Out Against Violence. Appreciated that the event felt welcoming despite feeling bad that they needed to come out due to a bad situationXI. From President McMullen:<ul style="list-style-type: none">A. Stated that Robert Martinez, Director of Legislative Affairs for SSCCC advocated for students on the district level. Noted that he was promoted to a higher seat and Tabitha Romero, Vice-President of Legislative Affairs, scouted a Los Medanos student, Dylan Lee, a member of the school debate teamB. Found it interesting that the “A Place to Talk” event was written about in the school newspaperC. Reminded the board and students in general to not be afraid to voice their opinion, using the new conservative student club Young Americans for Freedom as an exampleD. Noted that Sabrina Kwist went to an old faculty lounge located on the bottom floor of the core building that could be used for students who wish to pray |
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| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none">E. Regarding the Interfaith Room speakers, he will be presenting on Monday, April 9. Asked the senators whether they know anyone willing to share their experienceF. Will also be talking about the OER Resolution at the same meeting. Distributed some papers for the senators to signG. Spoke to President Bob about Commissioner Villalobos’s idea about dedicating a week of school toward raising awareness of sexual violence. Said they could use chalk to write on the indoor quad as well as reserving the gymnasium for a day |
| 5 | Advisor Report | <ul style="list-style-type: none">I. From John Nguyen:<ul style="list-style-type: none">A. Stated that the Blood Drive will be held from 11:00am-3:00pm outside the library tomorrow on Tuesday, March 20B. Announced that the last and final game for 3-on-3 Basketball tomorrow on Tuesday, March 20 at 3:30pmC. Announced Asian Art Museum in San Francisco trip on April 13 at 11:00am. Link will be available tomorrow on Tuesday, March 20. BART tickets will be fully paid forD. Student Trustee application due tomorrow on Tuesday, March 20 at the Office of Student Life by 12:30pm. On March 23 by 12:00pm, he will let applicants know who is eligible |
| 6 | Committee Reports | <ul style="list-style-type: none">I. From Senator Guinto<ul style="list-style-type: none">A. No reportII. From Treasurer Mendez<ul style="list-style-type: none">A. No reportIII. From Representative Tatmon:<ul style="list-style-type: none">A. Attended the Academic Senate meeting last week.IV. From Vice-President Smith:<ul style="list-style-type: none">A. Will be discussing tabling options at ICC because there have been conflicts regarding fundraising/sales between clubs |



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| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> B. AMSA will be facilitating a bone and stem cell drive at the same time as the Blood Drive. Lost a friend of hers who was a black male and stated that, “ it was hard to find bone marrow for him.” C. Spoke with Young Americans for Freedom and made them feel welcome despite the fact that there are many students who disagree with their stance D. “What It’s Like to be Black, Male, and Learning Disabled” on behalf of Equity Department and E. Announced that the Veterans Club will be hosting a softball tournament on March or April 26 F. Debate Society will be having a pasta sale tomorrow on Tuesday, March 20 at 11:00am in the indoor quad V. From Senator Quintos: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Attended the Academic Senate meeting where they talked about Guided Pathways VI. From Officer Neal: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Attended End of Summer Bash Committee budget proposal meeting VII. From Senator Abel: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Noted that an accommodation for religious students was passed at the Academic Senate B. Briefly talked about Title 5 Requirement complaints that background traits such as ethnicity and sex were not being respected VIII. From Senator Rocha: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Attended SSCCC phone meeting with President McMullen where they elected a fellow Los Medanos student to the board B. Stated that London Breed, a mayoral candidate for the city of San Francisco, is organizing a fellowship asking students to join C. Thinking of starting a Democratic Club as well as an indigenous students club |
| NEW BUSINESS | | |
| 7 | Resource Allocation Process Revision | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I. From Alex Porter: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Introduced himself as the Vice-President of Business Administrative Services |



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| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none">B. Put together a document for the Shared Governance CouncilC. Presented a summarized version Resource Allocation Process regarding complaints on efficiencyD. Overviewed Attachment A, a blank form sheetE. Stated that they must submit a new request each year. Suggesting to extend this to two years. “Those who submit it should have the ability to go back in and change anything,” he stated. Otherwise the standard “shelf life” of the process will be two yearsF. Guest Velazquez asked how the measure impacts students at Los MedanosG. Guest Porter responded that it is important for the student senate to be informed on the matter as they will be voting on this |
| <p>8</p> | <p>LMC Creative Writing Contest</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none">I. From Liz Green:<ul style="list-style-type: none">A. Would like to bring in more creative writing classes at Los Medanos such as playwriting in conjunction with the drama departmentB. Would be open to hosting events such as open mics and slam poetry events in conjunction with these classesC. Would like to host a creative writing contest and provide a reasonable amount of prize money as well as funding to register a domain onlineD. Guest Gregg Brown added that other colleges have more robust literary departments and that being said, LMC should invest in further developing a literary departmentE. Requesting a total of \$250.00F. Treasurer Mendez provided that funding them would probably come out of Line Item 15: “Campus Events.”G. Senator Matthews stated that some students may feel apprehensive about participating, inquiring on more details about the literary contestH. Commissioner Villalobos also asked exactly what the judges would be looking for in an entryI. Guest Green and Guest Brown responded that the contest would be free of charge and that |



