



LOS MEDANOS COLLEGE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS MINUTES

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Present:

President: Israel Castro Cortez

Vice-President: Vacant

Treasurer: Vacant

Campus Events: Vacant

Publicity and Outreach: Vacant

Senators: Tabitha Romero-Bothi, Jose Hernandez-Morales, Angela Lee, Natasha Garcia

Advisor: John Nguyen

Minute Taker: Raphael Antunez

Guests: Greg Enholm, Renee Zeimer, Dave Belman, Joshua Samuels, Sarah Gonzalez, Marilyn Aviles, Lissette Urbina, Nilton Serva, Richard Stanfield, Kyle Marshall, Chris Hipolito, Genaro Mauricio, Eli Velazquez, Kalen Jotojot, Justin Rocha

ITEM #	TOPIC/ACTIVITY	OUTCOME
1	Call to order	I. President Cortez called the meeting to order at 1:05 pm
2	Approve: I. Agenda	I. Motion to approve the agenda: A. Motion: Senator Romero B. Second: Senator Lee II. Motion to approve the amended minutes of 5.16.16 meeting A. Changes: In Item 3, Section 1 change "Bellman" to "Belman" B. Motion: Senator Romero C. Second: Senator Hernandez
BUSINESS: REPORTS		
3	Public Comment	I. From Greg Enholm, Elected Trustee for CCCCD: A. The Contra Costa Community College District approved College Access and Career



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		<p>Pathways in June</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">B. High School students can take college courses in their respective schools as part of their daily schedule.C. The goal is for high school students to graduate with at least some college general education completed. At least one class completed.D. This will make it easier to employ college professors within the district. <p>1. Question from Sen. Jose: Have you found the solution to advocating for more parental involvement?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. Answer: Greg will be visiting all seven school districts within his ward, which have received it well. He hopes that the counselors and the teachers are the ones to inform the students and the parents. <p>2. Question from Eli Velazquez: Does this include students who are in continuation schools.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">b. Answer: That would depend on the district. I am only part time so we would need to bring in specialist to the subject. <p>II. From Richard Stanfield, former LMCAS Treasurer:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">A. Due to scheduling conflicts, I have stepped down from LMCASB. I came to thank you all of you for an amazing time. I treasure all of you and my time here on the board.C. I will be doing what I love most, which is to help students reach their goals. I will still be on campus to assist if needed. <p>III. From Dave Belman, Dean of Student Success:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. I admire everyone’s commitment on getting together during the summer and having a great retreat.b. It’s actually the first time that it ever happens. I am looking forward to a great start and
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		<p>for those who are interested in filling up vacancies in the officer and senator positions. It is a fantastic opportunity to build up your resume and be a voice for students. I really encourage you, those in the audience, to be involved.</p> <p>c. We are experiencing staffing transition. Demetria Lawrence was coming back to work with Student Life but has transferred to CCC, given an opportunity she could not pass up. Maureen, the Honors Director Assistant, will be taking some responsibility in Student Life so expect to see her more often.</p> <p>d. LMCAS is a strong supporter of Welcome Week. Thank you for your commitment.</p>
<p>4</p>	<p>Officers and Senators Reports/Updates</p>	<p>I. From Senator Romero: A. We need a new delegate and secondary delegate for SSCCC.</p> <p>II. From Senator Hernandez: A. Last semester, I was pushing for the remodeling of the parking lots and as you can see, they are refurbished and up and running.</p> <p>III. From Senator Garcia: A. We had our Retreat in Berkeley during the summer and I think it was very successful. I want to thank John for setting all that up. B. It is a good memory to have and look back on for team building. I think we all got closer especially when communicating. We should have more in the future. C. I am looking forward to a new year, excited to share my ideas. D. I do want to emphasize the subject of security. I want to pressure more protocol and possible seminars for faculty members and counselors in the case of an emergency so we know what to do and be prepared.</p> <p>IV. From President Cortez: A. Touching on that subject, the district has approved the installment of new cameras in every entrance and every floor as soon as the Student Union building</p>



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		<p>is completed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">B. There will be more renovation on campus, including the tennis courts.C. An Evening of Cultural Conversation from last semester was a district wide effort to promote innovation. It was received well and it could be used as a way to promote unity among the sister colleges.D. The Chancellor Search Committee members are completing Implicit Bias Training that satisfy requirements in Title V. That way the members are trained to pick adequate candidates.E. CCCCD approved College Access and Career Pathways, which allows high students to take college courses in their respective campus. I encourage those who have siblings, friends, and children to spread the word. PUSD has not adopted it but other school districts have.F. Student Trustee, Kwame, is very interested to help give students more opportunities.G. Also, a reminder that we have a health awareness program with John F. Kennedy University. Anyone can request free confidential consultations.H. Want to acknowledge the success of the LMC Engineers. What they are doing is huge and significant for all of us.I. Welcome Day was filled with new and returning students. The guest speaker was phenomenal.J. I just want to remind you all to spread the word on Senator Applications.
<p>5</p>	<p>Advisor Report</p>	<p>A. Mustang Madness is going on this week. Today we were able to pass out Jamba Juice and other prizes. Mustang Week is one of our biggest events here on campus where many student organizations as well as different departments table.</p>



