

# LOS MEDANOS COLLEGE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS SENATE MEETING MINUTES

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**President:** Nicholas Sessions **Vice President:** Luisa Velazquez

**Commissioner of Campus Events:** Esteeven Ccora **Commissioner of Publicity & Outreach:** Diana Garcia

**Treasurer:** Elizabeth McLaurin **Senators:** Delores Jackson, Roya Mohammad, Angelee Bergantino, **Guests:** Thyra Cobbs, Catt Wood

**Student Representatives:** [vacant] **Minute Taker:** Courtney Sanchez

**Advisor:** Teresea Archaga

Absent:

## I. CURRENT ITEMS

Item #	I. Topic Activity	I. Outcome
1.	<b>Call to Order:</b> Establishment of Quorum	I. Call to order at 1:04 PM
2	<b>Approve:</b> <b>A. Approval of the Agenda</b> <b>B. Approval of the minutes from 10/12/20</b>	I. Commissioner of Campus Events Ccora motions to pass the agenda II. Senator Jackson 2nds the motion III. Commissioner of Campus Events Ccora motions to approve the agenda with the edits to Diana, Deloroes and Esteeven's name

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		IV. Senator Jackson 2nds the motion V. Vote: 7-0-0 VI. Treasurer McLaurin moves to approve the minutes from 10/12/20 VII. Senator Jackson 2nds the motion VIII. Vote: 7-0-0
	<b>Business: Reports</b>	
3.	<b>Public Comment: Information</b>  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 comments: *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 items for future agenda. (Government Code Section 54954.2(a))	I. Catt Wood: They were talking to Thyra the other week and the changes the GE committee made. There used to be 5 requirements to get GE, but now it's 3. It's now easy to obtain it, but one of the requirements they made optional was the diversity course.
	<b>New Business</b>	
4.	<b><u>Officer &amp; Senator Reports / Updates</u></b>	I. Senator Jackson: She really enjoyed the IMPACT conference, because everyone is going through the academic stress. It helped her a lot during the weekend with

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	<p>her family. It was challenging, but it was really good to learn about mental health awareness.</p> <p>II. Senator Bergantino: She attended the IMPACT conference and was stressed about her breakout session, but thinks it went okay.</p> <p>III. Senator Mohammad: No update.</p> <p>IV. Commissioner of Publicity: She took her o-chem midterm and has another exam today.</p> <p>V. Commissioner of Events: He attended the IMPACT conference and it was a lot of fun. He's been doing a lot of interviews lately. Tomorrow, he has a debate final.</p> <p>VI. Treasurer McLaurin: She's been really stressed and questioning why she decided to take two science courses this semester. She went to the IMPACT conference and it was really great. It was one of the only times she felt as if she was a part of a student community.</p> <p>VII. Vice President Velazquez: She's been eh, the semester is going by really fast and she's trying to keep up. For the first week,</p>
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		<p>VIII. she doesn't have an exam. Being halfway done is keeping her motivated.</p> <p>President Sessions: School has been really stressful for him and he's been having connection issues all week, so he wasn't able to attend the IMPACT conference. He got to see some friends for the first time since the pandemic.</p>
5.	<u><b>Advisor Report</b></u>	<p>I. Advisor Archaga: She wants to extend a big thank you to those who attended the IMPACT conference and supported the effort. One of the highlights was lunch and it was very informal, impromptu. One of the students showed their hissing beetle and it was entertaining/educational. Overall, it was a well received event and grateful for all those who participated. They will be hosting more events in the coming weeks. Today is the last day to register to vote. They will be doing a ballot bowl. The community college with the most registered voters will be rewarded. The office of student life, office of equity and inclusion, and honors teamed up for election related events.</p>

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		<p>They are now looking for ideas for the remaining semester and for the spring semester.</p>
6.	<u>Committee Reports</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>I. Treasurer McLaurin: EEOC did not meet, because they didn't meet quorum.</li><li>II. Senator Jackson: She's not sure when her committee meeting is.</li><li>III. Senator Mohammad: She also doesn't know when her committee meetings are.</li><li>IV. President Sessions: SGC was a rehashing of the budget. Chialin visited again to finalize the educational master plan. IDEA committee talked about racial justice and racial equity. It has to be implemented throughout campus.</li></ul>
	<b>New Business</b>	

