

Los Medanos College Associated Students (L.M.C.A.S.)  
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*Notice is hereby given that pursuant to Executive Order N-29 the Los Medanos College Associated Students (LMCAS) will meet on January 25 via [ZOOM Conferencing](#).*

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**Guest Speakers:** Lorenzo Cuesta, Victoria Alexander

**Meeting Called to Order:** 1:07

**Establish Quorum**

President/Chair: Nicholas Sessions	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N	Vice President: Luisa Velazquez	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N	Commissioner of Campus Events: Esteeven C'Corra	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N	Commissioner of Publicity & Outreach: Diana Garcia	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N	Treasurer: Elizabeth McLaurin	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N
Senator: Roya Mohammad	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N	Senator: Delores Jackson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N	Senator: Angelee Bergantino	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N	<b>Quorum Met</b> <u>  X  </u> Yes  <u>  </u> No			

**Review of Agenda: Information/Discussion/Action**

Motioned By: Vice President Velazquez

Second By: Treasurer McLaurin

Discussion: No Discussion

Vote Count:

Officer/Senator	Yay	Nay	Abstain
President Sessions			X
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Senator Bergantino	X		
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Vote Passes 5-0-1

**Review of 12/7 Minutes: Information/Discussion/Action**

Motioned By: Treasurer McLaurin

Second By: Commissioner C'Corra

Discussion: No Discussion

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**Public Comment No Public Comment**

#	Name of Speaker	Item/Topic
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**Officer/Senator Reports & Updates**

President Sessions	It's been good, but tough nonetheless, since we're all still in a rut. Some days are more disheartening with people not wanting to take change, which
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	is affecting his mental health. He attended many seminars throughout the break and he's been working a lot.
Vice President Velazquez	Her break has been hectic, doing a lot family wise and studying early. The holiday season felt lonely last year and she hopes everyone had a good break.
Treasurer McLaurin	She's very much the same since last semester, but she's also very tired. She's only taking two courses this semester, compared to six last semester. She's excited to hear back from schools and scholarships. She attended her first senate meeting, it was cool and different.
Commissioner C'Corra	He attended one meeting and has been working.
Commissioner Garcia	
Senator Jackson	
Senator Mohammad	She feels like with covid it's hard to be there mentally and everyday feels exactly the same.
Senator Bergantino	It's been very uneventful, but she feels this semester will be hectic. With active minds, she has a lot planned and excited to start.

**Advisor Archaga Report**

There's a welcome week page with various activities and giveaways throughout this week. Today is the pantry operation and they're giving away school supplies and art kits. There's a black history event with a 365 calendar, adding on multiple events. An impact conference based on social justice will be held the week of February 16.

**Committee Reports (List Committee)**

President Sessions	He attended the governing board orientation, it had a lot of information and he was a bit confused, but he was still able to get a lot out of it. He also met with STAC, so they're planning the election process for that.
Vice President Velazquez	
Treasurer McLaurin	For the student senate for California Community Colleges, they went over resolutions that are submitted by other students and causes they will take up for the year.

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**NEW BUSINESS**

*I: Information*

*D: Discussion*

*A: Action*

#	Topic	Lead	Outcome
1	<b><u>Parliamentary Procedure Training Decision</u></b>	N. Sessions	<p><i>I: Information</i></p> <p>I. Advisor Archaga: The last meeting, there was professional development training available. Lorenzo Cuesta is here today to highlight the training and answer any questions.</p> <p><i>D: Discussion</i></p> <p>I. Lorenzo Cuesta: He's a registered member on the parliamentary procedure, it's not a hobby or opinion for him. It's all based on the laws and bylaws of the colleges. Their offers are customizable to each college. They should choose which one works best for LMCAS. This isn't just training for a meeting, but also for professional jobs in the future. You're going to have to leave a legacy. The first three in option two are the most important: using your voice, using your 72 funds, and debate protocol. Him and Tammy can sit in multiple meetings to point out what they're doing wrong.</p> <p><i>A: Action</i></p>

