

**LOS MEDANOS COLLEGE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS SENATE MEETING MINUTES**

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<p><b>President:</b> Nicholas Sessions <b>Vice President:</b> Luisa Velazquez  <b>Commissioner of Campus Events:</b> VACANT <b>Commissioner of Publicity &amp; Outreach:</b> Thyra Cobbs  <b>Treasurer:</b> VACANT <b>Senators:</b> Esteeven Ccora, Delores Jackson <b>Guests:</b> Beth Ann Robertson &amp; Chialin Hsieh, Roya Mohammad, Elizabeth McLaurin, Denny Casso</p> <p><b>Student Representatives:</b> [vacant] <b>Minute Taker:</b> Courtney Sanchez</p>
<p><b>Advisor:</b> Teresea Archaga  <b>Absent:</b> Thyra Cobbs</p>

<b>I. CURRENT ITEMS</b>		
<b>Item #</b>	<b>I. Topic Activity</b>	<b>I. Outcome</b>
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 for 8/31/2020</b>	I. Senator Jackson motions to approve agenda II. Vice President Velazquez 2nd FINAL VOTE 2-1-0 I. Senator Jackson motions to approve the agenda from 8/31/20 with added adjustments: Spelling of Esteeven’s name II. Senator Ccora 2nd FINAL VOTE 3-0-0
	<b>Business: Reports</b>	

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3.	<p><b>Public Comment: Information</b></p> <p>Senators may respond as summarized below:(no more than 2 minutes on each item)          *Senators may briefly 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.  <i>(Government Code Section 54954.2(a))</i></p>	<p>I. Senator Jackson informs us that she had a problem with the bookstore, she had a copy for her book, but they said they didn't have it.</p> <p>II. Denny Casso works with Bay Area Immigration, they are offering free immigration services to the LMC community. They're having a workshop on October 2, 10 AM - 11 AM to introduce the new services and any immigration questions.</p>
	<p><b>New Business</b></p>	
4.	<p><b><u>Officer &amp; Senator Reports / Updates</u></b></p>	<p>I. Vice President Velasquez: Without the Monday meeting, it was hard for her to follow her weekly schedule. She has an ochem test this week, but getting back into the rhythm of things.</p> <p>II. Senator Jackson: She is taking pre-statistics and utilizing the online math lab.</p> <p>III. Senator Ccora: He had a 1:1 meeting with a university representative. MESA is now offering tutoring appointments.</p> <p>IV. President Sessions: Last week and this week is a jam packed week, next week is the Social Justice Town Hall. He wants to stress the importance of this event and finding students for the panel, especially people of the black community. In order to reach equity and inclusion, we need to</p>

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		<p>hear their voices. The fastest way to contact him is through phone number. He's struggling to find the balance between school, work and presidency.</p>
<p>5.</p>	<p><b><u>Advisor Report</u></b></p>	<p>I. Advisor Archaga: In your InSite email, you should be receiving an email regarding voting. The town hall meeting is next Monday, September 3 (3 PM - 5 PM). If you're available, please attend because student attendance is important. The Impact Conference will be taking place October 16, virtually and all day. The first planning session happened today and she's excited to see how it turns out. There is one more week left for LMCAS recruitment, September 21 is the deadline to be considered to be a part of the senate. There will be a Latin History Month to honor the Latinx community. If you have any ideas for events, please contact her for more support.</p>
<p>6.</p>	<p><b><u>Committee Reports</u></b></p>	<p>I. Senator Jackson: No Report                  II. Senator Ccora: No Report                  III. Vice President Velazquez : She got an email to join the LMC foundation committee and the first meeting will be in November.                  IV. President Sessions: He has been attending events for the town hall events with the</p>

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		<p>more higher ups. During the meeting, they keep getting trapped, because they know the end of racism is impossible. The SGC committee worked on the budget for the year and how it'll be allocated for the year. The team has a lot of acronyms, so he's trying to keep up with everything they're talking about. He submitted the official response to the mission and values statement, they're still trying to do more revisions to the statements.</p>
c	<b><u>New Business</u></b>	
7.	<b><u>EMP First Read</u></b>	<p>I. BethAnn gave a presentation on the background of EMP. EMP was developed last year as an extension of the planning committee. There were at least 2 senators at each EMP core group meeting. They did 3 external/internal environmental scan data. Today is the first read for all three senates (voice all your opinions, to be included in the second read), in two weeks there will be the second read. All of their data, public forums, etc can be found under "Educational Master Plan 2020-2025" on the LMC website. Over the summer, there has been quite a good amount of dialogues regarding addressing racism. This has become a goal of the</p>

