

Los Medanos College Associated Students
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TIME: 1:00PM to 2:30PM
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Minutes

President: **Salvador Velazquez**
Vice President: **Miguel Cortez**
Treasurer: **Vacant**
Commissioner of Campus Events: **Joaquin “Aki” Sagun**
Commissioner of Publicity and Outreach: Vacant

Senators: Diana Gutierrez, Rion Fernandez, Hillary Alvarez, Ramin Rooshen, Hector Combs, Chiamaka Ogumana, Miranda Vargas-Silva, Pamela Pereira

Minute Taker: Joaquin Sagun

Advisor: Robert Delgado, Director of Student Life

CURRENT ITEMS

Item #	Topic/Activity	Lead	Minutes																		
1	<i>Call meeting to order and Establish Quorum</i>	S. Velazquez	<p>President Salvador Velazquez calls the meeting to order at 1:12pm. Roll call attendance:</p> <table><tr><th>Name</th><th>Yay</th><th>Nay</th></tr><tr><td>Diana Gutierrez</td><td>X</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>Rion Fernandez</td><td></td><td>X</td></tr><tr><td>Hillary Alvarez</td><td></td><td>X</td></tr><tr><td>Ramin Rooshen</td><td></td><td>X</td></tr><tr><td>Hector Combs</td><td>X</td><td></td></tr></table>	Name	Yay	Nay	Diana Gutierrez	X		Rion Fernandez		X	Hillary Alvarez		X	Ramin Rooshen		X	Hector Combs	X	
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2	<i>Approve Agenda for June 24th, 2025</i>	S. Velazquez	The agenda for June 24th was reviewed. Move to approve the agenda with added amendments of fixing the Zoom link, the meeting room ID number, and line-item number 6 with Ivan’s name instead of Robert’s involvement; moved by Commissioner of Campus Events Joaquin Sagun, seconded by Senator Miranda Vargas-Silva. Vote: Approved (6-0-1)															
3	<i>Approve Minutes from June 3rd, 2025</i>	S. Velazquez	President Salvador Velazquez postponed reviewing the meeting minutes for June 3 rd until there LMCAS has all minutes from May 5th and June 3 rd .															
BUSINESS REPORTS																		
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	S. Velazquez	President Salvador Velazquez invites prospective new senators Maria Pelea and Natalya Marroquin to introduce themselves.															

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	to the public at a later meeting; and/or request an agenda item for future agenda. (Government Code Section 54954.2(a))		
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	<p>Officer and senator updates included reports on event planning and personal happenings.</p> <p>Aki – Just doing homework and about to start working on Leadership Summit and LMCAS Day</p> <p>Chiamaka – Same thing as Aki, except more focused on the Leadership Summit</p> <p>Hector – Studying and preparing for Bio class midterm and working in the college</p> <p>Miguel – CCSAA committee met and came to consense on what the timeline would look for applications</p> <p>Miranda – Attended an unofficial meeting on June 23rd</p> <p>Salvador – Had a meeting on June 23rd, did not meet quorum; talked about new potential shirt for LMCAS in said meeting</p> <p>President Salvador Velazquez asked if the team should discuss the new potential LMCAS shirt or postpone it until the next meeting. Chiamaka responded that the</p>

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			<p>board should just include it in a line item for the next meeting so that there are more people.</p> <p>President Salvador Velazquez then responded how the students who met the previous day wanted the shirts to be done by potentially August 25, 2025, the first day of school. We also agreed on having more meetings during the summer to decide on potential new shirts.</p>
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>	I. Urrutia	<p>Advisor Ivan Urrutia discussed his chance to speak with Dave Belman while Robert is out, and Robert will be back on the 7th of July. Ivan discussed the CCSAA Conference with Dave and Miguel as a subcommittee. Ivan discussed matters which included language and optics. It was recommended that we move away from referring to ourselves as a board and calling ourselves Senators instead, because calling the LMCAS as a board may seem like CEO or Corporate Entity jargon which doesn't have much connection with students.</p> <p>Ivan also stated that the second update can also be pushed out to September, except regarding the early bird pricing as the advisor to reserve tickets regarding having actual names of people who want to attend. He stated that there is still a lot more time to decide, because the names are not needed in order to reserve tickets.</p>

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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.	S. Velazquez	No further public comments or formal motions were made.
NEW BUSINESS			
8	LMCAS 1st Leadership Summer Summit The board will hear updates from the committee regarding the planning of the first LMCAS Leadership Summer Summit. The board will review the progress and provide any necessary updates or feedback.	C. Ogumana	Chiamaka discussed how the Leadership Summit committee had a meeting in the previous week. She discussed the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The team communicated with people who will potentially oversee their own workshop - The food will be the same food that was offered in the Impact Conference 2024 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o With food per person not exceeding \$17.50 - Booking spaces, speakers, and tables - Possible hardships connecting with Ivan Hernandez, former AS DVC President <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Suggested by Robert Delgado - Giveaways <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Expecting around 50-70 people - Shirt designs hopefully reflect Impact Conference logo where everybody is drafting their shirt ideas