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7.	<p><u>Programming</u></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>I. President Sessions: We have to discuss future events for both this semester and next semester. What do we want to sponsor? Courageous Conversations is something that has always been on the top of the list, but there's more we can do.</li><li>II. Treasurer McLaurin: She asks if he's asking for input for future events.</li><li>III. Commissioner of Events: He has the idea of hosting a game night for LMC students.</li><li>IV. President Sessions: He agrees it's a good idea and we should focus on virtual games. What other ideas do you guys have?</li><li>V. Treasurer McLaurin: She suggests an educational game night that relates to the college in some way. A good incentive would be offering gift cards. Another thing that people were interested in at the IMPACT conference was the talent show.</li><li>VI. Advisor Archaga: She asks Catt, if there's a streaming office or do we need to get the DVD licensing?</li><li>VII. Catt Wood: She replies its possible to stream.</li><li>VIII. Treasurer McLaurin: Jeopardy is a good group game, but she's not sure how it</li></ul>
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		would work. Another thing is doing physical activity such as yoga.
IX.		Advisor Archaga: She suggests a scavenger hunt.
X.		Commissioner of Events: There would be tasks for students to do and would have to come to us when they find it.
XI.		Treasurer McLaurin: Her last idea is to have an event with the purpose of people talking about their struggles.
XII.		Senator Jackson: Her idea is a stress event, like midterm stress.
XIII.		Advisor Archaga: She suggests a t shirt contest for LMCAS. She can obtain gift cards and items from the LMC bookstore.
XIV.		Treasurer McLaurin: SHe feels really strongly for incentives
XV.		President Sessions: Another idea is Speaker Invitations, since we have the funds to pay a speaker. It would be nice to have an indigieneous speaker and speakers on the topic of racial equality. He's interested in either the first or second week of November for Courageous Conversations. He asks what day would work best? It would most likely be in the afternoons.

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		XVI. Treasurer McLaurin: She believes Friday's would be best. XVII. Advisor Archaga: She asks to not schedule it on either Monday/Thursday. VIII. President Sessions: He agrees that Friday's will work well or possibly late Wednesday's.
8.	<u>Volunteer Bylaws</u>	I. President Sessions: We have an obligation of serving 2 hours of community service every week, how can we get these hours done? II. Advisor Archaga: She suggests international students program peer mentor. There are 22 international students and she's looking for volunteers to peer mentor with them. III. Vice President Velazquez, Commissioner of Events Ccora, President Sessions, Senator Jackson, Senator Mohammad, Senator Bergantino and Treasurer McLaurin are all interested IV. Treasurer McLaurin: She asks to explain more about volunteering V. Advisor Archaga: Volunteering usually happens in person such as with community groups, food banks, schools, etc. They have a sign-in sheet to track

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		your hours. The hours don't have to be related to school, you just have to do civil engagement.
9.	<b><u>Anti-Racism Resolution Creation</u></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>I. President Sessions: All the senates created an anti-racism resolution and are currently drafting it.</li><li>II. Thyra Cobbs: She is now spearheading a project on black mental health at LMC, DVC, and CCC. She is looking at all the components in the LMC community and how it affects the black community. She is asking for our input. At the town hall panel, they advocated for the teachings of cultural diversity. She highlights the importance of being taught cultural diversity.</li><li>III. Senator Jackson: She suggests that there should be a program to educate those who aren't aware of the history of African Americans.</li></ul>

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	<p>IV. Advisor Archaga: She suggests anti-bias training</p> <p>V. Thyra Cobbs: She agrees, but also adding a positive connotation to that. What do you think of student teacher relationships?</p> <p>VI. Vice President Velazquez: She suggests weekly emails, because when it comes to office hours sometimes you're not engaged.</p> <p>VII. Thyra Cobbs: She replies with a debriefing to talk about social issues.</p> <p>VIII. Advisor Archaga: She asks if we saw the resolution or if only faculty members saw it. She suggests looking at other colleges/universities to see what they have done.</p> <p>IX. Treasurer McLaurin: She states it's hard to answer Thyra's question, since she's white, but there are moments when she's aware of topics that are deeply racial. She always wants to hear from African American students and people of color.</p> <p>X. Advisor Archaga: Resolution NO. 22C <a href="https://go.boarddocs.com/ca/ccccd/Board.nsf/files/BR3Q35663202/\$file/0620-22C-">https://go.boarddocs.com/ca/ccccd/Board.nsf/files/BR3Q35663202/\$file/0620-22C-</a></p>
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		<u><a href="#">MI-Social%20Justice-revised%20and%20signed.pdf</a></u>
XI.	Thyra Cobbs: She replies to how Liz touches on the topic of white and how that is still important. When it comes to creating safe spaces, they must also know their own history. On the topic of professors, students feel most comfortable when they see representation. The faculty population doesn't represent the student population.	
XII.	Treasurer McLaurin: She replies that white people changed the narrative of history, but it's important we hear the voices of poc.	
XIII.	Vice President Velazquez: She suggests having a meeting with African American people with those in higher professions, to see that representation. Also, having a mentor would be very beneficial.	
XIV.	Thyra Cobbs: She replies that there aren't too many African Americans in the STEM field.	
XV.	Treasurer McLaurin moves to construct an anti-racism resolution	

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		XVI. Senator Jackson 2nds the motion XVII. Vote: 6-0-0
10.	<u>Adjournment or Continue</u>	I. Vice President Velazquez moves to adjourn the meeting at 2:41 PM