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		<p>institution to fight against racism, it is now the first goal that needs to be addressed. She advises splitting the work, the best thing to do is have one person look over the introduction and the goals/objectives be split up. EMP is the overarching plan for the college. The EMP has 5 goals that need to be discussed.</p> <p>II. President Sessions states that there will be exactly 5 people (4 senators and him) to split the goals evenly.</p> <p>III. BethAnn informs the group to deviate the work now and take a week to look it over, then provide any feedback to her, Teresea, and President Sessions.</p> <p>IV. Advisor Archaga announces that Roya, Liz, and Angelee will be confirmed today, so they can help out. Diana will be confirmed next week.</p> <p>V. Senator Jackson &amp; President Sessions will take <b><u>Objective 1: Strengthen a culture of equity, diversity, inclusion, and racial justice.</u></b></p> <p>VI. Liz and Roya will take <b><u>Objective 2: Increase and maximize equitable opportunities for students to successfully complete courses and programs.</u></b></p>
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		<p>VII. Luisa and Courtney will take <b><u>Objective 3: Increase opportunities that will prepare students to enter high-demand and living-wage occupational fields.</u></b></p> <p>VIII. Diana will take <b><u>Objective 4: To better support students in accomplishing their academic and career goals – from entry to completion/transition – and to enhance courselevel and program-level achievement, expand and deepen educational, workforce, and community partnerships.</u></b></p> <p>IX. Angelee and Esteeven will take <b><u>Objective 5: Effectively utilize institutional resources to meet the needs critical to the College mission.</u></b></p> <p>X. <a href="https://www.losmedanos.edu/planning/edplan2020-2025.aspx">https://www.losmedanos.edu/planning/edplan2020-2025.aspx</a> (Page 43-46)</p>
8.	<b><u>Confirm Senator Roya Mohammad</u></b>	<p>I. President Sessions asks for a motion to confirm Roya Mohammad</p> <p>II. Vice President Velazquez motions to confirm Roya Mohammad as senator</p> <p>III. Senator Jackson 2nds the motion</p> <p>IV. FINAL VOTE 3-0-0</p>

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9.	<b><u>Interview Elizabeth McLaurin</u></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>I. Vice President Velazquez asked if she can tell us a little about herself.</li><li>II. Liz replies that this is her fourth semester and her major is communications, with her ultimate goal to attend law school. She's hoping she transfers to the University of New Mexico. The reason she's interested in LMCAS is because she believes there are so many out of date laws and some laws indirectly affect our lives, she prefers a simplification of these laws since they affect us. She is a big believer in information is power and everyone deserves the right to be informed.</li><li>III. President Sessions asks, as a senator you're coming in with a different perspective, how will your perspective help the constiginency?</li><li>IV. Liz replies that she always brings a willingness to communicate, it's our responsibility to be open-minded and share our beliefs/ideas. She challenges herself to listen to others she doesn't align with and to speak up when the moment arises. She has a strong passion for people and voice.</li><li>V. President Sessions says that as a senator you must fulfill time obligations, how will</li></ul>
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		<p>you manage your time to fit in all these requirements?</p> <p>VI. Liz replies that she thought a lot of that, but she feels confident in managing her time. She wouldn't have applied if she knew she couldn't give the senate/community what they deserve.</p> <p>VII. Vice President Veasquez says that she mentions that she wants to inform people, what do you believe could help us communicate to students about events?</p> <p>VIII. Liz replies that the biggest way to get involved with the students is to work with student newspapers and be more proactive with what LMCAS discusses. She's been challenging herself to be more "hip" and be more active on social media, because that's where information is moving towards.</p> <p>IX. Senator Ccora asks what was your main reason to join LMCAS?</p> <p>X. Liz replies that she is very fascinated with all forms of government and the best way to get involved is to immerse yourself into it. LMCAS is a great way to represent the students.</p> <p>XI. President Sessions asked if you have an opportunity to create an event, what would it be?</p>
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		<p>XII. Liz replies that it would be centered around voting and encouraging people to vote, plus learn more about the process. Another thing would be something around economics, such as taxes.</p> <p>XIII. Liz will be confirmed as senator at the next meeting.</p>
10.	<b><u>Interview Angelee Bergantino</u></b>	<p>I. President Sessions asks how she will plan on managing her time available to allocate towards LMCAS?</p> <p>II. Angelee replies that she is taking less units this semester, so she has more free time to expand on her experiences rather than her academics.</p> <p>III. Vice President Velasquez asks what does she want to focus on?</p> <p>IV. Angelee replies that she has the perspective as a wellness ambassador and mental health ties into most of the things LMCAS talks about.</p> <p>V. President Sessions asked how she will take the experience of being a wellness ambassador and relate it to her work as senator?</p> <p>VI. She replies that her main responsibility is outreaching, so she has experience within that field to help the club.</p>