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			<p>Motioned By: <u>Treasurer McLaurin for option 3 the two-day training</u>                  Second By: <u>Vice President Velazquez</u></p> <p>Discussion:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I. VP Velazquez: If they were to choose option 3, where would the money come from.</li> <li>II. Lorenzo Cuesta: He replies the money would come out of the 72 funds.</li> <li>III. Treasurer McLaurin: She believes this is the fund that they created below all the other lines.</li> <li>IV. President Sessions: Would this be available to be members outside of LMCAS members?</li> <li>V. Lorenzo Cuesta: The price is the same no matter how many attendees.</li> <li>VI. VP Velazquez: They still need to recruit for this semester, so when would the events take place, because it's important for the new students to participate.</li> <li>VII. Treasurer McLaurin: option 3, but if anyone opposes they should speak up.</li> <li>VIII. President Sessions: Would this be a yearly thing or semester thing?</li> <li>IX. Advisor Archaga: The funds would have to be set aside and you would need to contact Lorenzo to find a date that works.</li> </ol> <p>Vote Count:</p>																
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2	<b><u>Academic Competition</u></b>	T. Archaga	<p><i>I: Information</i></p> <p>I. Advisor Archaga: Back in December, she introduced the idea of a virtual academic competition. Before break, she went over the idea of having the organization 60 in 60 host the event, which costs up to \$2,700. They would be in charge of everything from the questions to youtube channel. They giveaway Amazon gift cards for winners.</p> <p><i>D: Discussion</i></p> <p>I. Treasurer McLaurin: It would just be an hour event correct?</p> <p>II. Advisor Archaga: Yes, it would be 15 minutes per subject. They are able to modify the quiz show, but it does cost more.</p> <p>III. Treasurer McLaurin: She likes the idea of something involving more of the student body. She's more for creating competitions that allows students to show their creativity. We could still give out scholarships. This would need to be promoted by teachers in classes.</p> <p>IV. President Sessions: He believes 60 in 60 could be a bit ableist, he thinks we shouldn't do any events that turn away the students. He does like the idea of academic</p>																												

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			<p>competition, but not sure how it'll be executed.</p> <p>V. Advisor Archaga: She suggests exploring Kahoot and other programs.</p> <p>VI. VP Velazquez: She believes it's better and more fun to participate with teams. Scholarship money is good for academia, while Amazon gift cards don't give off that vibe.</p> <p>VII. Treasurer McLaurin: She wants to stress that the fall virtual events were not that successful. It's LMCAS job to push out the promotion of the events or else they're going to end up with a competition that only has a few attendees. They need to think about what will realistically be successful.</p> <p>VIII. VP Velazquez: She suggests having something students can submit and they grade it later.</p>
3	<p><b><u>Welcome Week</u></b>  <b><u>Volunteering</u></b></p>	<p>N. Sessions /T. Archaga</p>	<p><i>I: Information</i></p> <p>I. President Sessions: Welcome week needs some volunteers to help out.</p> <p>II. Advisor Archaga: She needs volunteers for Wednesday for the two breakout sessions. It's a great opportunity for them to promote LMCAS.</p> <p><i>D: Discussion</i></p> <p>I. Treasurer McLaurin and Senator Mohammad are able to do both times.</p> <p>II. President Sessions is able to do 11-1.</p> <p>III. VP Velazquez is able to do 5-7.</p>
4	<p><b><u>Budget Review:</u></b>  <b>Language Line Item 17: LMC Foundation HOST PROGRAM</b></p>	<p>T. Archaga</p>	<p><i>I: Information</i></p> <p>I. Advisor Archaga: Last semester LMCAS approved the budget, to put money towards the LMC Foundation Emergency Grant</p>