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| | | some entries may not necessarily be evaluated on writing skill but rather creativity and vision |
| 9 | 44th Annual NSBE Convention | <ul style="list-style-type: none">I. From Gilles Djomani:<ul style="list-style-type: none">A. Reintroduced himself as a computer science and engineering student. Is a member of many clubs such as SACNAS, MESA, Honors, etcB. Previously spoke with Nicole Trager about what to do to start a chapter of the National Society of Black Engineers (NSBE) here at Los Medanos CollegeC. Has now started a draft of what they will be doing while they're at the convention from March 21-25.D. Added that he would like to continue to come in and speak on April 23, 25, 30, and May 2E. Will be flying tomorrow with another club member, Vince Morris at 10:30pmF. Guest Velazquez inquired about reaching out to studentsG. Treasurer Mendez wanted to make sure that they would return to host a workshopH. Guest Matthews asked who else besides Guest Morris will be staying. Responded that he will be gathering further informationI. Treasurer Mendez finalized that the funds would be taken out of Line Item 8: "Student Conference Funds"II. Motion to approve \$1,000.00 toward funding the NSBE conference<ul style="list-style-type: none">A. Motioned by: Senator GuintoB. Seconded by: Senator AbelIII. Discussion:<ul style="list-style-type: none">A. The board agreed that they should hold a follow-up eventB. Motion approved 9-0-1 |
| 10 | Senator Confirmation | <ul style="list-style-type: none">I. From Earl Almazan:<ul style="list-style-type: none">A. Officer Neal asked Guest Almazan, "what kinds of things have you been doing to make a difference at LMC?" |



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| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none">B. Guest Almazan responded that he has been trying to get to know different clubs around campusII. Motion to appoint Earl Almazan to the senate as a senator of LMCAS<ul style="list-style-type: none">A. Motioned by: Commissioner VillalobosB. Seconded by: Senator MatthewsC. Motion approved 9-0-1 |
| 11 | Caribbean History | <ul style="list-style-type: none">I. From Eliacin Velazquez:<ul style="list-style-type: none">A. Reintroduced himself as a former treasurer at LMCAS. Is currently at student at the University of California, DavisB. Recapped how he wanted to study History during his time at Los Medanos but was unable to. He wished to study Caribbean history in particular, specifically Puerto Rican history however, his instructors told him this was not possible as it is not considered a part of United States historyC. Thought it would be a great opportunity for LMC and DVC students to come out to UC Davis for a special seminar to learn about Caribbean historyD. Reached out to a company earlier in the day in Vallejo called Michael's Buses Transportation, and gave them a quote of roughly \$1,600 dollars per bus. Would like for visiting students to come in for a tour then have two attorneys come in to talk about the history of Puerto RicoE. Is tentatively requesting \$3,200 to fund Michael's Transportation for buses. Has already determined that the event will be held on Thursday, May 10 at 7:00pmF. Added that there would be an age limit. There will also be a Google Form where people may indicate their relevant personal informationG. President McMullen stated that they would be unable to make a vote until after Spring Break on April 9H. Guest Matthews asked where the bus would meet since DVC students will also be welcomeI. Guest Velazquez responded that the bus would pick up students at the Los Medanos |



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| | | <p>Pittsburg campus only and that students from other campuses would have to meet here</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">J. Added that the benefit of funding this event is to bring exposure and provide enrichment for LMC studentsK. Vice-President Smith appreciated his effort and mentioned how its claimed that California is diverse but only countries like Mexico and a few Central American countries are represented |
| <p>12</p> | <p>Identify LMCAS Priorities</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none">I. From President McMullen:<ul style="list-style-type: none">A. Asked the board what they feel should be their focus for this semester after returning from Spring BreakB. Senator Guinto said working on Commissioner Villalobos’s Sexual Violence Awareness project should be one of the main prioritiesC. Vice-President Smith raised the concern that a title like this or event like this may be triggering for some people. Asked whether she had spoken to any counselorsD. Senator Abel suggested doing something anonymouslyE. Senator Rocha said the gun debate should still be kept at the forefront and focus on school safetyF. Senator Abel mentioned holding voter registrations as well as not only raising awareness on gun violence but support of veteransG. Vice-President Smith said that the Brentwood campus needs to remain a priority. Would like to purchase new sign holders. “A table has already been reserved.”H. Guest Djomani provided his personal experience regarding being born with sickle cell falling into a coma and needing a blood donation. He connected this to how he appreciates that the school found it important to bring in a Blood Drive truck for students to donate to those who need the helpII. From President McMullen:<ul style="list-style-type: none">A. Tentatively affirmed that the senate’s priorities would be: (in no particular order)<ul style="list-style-type: none">1. Sexual Violence Awareness Week |



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| | | <ol style="list-style-type: none">2. Senator office hours3. The interfaith room4. Donation drives5. Campus safety |
| 13 | Transfer/Stellar Celebration | <ol style="list-style-type: none"><i>1. Skipped due to timing</i> |
| 14 | LMC Bash Funding | <ol style="list-style-type: none"><i>1. Skipped due to timing</i> |
| 15 | Adjournment | <ol style="list-style-type: none">I. Motion to adjourn meeting at 3:01pm<ol style="list-style-type: none">A. Motioned by: Vice-President Smith |