

Los Medanos College Associated Students
MEETING: Monday, April 14th , 2025
TIME: 1:00PM to 3:00PM
LOCATION: LMC Pittsburg Campus, Student Union 2nd Floor Conference Room (SU 231)
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MINUTES

President: **Armon Gonzalez**

Vice President: **Salvador Velazquez**

Treasurer: **Tenisha Manoharan**

Commissioner of Campus Events: **Chiamaka Ogumana**

Commissioner of Publicity and Outreach: **Edgar Sanchez**

Senators: Hector Combs, Daniel Campos, Julio Gonzalez, Angel Adriano, Miguel Cortez, Heidriani Nanon, Diana Gutierrez, Rion Fernandez, Shanyda Soe, Pamela Pereira, Guadalupe Gama, Joaquin Sagun

Minute Taker: Angeeta Manoharan

Advisor: Robert Delgado, Director of Student Life (Interim)

CURRENT ITEMS

Item #	Topic/Activity	Lead	Minutes																										
1	<i>Call meeting to order</i> <i>Establish Quorum</i>	S. Velazquez	Vice President Salvador Velazquez calls the meeting to order at 1:04pm. Roll call attendance																										
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2	<i>Approve Agenda for April 14th, 2025</i>	S. Velazquez	<p>The agenda for April 14th was reviewed. Motion to approve by Commissioner of Publicity and Outreach Edgar Sanchez, seconded by Senator Pamela Periera. Vote: Approved (9-0-1).</p> <p>The agenda for April 14th was further reviewed with amendments to fix line-item number 3. Motion to approve by VP Salvador Vasquez, seconded by Senator Julio Gonzalez. Vote: Approved (13-0-2).</p>																														
3	<i>Approve Minutes from March 31st and April 7th 2025</i>	S. Velazquez	<p>The minutes for March 31st were reviewed. Motion to approve by Senator Angel Adriano, seconded by Commissioner Edgar Sanchez. Vote: Approved (11-0-1).</p> <p>The minutes for April 7th were reviewed. Motion to approve by VP Salvador Vasquez, seconded by commissioner Edgar Sanchez. Vote: Approved (10-1-1).</p>																														

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			Teleconference waivers filed. Motion to approve Commissioner Chiamaka Ogumana and Senator Miguel Cortez's attendance of the LMCAS meeting and ability to vote from attendance through zoom. Motion to approve by Commissioner Edgar Sanchez, seconded by Senator Guadalupe Gama. Vote: Approved (13-0-2).
4	<i>Public Comment</i> Senators may respond as summarized below: (no more than 2 minutes on each item) Senators may briefly respond to statements made or questions posed by persons making public comment; The public may ask questions for clarification or make a brief announcement; provide a reference to senate or other resources for factual information; request senate to report back to the public at a later meeting; and/or request an agenda item for future agenda. (Government Code Section 54954.2(a))	S. Velazquez	Public attendees Aries, Hillary, Ivan, and Ruth briefly reintroduced themselves to the board. No public comments or formal motions were made.
5	<i>Officer/Senator Reports and Updates</i> LMCAS members will share updates they have and or activities they have participated in since the last meeting.	S. Velazquez	Officer and senator updates included reports on prior outreach events, club and trip updates, and personal happenings.

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			Senator Edgar Sanchez reminds the board to table and presents an opportunity to do so at Senior Saturday.
6	Advisor Report Our advisor will take the time to address the board about anything they wish to share about anything they have going on or any news pertaining to the board.	R. Delgado	Advisor Robert Delgado comments on they have an approved van to travel Martinez for the Governing Board Meeting. Encourages board members to attend and support presenters at the governing board meeting. Edgar presents a PowerPoint overview of a recent conference in Washington, DC. The presentation will be displayed during the visit to the Governing Board Members. The advisor also mentions upcoming elections, with nominations closing at 3 PM that day, and a mandatory orientation for nominees on Wednesday, April 16 th .
7	Committee Reports Officers and senators will take the time to share any information they receive about the committees they are a part of and educate the public about changes that may affect them.	R. Fernandez	Committee representatives shared updates, including information about the English department's accreditation concerns. They mentioned the need for more information on the accreditation issue. The conversation ended with announcing the Student Trustee Advisory Committee (STAC) meeting on Friday from 10 to 11 am, where a document will be presented on the Associate Student Reward Program.
8	LMCAS New Business <i>(funding request)</i> An LMC Games Club representative would like to request up to \$500 to host a street fighter tournament at the Brentwood campus.	S. Velazquez	The board reviews a video presentation from Landon, who requests up to \$500 for a Street Fighter tournament at the Brentwood campus. The event aims to raise mental health awareness and provide stress relief for students. The event goal is to raise awareness about mental health and fundraise for the non-profit organization National Alliance for Mental

