Minutes of the Los Medanos College

Associated Student

Senate Meeting

Date: Monday, February 2, 2015

Place: Los Medanos College- Library Community Room 106

2700 East Leland Road

Pittsburg, CA 94565-5107

Chair: President Gary Walker

Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 1:12 pm

Roll Call: Present Absent/Excused

President Gary Walker

Vice President Candice Tidwell\* Excused

Officer Diona Shelbourne\*

Senator: Sable Horton\*

Advisor D. Lawrence

Advisor J. Stewart

\*Voting board members

Quorum: Those present constitute a quorum.

**1. Approve Agenda Monday, February 2, 2015**

Move to approve agenda for February 2, 2015

Motion: Officer Shelbourne

Second: Senator Horton

Unanimous

**2.** **Approve Minutes from Monday, January 26, 2015**

Moved to approve minutes from Monday, January 26, 2015

Motion: Officer Shelbourne

Second: Senator Horton

Unanimous

**3. Public Comment**

Student RC attended to inform students about upcoming bone marrow event on campus.

Student Matthew from Ukulele guys announced his musical group on campus and that they will be performing at the Veterans Appreciation Dinner on Friday. They are a new group on campus and would be willing to play at events and/or functions on campus. Matthew serenaded the board with a beautiful performance with his ukulele.

**4.Officers and Senators Reports/Updates**

President Walker:

* Attended Regional III meeting at DVC. Met with SSCCC President Omar Paz for Vets Dinner speech.
* Chaired the Veterans Advocacy Task Force today- planning for the Veterans Appreciation Dinner for Feb. 6 at 6pm. Assemblymember Jim Frazier will be the Keynote speaker.
* Attended the Academic Senate meeting to promote the Veterans Appreciation Dinner.
* Recruiting efforts: Spent 1 hour in the new student center for visibility and handed out flyers.
* Attended the CCC governing board of trusties with the VATF to invite the Chancellor and the board members to attend the Veterans Appreciation Dinner.
* Outstanding article in the school newspaper about the Veterans Appreciation Dinner.
* Went on a Legislative Visit with Veterans Advocacy Task Force: Assembleymember Jim Frazier.

Officer Shelbourne

* Been sick.
* Attended Region III meeting via phone conference. Lots of discussion on Student Rep. Fee and a vote to keep the current President as President for Region III.
* Continues to work on BCB3 coming up in February.

Senator Horton

* Attended SGC meeting: RAP proposals (Request to bring agenda & minutes to AS meetings)
* Student Rep Fees will be on upcoming agenda for SGC.
* Recruiting efforts: Making announcements in classes for visibility and interest in the AS.

**5. Advisor Report**

* The AS has vacant Officer Positions, the senate may want to consider filling the positions at your next meeting.
* LMC 40th Anniversary Open House Celebration is accepting activity proposal. Forms are due today.
* College assembly is Monday 2/2, from 3PM-5PM in L109 has been canceled.
* Veterans Dinner on Friday 2/6 at 6PM in the Cafeteria
* LMCAS application deadline is Tuesday 2/17 at PM, I have received 2 applications.
* Students can still download Microsoft Office 2013 (word, excel, powerpoint) for home use which also includes ability to install it on personal  pc/mac, laptop and tablets (including iPad) up to 5 devices per user)
* The Center for Academic Support is hosting workshops to help students with the Kennedy King Scholarship.

**6. DSPS Conference Request for Funding**

Motion was made to table the vote on this request until further analysis of budget.

Motion: O. Shelbourne

Second: S. Horton

Unanimous

**7. Veterans Advocacy Task Force Committee Update**

**(Update given by Chair of Committee: President Walker)**

* The committee feels very strongly that the event is on track for a successful event.
* Student Speakers, Guest Speaker President Omar Paz, SSCCC and Assemblymenber Jim Frazier are all set.
* President Walker invited all of the AS officers to attend the dinner on Friday, February 6th at 6pm.
* Extended a Thank you for funding the dinner for LMC Veterans Community.

**8. Student Union Committee**

- Dean Dave Bellman explained the job of the student representative from LMCAS will be involved with. Give a student voice from LMCAS on developmental ideas for the new student union. Must attend both Friday meetings.