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		<p>B. UC Berkeley and CSU East Bay will be coming tomorrow to answer any questions students might have regarding transferring.</p> <p>C. Every day this week has something to look forward to. From water balloon toss to shaved ice cream to free frozen desserts to giving out a free backpack with everything you need to survive in LMC, including a parking permit.</p> <p>D. Spread the word of our new Instagram page.</p> <p>E. If you want to start a new club here on campus, talk to me.</p> <p>F. During the summer we had different events, one called “A Place to Talk” as a way to cope with the tragic events that occurred throughout the summer.</p>
6	Budget Report	<p>From Advisor John:</p> <p>A. Last semester, LMCAS approved a tentative budget for this year. I will be looking over it so that you all have the opportunity to approve the current budget that we have.</p>
7	Committee Reports	<p>I. From Senator Garcia:</p> <p>A. PDAC has not been able to reach quorum especially because during the last weeks of the semester, many faculty and staff members were not present.</p> <p>B. I am talking to Ruth on what it can be done to solve this problem of quorum.</p> <p>II. From Senator Hernandez: No Report</p> <p>III. From Senator Romero: No Report</p> <p>IV. From Senator Lee: No report</p> <p>V. From President Cortez:</p> <p>A. EEO Committee agreed to meet during the summer but it did not happen. However, the District EEO Plan has been approved.</p> <p>B. The finalized list of committees, their times, and their locations will be given to us soon.</p>



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New Business		
8	Bylaws Update	<p>I. From President Cortez</p> <p>A. Last semester LMCAS approved our Bylaws and it took several months but during the summer our advisor noticed an exceedingly amount of grammatical errors and punctuation.</p> <p>1. Question from Senator Romero: Considering that there are a lot of people here that are not aware of what our Bylaws are, could you explain what they are?</p> <p>a. Answer: Bylaws are the laws that LMCAS established as part of our shared governance. Each section explicitly states our instructions on what to do, our responsibilities, our Senator obligations. They are our guidance. Each goal is also explained as well as our elections and all the minor details. We abide by the Brown Act.</p> <p>Motion to approve the amended Bylaws: Senator Hernandez Seconded: Senator Garcia</p> <p>II. From Advisor John:</p> <p>A. Just want to make it clear that when the bylaws were approved, they were done in front of a screen. When I received them, it contained many fonts, grammatical errors, so I took it upon myself to revise them.</p> <p>1. Comment from Senator Hernandez: I do want to thank John for taking the time to fix something we lacked in. It is important for them to reflect who we are.</p> <p>Passed unanimously</p>
9	Senator Interview	<p>I. From President Cortez: Eli submitted his senator application a few weeks ago and has demonstrated a passion to be part of this board.</p>



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		<p>II. From Eli: I have been a student here 2 years and until I transfer, I want to be involved and make good use of my time. My major is Economics.</p> <p>1. Question from President Cortez: What is your most treasured accomplishment? Answer: It sounds corny, but the fact that I am an LMC student.</p> <p>2. Question from Senator Hernandez: Do you see any room for improvements in regards to Student Life on campus? Answer: I see many. I am currently an intern for county Supervisor Glover. And I am pushing to expand internships for the district and it goes further than just LMC. One of the things I'm proposing, is for students to work for county departments rather than through the specific individuals. That way, we can take some more responsibility. Also, I think there are some security measures that we can improve on. I care about pride. Maybe have a really big event, probably in the Concord Pavilion. But push for it.</p> <p>3. Question from President Cortez: How do you see LMC in respect to our revolving cities? Answer: There is a growing presence. The district as well as Federal Glover's office have been of great support, including monetarily speaking. Glover has donated \$40,000 in the past.</p> <p>4. Question from Senator Hernandez: How long would it take to establish the program you are mentioning? Answer: It will take a long time, unfortunately. It depends on how the departments react and also on the money available. We need students that would want to participate too.</p> <p>5. Question from Senator Hernandez: When do you plan on transferring? Answer: in about a year and a half.</p>
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		<p>6. Question from President Cortez: Are you aware of the time commitment and will you comply with it? Answer: Yes, understand.</p> <p>7. Question from Greg Enholm: Were you able to take college courses in your high school? Answer: No, I actually attended a continuation school.</p> <p>8. Question from Senator Hernandez: Are you aware of the officer hours? Answer: Yes I am.</p>
10	Are you ready to vote?	<p>I. President Cortez: Rene Zeimer is a community activist that has served in several committees, one of them is the EOC—Economic Opportunity Committee which oversees the Contra Costa board. She is committed to promote local participation within the county.</p> <p>II. From Rene Zeimer:</p> <p>A. Thank you all for having me. How many have been following the presidential election? It is astonishing. We have been closely involved in monitoring elections as part of the work we have. In order to be effective in what we care about, we have to use our voices. That way to do it is through our vote.</p> <p>B. This is a huge election. There are many seats that will be up for vote and just in Contra Costa County, we will be voting for close to a 100 seats. Not only are we voting for our national election but at a local level, and this, has direct impact on us.</p> <p>C. Students have historical impact on elections. I was very excited to speak to this board because students have a leverage, they have power. We want to make sure your voices are being heard.</p> <p>D. There are multiple ways for you to be involved. Many organizations as well as boards and committees such as Women League of Voters, EOC, and others are training our</p>