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			Illness (NAMI). The board is supportive but decide to table the decision until next week to follow proper procedures.
9	FBLA (<i>funding request</i>) The Board will discuss possible funding of LMC's FBLA chapter to go to the National Conference.	T. Manoharan	FBLA representative Treasurer Tenisha Manoharan withdraws her funding request for FBLA to attend a national conference due to logistical complexities. She plans to work on building funds within the club for future conferences.
10	LMCAS 2025-26 Budget Proposal Review The board will review and discuss the proposed 2025 – 2026 fiscal budget.	T. Manoharan	<p>The board reviews the 2025-26 fiscal budget proposal, discussing the current budget for accounts 71 and 72, which include funds for events, scholarships, conferences, and reserves. They consider reducing the 20% allocation to reserves to free up funds for other initiatives. The board also reviews the student representation fee structure and its distribution. There is a discussion about potential future budget challenges due to flat state funding and declining enrollment. The board explores ideas for investing reserve funds to combat inflation and generate additional revenue, including looking into investment programs implemented at other colleges.</p> <p>The board discusses the allocation of funds for various activities, including sponsoring events and scholarships. They noted that the budget for sponsoring events might need to increase due to the growing number of active clubs. LMCAS also mentioned the scholarship support they provide, including specific scholarships for LMCAS members. There was a discussion about the library program, with some</p>

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			<p>members expressing skepticism about its utilization and suggesting that data should be presented to support its funding. The idea of inviting Teresa back to provide data was proposed. Additionally, there was a suggestion to audit the specific purchases made with the allocated funds.</p> <p>The board discusses the allocation of funds for the LMCAS bookstore and the need for guidelines on spending. They also discuss the use of funds for student conferences and the potential for creating a specific allocation for conference fees. The board agrees to continue the conversation and consider inviting Robert Estrada to the next meeting. They also discuss the need for a subcommittee and form one consisting of Tenisha, Chiamaka, Miguel, Hillary, Rion, Angel and Sal to review the budget proposal.</p>
11	<p><i>LMCAS Spring Graduation Celebration</i> <i>(funding request)</i></p> <p>The board will present and review a preliminary budget for the LMCAS Spring Graduation Celebration.</p>	S. Velazquez	<p>The board discusses plans for a graduation celebration event on May 13th at 5 PM in the Student Union conference room. They present a budget of \$3,026.68 for the event, which includes food, entertainment, and decorations, and requests approval for up to \$4,000 to cover additional expenses. The event will feature speeches, cap decoration, a DJ, photo booth, and a sash ceremony for graduates. LMCAS members are required to attend, and the group go over various details such as timing, activities, and potential additions like stitching patches on sashes.</p>

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			Motion to approve a budget to cover expenses for the LMCAS Graduation Celebration at a maximum of \$4,000 by VP Salvador Vasquez, seconded by Senator Heidriani Nanon. Vote: Approved (13-0-2).
12	<i>Associate Student Reward Program</i> The board will review a proposed reward program to adopt into their bylaws.	E. Sanchez	The board discusses a proposed reward program for student government members across the district. The program aims to incentivize participation by assigning points for various activities such as attending meetings, committees, and events. An oversight board would verify participation and determine rewards. Potential rewards include parking permits, bookstore discounts, and priority registration, with higher tiers offering additional benefits like a Chancellor's award. The program is designed to be equitable across different campuses and roles. The discussion also touches on existing disciplinary procedures and the need for proper documentation of activities.
	Adjournment or Continue	S. Velazquez	The meeting was adjourned at approximately 3:00 PM after confirming no further business. Motion to adjourn by Vice President Salvador Velazquez.