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			<p>The justification for line 17 doesn't match the intent of line item. The LMC Foundation has a Host account and would like to ask for consideration to merge Emergency Fund Account with HOST Program Account.</p> <p><i>D: Discussion</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I. Treasurer McLaurin: If we agree to merge the accounts, would funds roll over?</li> <li>II. Advisor Archaga: The funds will be part of Host program making it one account instead of two.</li> </ol> <p><i>A: Action</i></p> <p>Motioned By: <u>Treasurer McLaurin to amend language of line item 17 to match the HOST program and merge Student Emergency Fund Account funds with HOST program account</u></p> <p>Second By: <u>Commissioner C'Corra</u></p> <p>Discussion:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I. Advisor Archaga: The HOST program is open to any student, with a one time gift of \$500. There's an understanding that the student will apply to FAFSA and scholarships they qualify for.</li> <li>II. President Sessions: Wouldn't the applications be reviewed by LMCAS?</li> <li>III. Advisor Archaga: No, the scholarship committee will review and approve the applications for assistance.</li> </ol> <p>Vote Count:</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="width: 60%;">Officer/Senator</th> <th style="width: 10%;">Yay</th> <th style="width: 10%;">Nay</th> <th style="width: 20%;">Abstain</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>President Sessions</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td style="text-align: center;">X</td> </tr> <tr> <td>VP Velazquez</td> <td style="text-align: center;">X</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Treasurer McLaurin</td> <td style="text-align: center;">X</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Commissioner C'cora</td> <td style="text-align: center;">X</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Commissioner Garcia</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Senator Jackson</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Officer/Senator	Yay	Nay	Abstain	President Sessions			X	VP Velazquez	X			Treasurer McLaurin	X			Commissioner C'cora	X			Commissioner Garcia				Senator Jackson			
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5	<p><b><u>Courageous Conversations</u></b></p>	N. Sessions	<p><i>I: Information</i></p> <p>I. Advisor Archaga: The request of IDEA and racial justice coalition, is to hold the event February 2 for the racial justice resolution.</p> <p><i>D: Discussion</i></p> <p>I. Advisor Archaga: She will be hosting this informal event that is a safe place for students to have a place to talk. It's up to them to decide the directions of the conversations.</p> <p>II. VP Velazquez: Is there a time the event will be?</p> <p>III. Advisor Archaga: It would be from 3-4PM.</p> <p><i>A: Action</i></p> <p>Motioned By: <u>VP Velazquez moves to set aside the date February 2 to hold the Courageous Conversations event</u></p> <p>Second By: <u>Treasurer McLaurin</u></p> <p>Vote Count:</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="width: 60%;">Officer/Senator</th> <th style="width: 10%;">Yay</th> <th style="width: 10%;">Nay</th> <th style="width: 20%;">Abstain</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>President Sessions</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td style="text-align: center;">X</td> </tr> <tr> <td>VP Velazquez</td> <td style="text-align: center;">X</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Treasurer McLaurin</td> <td style="text-align: center;">X</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Commissioner C'cora</td> <td style="text-align: center;">X</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Commissioner Garcia</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Senator Jackson</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Officer/Senator	Yay	Nay	Abstain	President Sessions			X	VP Velazquez	X			Treasurer McLaurin	X			Commissioner C'cora	X			Commissioner Garcia				Senator Jackson			
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6.	<b><u>LMCAS Recruitment</u></b>	N. Sessions	<p><i>I: Information</i></p> <p>I. President Sessions: Recruitment ends the last week of February and discussion would be the second week of February.</p> <p><i>D: Discussion</i></p> <p>I. President Sessions: He asks how Victoria found out about LMCAS?</p> <p>II. Victoria Alexander: She almost applied a couple of times, but she's been invited by other senators and the advisor to join. She's also been to tabling sessions.</p> <p>III. President Sessions: One of the tactics he's going to do is to inform his classmates and reach out to former students who expressed interests.</p> <p>IV. Victoria Alexander: She suggests holding an open hour for students to attend and talk to a senator.</p> <p>V. President Sessions: He agrees they should set aside an hour for students to come, but it's been rocky with not many students attending.</p> <p>VI. Advisor Archaga: It is a part of their bylaws to host an office hour(s). She would like to create a grid of their office hours, for students to join in. A recruitment idea is tell a friend, bring a friend.</p> <p>VII. Treasurer McLaurin: She suggests taking an advantage of the meet-n-greet discussion board in each class. The faculty always advocates for students and she's going to try to ask if the teacher can do an</p>																

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7.	<b><u>Office Hours Sign Up</u></b>	N. Sessions	<p><i>I: Information</i></p> <p>I. President Sessions: The office hours will be every week, each senator needs to sign up for a time.</p> <p><i>D: Discussion</i></p> <p>I. President Sessions: Wed/Th 11-12</p> <p>II. VP Velazquez: Th 10-12 or Th after 2:30</p> <p>III. Treasurer McLaurin: Tues after 1:00</p> <p>IV. Commissioner C'Corra: Wed 12</p> <p>V. Senator Mohammad:</p> <p>VI. Senator Bergantino: Wed before 4:00</p>												
8.	<b><u>Committee Appointments</u></b>	N. Sessions	<p><i>I: Information</i></p> <p>I. President Sessions: This is the same from last semester to see if there's any changes.</p> <p><i>D: Discussion</i></p> <p>I. Treasurer McLaurin: She's happy with her committee and happy to join more.</p> <p>II. Advisor Archaga: She will have the updated committee list and updated times by next week.</p> <p><i>A: Action</i></p> <p>Motioned By: <u>VP Velazquez moves to postpone line item 8 for next week</u></p> <p>Second By: <u>Treasurer McLaurin</u></p> <p>Vote Count:</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Officer/Senator</th> <th>Yay</th> <th>Nay</th> <th>Abstain</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>President Sessions</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>X</td> </tr> <tr> <td>VP Velazquez</td> <td>X</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Officer/Senator	Yay	Nay	Abstain	President Sessions			X	VP Velazquez	X		
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**Adjournment or Continue**

Treasurer McLaurin motions to adjourn the meeting at 2:59 PM.