

Los Medanos College Associated Students
MEETING: Monday, April 28th , 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	Approve Agenda for April 28th, 2025	S. Velazquez	<p>The agenda for April 28th was reviewed.</p> <p>Motion to approve the agenda with an added amendment to edit Ramin’s pronouns to he/him and add an emergency line item to approve Hilary Alvarez (agenda item from last meeting) as a senator for LMCAS by Commissioner of Publicity and Outreach Edgar Sanchez, seconded by Senator Joaquin Sagun. Vote: Approved (9-0-1).</p>																														
3	Approve Minutes from April 21st, 2025	S. Velazquez	Minutes for April 21st, 2025, were not available, tabled to the following meeting May 5th, 2025																														
4	Public Comment Senators may respond as summarized below: (no more than 2 minutes on each item) Senators may briefly respond to statements made or	S. Velazquez	Miranda, a second-year student and sociology major who hopes to transfer into media studies or public affairs, introduces herself to the board, mentioning her introduction to LMCAS through the LMC website and expresses confusion																														

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	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))		over the senator applications. She is attending the meeting just to observe as a member of the public.
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 events, club and trip updates, and personal happenings. Senator Julio shares his stressful week of research for his organic chemistry class and the stem symposium. As well as his work as part of the subcommittee for the elections and for Senior Saturday.
6	<i>Advisor Report</i> 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 updates the board on the ongoing elections and urges board members to hand out voting promotion pamphlets to students in different programs such as MESA. He clarifies that any vacant positions will be opened to the board by the president the following semester. He reminds the board that May 5 th from 3-5pm in the Student Union Conference Center is the College Assembly, he hopes that the entire board will be able to attend. The assembly will include a presentation on what LMCAS has accomplished

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			during the academic year, and speakers will be selected from the board to present. He also encourages the board to ask questions about scholarships and the math lab to the respective committee.
7	<i>Committee Reports</i> 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.	S. Velasquez	Election Subcommittee attendees Senator Daniel, Senator Angel, Senator Julio, and Commissioner Edgar share their work on the logistics of the public forum and other tasks.
8	<i>Institutional Priorities and reports</i> The Board will listen to and discuss the school's institutional priorities as well as accreditation reports, and institutional standards.	B. Stone	<p>Ryan Pedersen, the senior dean of planning the institutional effectiveness of LMC and accreditation liaison officer, introduces himself. He presents the Accrediting Commission of Community and Junior Colleges' (ACCJC) annual report update to the board. It details finances, student populus data, successful course completion rates, certificate awards, and more logistical data. The board asks questions and makes comments on the presented data and information.</p> <p>Ryan continues to present the 2025-26 Interim Institutional Priorities and highlights how they will be completing their strategic planning for 2026-31 the following year. He makes it known that the 2025-26 Interim Institutional Priorities document is available publicly.</p>

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			Ryan finally updates the board on the Los Medanos College Mission, Vision and Values Survey and its purpose. He asks for any feedback regarding wording or formatting of the survey prior to its launch via text in the afternoon and reminds everyone to complete it.
9	Math Lab The board will discuss the ongoing conversation of where the Math Lab belongs on campus.	A. Smith S. Velazquez	Dr. Nicole Trager, the Dean of Math and Science, and VP of Instruction Dr. A'kilah Smith introduced the conversation surrounding the centralization of tutoring for all subjects due to issues with coverage, space, and efficiency. They also bring up their strategic focus on retention as well as the completion gap for African American males. They hope the move and intentionality placed on academic support as a cohesive program will help make more efforts in the academic space. They mention the possibility of a student being a part of the planning process alongside other members. The central academic support location will likely be recentralized at the top floor of the library.
10	Book store Book Reserve Program The board has invited a representative from the bookstore to discuss how the board funds the book rental program	R. Estrada R. Delgado	Robert Estrada, a representative from the LMC bookstore, discusses the financial aspect and background surrounding the book rental program in the bookstore. He communicates the difficulty in finding eligible textbooks that could continue the program and opens the conversation to the board asking for input on the continuation or alteration of the program going forward. The board suggests incorporating an online program to access textbooks and material online.

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11	<i>Library Book Rental Program</i> The board has Invited a member of the library to discuss the program in which the board funds	T. Ferguson	Christina Goff, the Library Director and Instruction Librarian, presents the recorded questions to the board. She expresses gratitude for the funding presented by LMCAS for the library's book rental program and highlights the college's receipt of a commendation for the textbook program in the previous accreditation cycle. She provides answers for the proposed questions of how many students have checked out items for this school year (roughly 2878 check outs), what viewing material is purchased (required viewing for courses), and whether everything mentioned in the cost write downs list is rentable (yes with varying availabilities in time frame and location), along other questions presented by the board.
12	<i>Interview and confirm Ramin</i> The board will interview and discuss in order to possibly confirm him to the board.	S. Velazquez R. Delgado	<p>Ramin, a second-year civil engineer student, presents his reasons for why he is interested in being a part of LMCAS. He wants to be involved in protecting students' rights, is interested in the trips, and wants to know more about what LMCAS entails. The board presents questions to the interviewee surrounding any plans he hopes to implement, schedule flexibility, course load, and other activities he's involved in or plans to join.</p> <p>Move to approve Ramin as a new senator by VP Salvador Velazquez, seconded by Senator Guadalupe Gama. Vote: Approved unanimously.</p> <p>Move to extend meeting time by five minutes by VP Salvador Velazquez, seconded by Senator Rion Fernandez. Approved unanimously.</p>

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13	<i>Interview and confirm Hillary</i> The board will interview and discuss in order to possibly confirm her to the board.	S. Velazquez R. Delgado	<p>Hillary, a biology student on the pre-med track, presents her reasons for why she is interested in being a part of LMCAS. She believes she possesses a lot of expertise in student involvement and leadership due to prior involvement in an on-campus job, and other programs. She wants to be more involved on campus and thinks LMCAS would be a great club to join. The board presents questions to the interviewee surrounding legislative priorities, plans for collaboration, what she finds important to students on campus, and schedule flexibility for meeting attendance.</p> <p>Move to approve Hillary as a new senator by Senator Diana Gutierrez, seconded by Commissioner of Publicity and Outreach Edgar Sanchez. Vote: Approved unanimously.</p>
14	Adjournment or Continue	A. Gonzalez	<p>The meeting was adjourned at approximately 3:05 PM after confirming no further business. Move to adjourn by Vice President Salvador Velazquez.</p>