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			<p>President Salvador Velazquez stated how him and Commissioner of Campus Events Joaquin Sagun are unable to attend the August 7th conference due to a transfer opportunity program. Both Joaquin and Salvador are still available to help, especially in marketing or presentations if needed.</p> <p>Commissioner Joaquin asked for an internal deadline for shirt and table designs. Chiamaka asked if former Senator Edgar Sanchez and current senator Diana Gutierrez are able to attend and present. Former Senator Edgar has attended at least 75% of the conferences funded in the school year 2024-2025, and Diana has responded as well – most likely available to attend on August 7th.</p> <p>President Salvador has also reached out to prospective speaker Ivan Hernandez through LinkedIn, with no response yet.</p> <p>Advisor Ivan also discussed layout for the table in which the student life team has ready-made templates. President Salvador also discussed how there is going to be a big workshop in the start and a second workshop where everyone is gathered together in the big room. If the senators want to use a room, they have to make a 25live reservation. Will</p>
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			<p>have to coordinate with learning communities like Puente and Umoja to borrow their rooms.</p> <p>Advisor Ivan advised the students that they make actual bulk shirt orders about 3 to 4 weeks away. By July 24, Salvador hopes that everything is done by then. The finalized date and time for the Leadership Summit is also August 7th, 9:30 to 3 pm.</p>
9	<p>Review Funding for Attending CCCSAA Conference</p> <p>The board will review the updated budget for the CCCSAA Student Leadership Conference 2025 in October, held in Santa Clara. The discussion will include transportation logistics and any relevant updates from the previous meeting</p>	S. Velazquez	<p>President Salvador will be discussing the updated budget for the CCSAAA and the discussion included transportation, logistics, and any relevant updates from the meeting.</p> <p>President Salvador calculated upfront for four students not to exceed \$3000, however, President Sal found out that LMCAS also pays for their advisor, which will be \$794. Thus, the budget for the overall conference in total will be \$3,352.</p> <p>President Salvador then asked the senators if they are still down to fund the said conference, given that there is only \$13,000 only in the conference funding. Salvador stated that money can be pulled out for conference funding, in which Miguel can get into greater detail. Salvador stated how we can also just focus on other conferences such as the Advocacy</p>