- No senator can make these meetings at this time.

**9. Request for Support Theatre Department**

* Professor Nicholaus Garcia returned to present their case for funding to attend the Kennedy Center American College Theater Festival. Asking for an adjusted amount of $5,425.
* Debate was had on the floor: Officer Shelbourne referring back to her comments aforementioned for DSPS Request expressed a dilemma due to the fact that the board does not have an accurate budget update.
* Officer Shelburne motions to postpone this item for 5 minutes.
* Second by Senator Horton.
* Unanimously passed to postpone this item.

**10. March in March Update**

* No LMCAS advisors can attend the FACCC conference with the board.
* Professor Nicholaus Garcia voiced that he may be able to attend this conference with the board.
* He stated he will let us know next Monday, February 09, 2015.
* Advisor Lawrence suggested he speak with her for more details on policy and regulations.
* Item was tabled until next week.

**11. Moved back to Agenda Item number 9**

Motion by O. Shelbourne: Moved to approve up to $5,425 to be taken from budget line item #17 for food for the Theatre Department to attend their KCACTF conference.

Second: S. Horton

Unanimously passed.

**12. Suspend orders of the Day**

Motion by O. Shelbourne: Moved to suspend the orders of the day and move back to agenda item #6.

Second: S. Horton

Unanimously passed.

**13. DSPS Conference Request for Funding**

Motion by O. Shelbourne: Moved to approve up to $4,400 with a stipulation that funds will be returned should other organizations donate funds to the DSPS conference.

Second: S. Horton

Unanimously passed.

**14. Suspend orders o the Day**

Motion by O. Shelbourne: Moved to suspend orders of the day to return back to agenda item 8.

Second: S. Horton

Unanimously passed.

**15. Student Union Committee**

Motion by O. Shelbourne: Moved to appoint Paula Raminez to the Student Union Committee with a stipulation that she submit Senator Application no later than Wednesday, February 4, 2015.

Second: S. Horton

Unanimously passed.

**16. Request for Support Ericka Shaw Memorial Scholarship**

Tabled until paper work is submitted by O. Shelbourne .

**17. BC3C Conference Update**

* No applications have been submitted by any students.
* O. Shelbourne removed the stipulations of application and essays to make the conference more assessable to students.
* President Walker suggested that they visit the board to verbally express why they want to attend seeing they will be funded by Student Money.
* No advisor, at this point can go attend with the students. O. Shelbourne still wants to seek a faculty member. Difficultly in this task is being had due to the Valentines weekend.
* Due to the fact that the AS never received 12/8 minutes from hired minute taker there is no record of a budget approval from the senate.
* Advisor D. Lawrence suggested that the AS board re-do the work and bring the request back to

the AS board next week for approval.

**17. Hiring Committee or Interview with AS**

Debate was had on why the committee should and shouldn’t be in existence. O. Shelbourne expressed that she has no problem with a committee but she doesn’t want to be on it. President Walker expressed that he would like to participate on the hiring committee for the 5 applicants. He expressed that the minute taker works closely with the President and without “on time minute submission” it hinders his performance as President. Moreover, he used the aforementioned example of “re-doing” because we do not have minutes from December 8th. Furthermore, this position is FUNDED 100% by the student money, and just as students have a voice on other hiring committees on campus, they ought to have their voice at the table when hiring a student that will be working very closely with them and funded by the student budget!

Advisor expressed that the issue had never been brought to the board. President Walker expressed that he raised the problem with Advisor’s via email and tried to handle the situation with the Administration vs. creating an uncomfortable environment in the board meetings. Advisor alluded to a question whether the problem was with a certain individual on the board or a board problem? President Walker expressed that if one student on the board has a concern then it is this council’s duty to address it as student leaders. He expressed to the board that although he tried to handle situation behind “closed doors” via emails that the problem is not only theirs but it is the students in which we represent as well! The minute taker is paid by student funds and if we are not informing our constituents in a timely fashion (or at - December 8), then we are doing them a disservice.

Meeting ran out of time. President Walker asked for a motion to extend time and there was not one. Item was tabled until next week.

**Adjournment**

President Walker adjourned the meeting at 3:04pm.