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		<p>community to register people to vote. We are nonpartisan. We are committed to make sure people understand their vote. The purpose of calling it You voice, Your Vote is to educate people on the importance.</p> <p>E. You can now register online through your phone. You can also work at the poll site during poll days and volunteer for other events that will be occurring. It is very meaningful to be part of this county effort. We take our elections very seriously.</p> <p>F. Another way to be involved is through Voter’s Edge. It gives you personalized information about what is going to be on your ballot. There are 100 different county ballots because it’s specific on where you live. Although it is complicated, it is worth it to volunteer. We need people to reach out to local campaigns to ask them to submit information for the Women League of Voters.</p> <p>G. I was part of a group of people dealing with county elections and there is a lot of expectation for a higher voter turnout, they are concerned. The county is setting up the different polls locations. And because the ballot will be 4 pages long, people will take longer which brings problems.</p> <p>H. Every city hall, beginning on October 10th, will have a ballot box for citizens to drop off their ballots. We have to spread the word. We need your help. We have identified that from September 19th to the 24th we will be training students to register to vote. On the 27th LMC can decide to be part of National Registration Day, as part of Voter’s Edge, and I would be sending out material and all you need. I hope it is something you all are interested in.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">1. Question: Can you repeat the link to register? Answer: Text Contra Costa to 2 vote to check if your registration is up to date and text cocoteam at 2 vote to get information on poll training.</p> <p>I. From President Cortez: I acknowledge that this election is important but because we are voting on national, state, county, and city officials to represent us and key legislation.</p>
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		<p>That is why I brought Renee so she can bring information to us and hopefully we will be part of this.</p> <p>2. Question: How will the information for training be presented? Answer: It will be on how to register people to vote. The focus is on the voter’s manual. And what you are voting for is the second step. Israel and I talked about bringing the League of Women Voters to state and present ballot measures, some don’t include local measures, bonds, etc. You would be part of the local effort. If there is any interest in being part of this, I will be passing out a sign-up sheet.</p> <p>Comment: I am Joshua Samuels. I am the campaign manager for Jelani Killings for Pittsburg City Council. What is there for me? Why volunteer? Not only does it enhance your resume, it helps you to network. Big opportunities, commitment but for little amount of time.</p> <p>J. Will be voting next week about this item</p>
11	Disability Awareness	<p>I. From Robert Martinez:</p> <p>A. I am Robert Martinez, the Disability Affairs Officer for our Region in SSCCC. I am the first officer in this position and so I wanted to make a trip to every school to present the concept of disability affairs officer within the boards.</p> <p>B. American with Disability Act was established. One in 5 students have a disability of some sort. Making the math, which would mean a lot of students would have a disability.</p> <p>C. In my board, I am a senator but I am nonvoting. Whoever would take this position would be making presentations just like I am doing right now and essentially spread awareness, advocating and being the voice for disabled students.</p> <p>D. The board would have to keep in mind and accommodate for room lighting, the accessibility of the meetings, room for wheelchairs, and even for learning disabilities,</p>



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		<p>have visuals and such.</p> <p>E. I am here as a resource. Please contact me for any questions, concerns, or anything. Thank you for having me and you have a very pleasant campus.</p> <p>II. From President Cortez:</p> <p>A. Just to clarify, Robert is here to present his position and help us create it here on the board if we were to accept it.</p> <p>Comment from Senator Romero: When part of the board, you have to Point of Privilege otherwise anyone interested in receiving accommodation would have to contact the chair, Israel, 72 hours in advanced. It was brought it up to my board in the region that why the emphasis on disability students. Majority of veterans have disabilities, so we would partner with the Veteran’s Resource Center and not just the student government to bring accommodations to these individuals.</p> <p>1. Question from President Cortez: Would this individual, the one taking this position, be part of the student government?</p> <p>Answer: He/she does not have to be, but it does help when talking to administration because it shows that he/she has the support of the student government. He/she also does not need to have voting rights. It is not to say that people with disabilities are more important but it is just about giving them a voice. If you consider it not to be necessary, then it’s totally fine.</p> <p>2. Question from President: Would this position be its own entity? What would be categorized as disabilities?</p> <p>Answer: Our Bylaws have a disability officer delegate position that we have not activated. But essentially, we would need to insert the Region’s laws into ours and partner with the director of DSPS in order to promote that we do have a disability affairs officer for them to use. The officer would be a helping hand to those individuals.</p>
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12	Welcome week	I. From President Cortez: A. We tried to arrange our availability to assist in Welcome Week last week but it failed. Since we are working along Student Life, we need to participate. B. We need to recruit LMCAS members. Spread the word that September 16 is the deadline for senator applications. C. Write your availability.
13	Adjournment or Continue	I. Motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:31pm Motion: Senator Lee Second : Senator Garcia