

Los Medanos College Associated Students
MEETING: Monday, May 5th , 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, Diana Gutierrez, Rion Fernandez, Shanyda Soe, Pamela Pereira, Guadalupe Gama, Joaquin Sagun, Hillary Alvarez, Ramin Rooshen

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 May 5th, 2025</i>	S. Velazquez	<p>The agenda for May 5th was reviewed.</p> <p>Move to approve the agenda with an added amendment to remove Heidriani from and add Hillary and Ramin to the senator list by Commissioner of Publicity and Outreach Edgar Sanchez, seconded by Senator Aki Sagun. Vote: Approved (10-1-1).</p>																																	
3	<i>Approve Minutes from April 21st and 28th, 2025</i>	S. Velazquez	<p>The minutes for April 21st and 28th were reviewed.</p> <p>Move to approve the minutes for April 21st, 2025, by Senator Angel Adriano, seconded by Senator Daniel Campos. Vote: Approved (11-0-2).</p> <p>Move to approve the minutes for April 28th, 2025, by Commissioner of Publicity and Outreach Edgar Sanchez,</p>																																	

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			seconded by Senator Pamela Pereira. Vote: Approved (11-0-2).
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 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	Senator Aki Sagun brings up the public response to the graduation party's date being on a Tuesday, he reports that he told them the date was beyond the board's ability to change and reminded them attendance was not mandatory. No further public comments or formal motions were made.
5	Officer/Senator Reports and Updates 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. Julio – preparing for the end of the semester, presented his project for organic chem Angel – presented at the Stem Symposium Aki – went to the Api Heritage Month brings up candidacy for honors

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6	<p>Advisor Report</p> <p>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.</p>	R. Delgado	<p>Advisor Robert Delgado comments on the Stem Symposium and congratulates the presenters. He brings up the issues in providing funding for a requested Symposium Scholarship that was approved for 15 scholarships worth 150 dollars each, due to an involved and tedious process for approval in a short period of time. Ultimately, scholarships were not provided for this academic year. He continues with discussing updates on the election, namely the election committee's plan to verify ballots and announce the results at 5pm that day on the website. He reminds the board of the college assembly and presents the PowerPoint presentation, highlighting various activities and events attended by the group. He asks the board to reflect on what their experiences meant to them, how they enriched their time at LMC, and how they prepared them for future endeavors.</p>
7	<p>Committee Reports</p>	S. Velasquez	<p>No reports were made from committee members.</p>

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	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.		
8	<i>Brentwood Grad Funding Request</i> Members from LMC's Brentwood campus would like to request funds for a Brentwood centered Grad event.	M. Muterspaugh R. Delgado	<p>LMC's Brentwood Campus is planning to hold a graduation party on May 14th at the park across from their respective campus to foster a feeling of belonging and connection for students who take classes in Brentwood and celebrate their accomplishments. They are seeking \$450 from LMCAS to provide a photobooth for students and their families to use at the graduation celebration. They previously sought funding from the IDEA committee and the LMC Foundation but were unable to receive funds from either source. The board considers lending the Pittsburg Campus' decorations for the event.</p> <p>Move to approve the funding for the Brentwood Graduation funding request to not exceed 450 dollars, by Senator Rion Fernandez, seconded by Senator Miguel Cortez. Vote: Approved (13-0-1).</p>
9	<i>LMC Scholarships Discussion</i> The board has invited individuals to discuss and hopefully revitalize the scholarship processes/rubrics.	T. Oranje B. Bui	Tammy Oranje, Director of Financial Aid, and Beverly Bui, the Financial Aid Scholarship Coordinator, discuss the foundation scholarships. The attendees discuss the application process, the rubric used for scoring, and the differences in