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			<p>Academy. SSSCC is essentially advocacy-based where students will meet SSSCC officers and also the president that represents students across California, as well as student offices from region 3.</p> <p>Vice President Miguel stated how we have to consider that for CCCSAA, the senators have been using 72 funds, or the student representation funds. This means that we can send our senators and our officers of the Senate without having to include the general population or just everyone within LMC as well. He stated that if we open up to other students or take additional funds from the line item, the senate would be forced to use the 71 funds which is the Student Activity fee. Miguel feels that we should just use the 72 funds, because there are also important conferences such as the ASAC, GA. and NSAC in Washington, DC.</p> <p>Advisor Ivan also talked to Dave Belman regarding 72 funds and student representation funds. What came out of the conversation is that there is no kind of external policy that requires 72 funds be used only by student representatives. This means that a non-senator can still be taken to the conference using 72 funds.</p>
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			<p>According to Ivan, the early bird registration by June 30th was the reason why a very fast timeline was set in terms of getting applications out. Miguel then added that if they're student representation based then non-senators can be taken.</p> <p>Commissioner Joaquin asked about Washington DC's budget from School Year 2024-2025, and Miguel stated the budget was a total of 30,000 to 36,000 across all conferences. It was also discussed that the budget for school year 2025-2026 would be \$13,000, which entails having less students going to DC for the said school year. President Sal said that the CCCSAA was more of a team-building and bonding conference. He also shared how the conference opened his eyes in becoming an efficient leader, as he used to doubt if his vice president position suits him.</p> <p>Advisor Ivan suggested reducing the number of attendees from 5 to even 3 students and one advisor. Miguel also added that the board is trying to attend 2 other SSSCC conferences as well. Robert also spoke about the LMCAS as a group to continuously ask for funding from Region 3. The goal would be at least Advocacy Academy and GA. President Sal also mentioned how also Contra Costa College will be asking the region for funding. asked whether there are</p>
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			<p>opportunities for students to attend conferences, exchange spots with other students, or receive sponsorship for events (such as the Impact Conference or other student-led events). It was noted that college funds may also be available for such opportunities. No response was provided at the time of inquiry.</p> <p>President Sal also said that CCCSAA won't be done again after a while. They also discussed the agenda of the CCCSAA. President Sal also discussed a workshop he attended regarding Brown Act, Dr. Seuss books can be used as leadership, and how to become a leader from his experience. He has also been in contact with ASDVC Advisor Todd, where he was down to take 5 LMCAS people because he is going to fund a charter bus. The only thing is the LMC students should have their own transportation to DVC.</p> <p>Senator Miranda says that if we open the conference to everyone, it can entice people to join LMCAS on LMCAS day, especially given its benefits for being a senator – such as LMCAS priority registration.</p> <p>Commissioner Aki and prospective senator Natalya brought up that the Advocacy Academy (in Riverside from December 5-7) is on finals week and unsure if people would attend, thus, he suggested Santa Clara</p>
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			<p>instead. Vice-President Miguel also stated how the elected delegate for the next school year will have to go due to special elections and open seats in SSCCC, in which the region and the delegates will be voting on.</p> <p>President Sal also talked about how essentially, Miguel, the current delegate, will have to go to the Advocacy Academy and update the team regarding matters such as --- region 3 has budget, etc.</p> <p>Miguel attends Region 3 meetings and provides updates to the group. He noted that Region 3 sometimes has leftover funds (e.g., previously used to support additional students attending General Assembly). If similar funding becomes available again (e.g., in October or November), the council could aim to send one or two students to General Assembly, while LMCAS funds could cover the advisor's attendance. Members discussed the importance of deciding as a group how to allocate opportunities and funding for conferences. Miguel shared that attending the Advocacy Academy was a transformative experience for him. He stated that it reinvigorated LMCAS and served as strong preparation for future conferences, such as the General Assembly. Advocacy Academy is usually the first conference of the calendar year, typically held in Sacramento (this year in</p>
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			<p>Riverside), followed by DC or SSSCC General Assembly. Miguel emphasized the Academy's role in exposing students to structured and political environments, which prepares them for the intensity of larger statewide conferences.</p> <p>President Salvador stated how colleges debate with each other by trying to pass resolutions made by students, etc.</p> <p>The board was reminded that decisions on conference participation should prioritize overall student benefit, not just board members.</p> <p>Ticket pricing: Early bird registration is \$475 per person. Opening attendance to both students and board members does not affect the ticket cost. Commitment to purchase tickets will depend on whether four or five attendees are confirmed, including one advisor. Budget concerns were raised, as last year the board consistently paid late registration and incurred higher costs for flights, hotels, and conference fees. Late registration practices led to the board exceeding its budget for multiple conferences (Advocacy Academy, DC, General Assembly, etc.). A form for student applications was sent out with a June</p>
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			<p>30 deadline; despite being rushed, 8 students applied (not including committee members).</p> <p>It was noted that last year's application process for Advocacy Academy was short and under-promoted, resulting in fewer applicants. By contrast, DC applications were open for months and well-promoted, leading to more student interest and higher application numbers.</p> <p>Conference attendance numbers from last year:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Advocacy Academy: 4 students○ DC: 6 students○ General Assembly: 4 students <p>Members discussed whether funds should be allocated differently across conferences, possibly reducing numbers for one event in order to send more students to another.</p> <p>It was also noted that budget reallocations can be made from specific line items if necessary.</p> <p>Plan to send 4 students and 1 advisor to the Santa Clara conference (with 2 students funded by LMCAS and hopefully 2 by Region 3).</p>
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			<p>Miguel noted that Santa Clara is the least impactful conference, but agreed it remains a valuable investment for new Senate members who have not yet attended. The board expressed concern about expanding the attendee pool, as this would reduce available funds for higher-priority conferences later in the year.</p> <p>Thus, they came to the conclusion to cap everything at 3,500\$, kept with current and future LMCAS members.</p> <p>Commissioner Joaquin then called the motion on the floor that LMCAS officially goes to CCSAA Conference 2025 for the budget not to exceed 3,500\$, 4 students and one advisor. Applications will be reviewed early to mid-September.</p> <p>Moved by Commissioner Joaquin Sagun, second by Senator Rion. (5-0-1)</p> <p>Commissioner Joaquin then called another motion on the floor that the CCSAA Conference 2025 application is open only for LMCAS senators and aspiring senators who want to show true commitment into being a senator. Moved by Commissioner Joaquin Sagun, second by Senator Rion. (4-1-1)</p>
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			(True commitment entails doing tabling once a week, attend at least 2 or 4 meetings, what a senator usually does.)
10	Natalya Marroquin Confirmation The Board Will interview and confirm Natalya Marroquin as a prospective new senator.	S. Velazquez	Confirmation was postponed to the next meeting.
11	Maria Pelea Confirmation The Board Will interview and confirm Maria Pelea as a prospective new senator.	S. Velazquez	Confirmation was postponed to the next meeting.
12	Adjournment or Continue	S. Velazquez	Meeting adjourned at 2:44pm.