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		<p>VII. Senator Ccora asks what is the main reason you decided to join LMCAS?</p> <p>VIII. She replies mainly because she wants to expand more on her experiences, since she is staying a third year.</p> <p>IX. Senator Jackson asks how do you plan on informing students on mental wellness?</p> <p>X. Angelee replies that she does a lot of social media outreach, presentations, and in general virtual outreach.</p> <p>XI. President Sessions asks if you have the opportunity to create an event, what would it look like?</p> <p>XII. Angelee replies that she is doing a presentation on mental health for the Impact Conference and would take that to create its own separate event.</p> <p>XIII. Senator Ccora asks what is something that you think that needs to be changed?</p> <p>XIV. Angelee replies that she wanted to learn more about the other issues happening, since her main focus is just mental health. She states that she's not that knowledgeable on racial justice, but she would like to be more involved in it.</p> <p>XV. Angelee will be confirmed at the next meeting.</p>
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11.	<b>Fall 2020 / Spring 2021 Budget</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>I. President Sessions states that there was a huge increasement in the budget, so now the money has to be allocated for the semester.</li><li>II. Advisor Archaga says to President Sessions that she emailed him with the correct numbers to use as a starting point.</li><li>III. President Sessions says we need to allocate \$150,000 towards other things on campus.</li><li>IV. Advisor Archaga informs us that \$168,750 was the approved amount from spring and we now have \$305,376 to allocate. Item 9, 10, 11, 12, 16, 17, 18 have not been used for several years. The team needs to discuss if they would like to remove those lines from the budget and the justification. We can no longer give stipends towards mileage and if you choose to remove it, you must rework the bylaws as well. It's important that the funds are used as much as possible.</li><li>V. President Sessions says that he has no idea on how to use the extra allocated money, but he wants it to be strictly used to give back to the students. Some money was allocated from the student emergency fund to the food pantry.</li><li>VI. Advisor Archaga gives an example if a student needs help with buying art supplies for an art class, the money would come out of the emergency fund. The student would have to pick it up during</li></ul>
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		<p>pantry hours.</p> <p>VII. President Sessions asks the group to start brainstorming how the money can be allocated.</p> <p>VIII. Liz asks if we're limited to the 26 lines and if we have different ideas, do we bring it up in the meeting?</p> <p>IX. Advisor Archaga confirms that we can change the lines as long as everyone is on board.</p> <p>X. Liz asks if there's more detail on each line.</p> <p>XI. Advisor Archaga replies that in the sheet there is a "Justification" tab, explaining each line.</p> <p>XII. President Sessions asks about ICC.</p> <p>XIII. Advisor Archaga replies that the first meeting will be next week and meetings will either be Tuesday or Wednesday.</p> <p>XIV. President Sessions says that a good line item that we can allocate money towards is the zero textbook cost. He wants to increase the campus set up fees.</p> <p>XV. Advisor Archaga replies that the fee is for the custodial for on-campus events and the funds can be moved to another account.</p> <p>XVI. Senator Ccora asks if an item gets eliminated, can it come back next semester?</p> <p>XVII. Advisor Archaga replies that she doesn't see the line items coming back, because they're now run by another department. There is another budget that is specifically</p>
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		for LMCAS to attend conferences and to do outreach/marketing.
12.	<b>Adjournment or Continue</b>	Vice President Velazquez moved to adjourn the meeting at 2:54 PM.