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			<p>scholarships. They also discuss the possibility of having more essay prompts and the idea of interviewing top applicants. The attendees also raised concerns about the fairness of the scholarship distribution and the possibility of capping the number of scholarships a student can receive. The board provides feedback for improvement on the criteria for their scholarships and ask related questions.</p>
10	<p>2025 – 2026 Budget Discussion The board will discuss and approve their budget for the 25-26 fiscal year.</p>	<p>T. Manoharan A. Gonzalez</p>	<p>The Board discusses and approves the budget for the 2025 and 2026 academic school year. The budget includes estimates for various line items such as event budget, ICC funding, academic competition, scholarships, textbooks for libraries, bookstore budget, conference fund, employee costs, sponsored campus events, and office of student life department allocation. The budget committee suggests cutting some line items due to lack of usage or unclear numbers. The committee also recommends increasing the budget for sponsored campus events and office of student life department allocation. The reserves were kept at a similar level, with a net decrease of almost \$3,200. The committee also discusses the potential for an investment program to be introduced at the school, which could potentially generate significant growth and monetary contributions in the future. They discuss the allocation of funds for the bookstore program. They consider cutting the budget to zero but decide to reduce it to \$2,000 to avoid alienating the bookstore. The board agrees to keep the funding at \$2,000, with the possibility of reducing it further in</p>

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			<p>the future. They also discuss the potential for the bookstore to use the funds for other purposes, such as a new van or more conferences. The board decides to keep the funding at \$2,000, with the understanding that if the funds are not used, they will be returned to the reserves.</p> <p>Discussion:</p> <p>LINE 1- Be aware of the funding LMCAS allocates for Line 1 which will include Welcome Week activities and LMCAS sponsored events. LMCAS decided to leave allocation as \$32,000.00</p> <p>LINE ITEM 2 will not receive funding ICC has sufficient funds in their account</p> <p>LINE ITEM 3 – LMCAS wants to support Brentwood Events and outreach, and has decided to allocate \$2,000.00</p> <p>LINE 4: LMCAS has agreed to continue funding scholarships for the 2025-2026 year. In addition, the board felt strongly in increasing the amount to \$15,000.00</p> <p>LINE 5: LMCAS has decided to decrease the LMC Library Reserve program to \$15,000.00.</p> <p>LINE 6: Based on feedback from the LMC Bookstore, and Robert Estrada's comment that this year the Bookstore did</p>
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			<p>not plan to use any of the \$10,000 allocation LMCAS members suggested to decrease the amount to \$2,000.00</p> <p>LINE 7: LMCAS Members discussed funding this line items as we've seen an increase in LMCAS awareness. The board approved to fund \$13,000.00. However, it was noted that LMCAS should pursue other funding opportunities, particularly with SSSCC Region III.</p> <p>LINE 8: Student Employees will continue to be supported by LMCAS in the amount of \$2,000.00</p> <p>LINE 9: Due to the increase in hosting on campus events, LMCAS has increased Campus Sponsored Events allocation to \$18,000.00</p> <p>LINE 10: LMCAS board has selected to remove funding from this line item. It was suggested that funding requests should already have set-up fees included.</p> <p>LINE ITEM 12- As the Office of Student Life continues to expand programming and opportunities to develop leadership and engagement, the allocation has not change and will remained at \$17,000.00.</p> <p>LINE 13- LMCAS Reserves will be \$22,675.00.</p>
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			<p>LINE 14 &15- LMCAS will not be supporting HOSTS Program or the OER initiative. From the previous year, it appears the programs received a significant grant to keep momentum.</p> <p>Move to approve the budget for the 25-26 fiscal year as is, by VP Salvador Velazquez, seconded by Senator Miguel Cortez. Vote: Approved (13-2-1).</p>
11	<p><i>Math Lab Move Discussion</i></p> <p>The board will hear from the math lab party on the discussion of its move.</p>	<p>J. Von Bergen J. Guerrero-Gonzalez</p>	<p>Math Professors Julie Von Bergen and Julio Guerrero-Gonzalez discuss the proposed move of the math lab from its current location to the library. The math professors and lab coordinators express their concerns about the potential impact of this move on students and the functionality of the math lab. They argue that the building was designed to have math in one place, and moving the lab would take resources away from students. The professors also mention that they have not been consulted thoroughly about the move and that the administration has not been transparent about the plans. The board members present in the meeting are asked to provide their opinions and to collaborate with the faculty to fight against the move. The conversation ends with a decision to gather more information before making any official statements about the move.</p>
12	<p>Adjournment or Continue</p>	<p>A. Gonzalez</p>	<p>The meeting was adjourned at approximately 3:05 PM after confirming no further business. Move to adjourn by President Armon Gonzalez.</p>

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