



LOS MEDANOS COLLEGE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS MINUTES

DATE: 2/6/17 TIME: 1:00 pm – 3:00pm LOCATION: L-106

Present:

President: Israel Cortez

Vice-President: Natasha Garcia

Treasurer: Not appointed

Commissioner of Campus Events: Angela Lee

Publicity and Outreach: Not appointed

Senators: Jessica Havelhorst, Nilton Serva

Student Representatives: Dale Satre

Advisor: John Nguyen

Absent:

Minute Taker: Amata Abatcha

Guests: Gary Walker, Azuka Atum, Al-Ameen Ishola, Nick Garcia

ITEM #	TOPIC/ACTIVITY	OUTCOME
1	Call to order	I. President Cortez called the meeting to order at 1:01pm
2	Approve: I. Agenda II. Minutes from 1/31/17 meeting	I. Motion to approve agenda A. Motioned by: Nilton Serva B. Seconded by: Vice-President Garcia C. Motion approved unanimously 4-0-0 II. Motion to table the previous minutes for next meeting A. Motioned by: Vice-President Garcia B. Seconded by: Senator Havelhorst C. Motion approved unanimously 4-0-0
BUSINESS: REPORTS		
3	Public Comment	I. From Gary Walker:



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		<ul style="list-style-type: none">A. A member of the governance board in Martinez, board 4. Was student trustee. Stopped by to say hello and welcome everyone as he “used to be in your place.”B. Wants to see how this semester’s ‘Cultural Conversations’ is happeningII. From Dale Satre:<ul style="list-style-type: none">A. Wished to bring up the issue of the internet. Prior to the semester, the internet was fine and stable. But now with the new changes made, students he has spoken to are experiencing instability. Internet connection is slow, and if accessing from a cell phone, drains the battery quicklyB. Commissioner Lee added that in the past hour it has been off and on at an interval of about 10 minutesC. President Cortez advised to speak to the Technology Advisory CouncilIII. From Senator Serva:<ul style="list-style-type: none">A. Stated that if anyone is interested in joining a startup, his brother is organizing internships for KRS (Knowledge, Resources, Strategy) a digital marketing agency focused on social media. Looking for people interested in development and public relations.IV. Motion to suspend the order of the day<ul style="list-style-type: none">A. Motioned by: Vice-President GarciaB. Seconded by: Commissioner LeeC. Motion approved unanimously 4-0-0
4	Request for Support	<ul style="list-style-type: none">I. From Nick Garcia:<ul style="list-style-type: none">A. Introduced himself as the chair of the Drama Department. Distributed some papers to the board regarding a budgetB. Stated that his department has struggled to raise funds for the for the Spring 2017 Kennedy Center American College Theater Festival (KCACTF). Besides California, states in the Western region such as Nevada, Wyoming, Oregon, Washington, Alaska, Idaho, etc will be attending. Continued on to mention that it is a big event where they enroll different people and how the



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		<p>LMC Drama Department has won many awards in the past</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> C. Many students attain scholarships through this event to transfer to certain schools D. Has been helped out by the HSI grant and the LMC foundation so far, however, they need a lot more help. Appreciates how LMCAS has been a great support in the past. Will not ask for the full amount as they have raised money to cover part of the cost E. Needs help for covering the cost primarily of hotel rooms and food. If LMCAS is able to help out with <i>both</i>, they will make sure LMCAS gets recognition especially when doing shows at places such as hospitals or the children’s theater. Will put LMCAS on their posters F. \$5,000-\$20,000 dollar scholarships. Students have secured jobs at these festivals. One student beat MFA students from top schools such as UCLA G. The trip will be one week long. Taking 17 students. Had 27 previously but at least 10 dropped out because they could not afford to raise the money to secure their plane tickets. H. Representative Satre asked if they looked to other organizations for help. Guest Garcia responded positively, stating that they talked to a few other grants outside LMC I. The requested amount is \$6,352. Adding food would raise it up to approximately \$9,000. Crowne Plaza gave them a group rate and deal on top of that because they are a school J. Guest Walker added how he personally knows Federico, Ezekiel (Claudia), and Du’praiseja Gary provided his comments on how he appreciated them during his time K. Advisor Nguyen stated that the LMCAS budget is \$57,00 dollars. L. Nilton inquired about a possible budgeting mistake the Drama Department made regarding the amount for food per day to which Guest Garcia said he would look into that M. President Cortez added that assuming this passes, where would the money come from? Advisor Nguyen said it would come out of ‘Events’ Line Item 1 N. Guest Garcia added this would be a continuous thing; “this one event we are investing in.” O. President Cortez said he would have the decision for him by next Monday. Nick requested that it would be highly preferable to be earlier in the agenda
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<p>5</p>	<p>Officer and Senator Updates</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">I. From Commissioner Lee:<ul style="list-style-type: none">A. No reportII. From Vice-President Garcia:<ul style="list-style-type: none">A. No reportIII. From Senator Havelhorst:<ul style="list-style-type: none">A. No reportIV. From Representative Satre:<ul style="list-style-type: none">A. No reportV. From Senator Serva:<ul style="list-style-type: none">A. No reportVI. From President Cortez:<ul style="list-style-type: none">A. No report
<p>6</p>	<p>Advisor Report</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">I. From Advisor Nguyen:<ul style="list-style-type: none">A. Went over requirements to prospective senator Al-Ameen Ishola on the process toward becoming a senator of LMCAS. Will be doing interview later todayB. Food Pantry just opened today. Located next to the cafeteriaC. Will be hosting a canned food drive competition between the clubsD. Grand opening and ceremony will be sometime in MarchE. Advisor Nguyen responded to Guest Walker's question further inquiring about the Food Pantry, stating that in order to receive food, you must be a currently registered LMC student. Additionally you must fill out an intake form in order to keep track of how much food goes out. Financial aid record is not checkedF. Vice-President Garcia asked if there is a page dedicated to this online to which Advisor Nguyen responded affirmatively; there is a page on the Los Medanos websiteG. Advisor said there are three donation barrels located in the Student Life office, inside and outside pantry



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		<ul style="list-style-type: none">H. Guest Ishola asked how secure it is. Advisor Nguyen responded that it is very secure and kept locked when not open and that there will always be two people present whenever openI. Open from 10:00am-3:00pm and 5:00pm-7:00pm Mondays-Thursdays; open from 1:00pm-3:00pm on FridaysJ. Vice-President Garcia asked whether there would be dietician facts displayed. Advisor Nguyen responded that although it is not already in place, he does try to find the most nutritious food possible. Says the Food Bank will provide information for themII. From Advisor Nguyen<ul style="list-style-type: none">A. Will be hosting another 'Place to Talk' this Thursday from 2:00pm-3:30pm in Student Life February 9. Quote, "This is an opportunity to come together and talk about policies being implemented from our current [federal] administration."B. Added that (Los Medanos) President Bob has attended in the past and listened to concernsC. Ended with emphasizing that they chose this particular timing to be the best for most students
<p>7</p>	<p>Committee Report</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">I. From Commissioner Lee:<ul style="list-style-type: none">A. No reportII. From Vice-President Garcia:<ul style="list-style-type: none">A. No reportIII. From Senator Havelhorst:<ul style="list-style-type: none">A. No reportIV. From Representative Satre:<ul style="list-style-type: none">A. No reportV. From Senator Serva<ul style="list-style-type: none">A. No reportVI. From President Cortez<ul style="list-style-type: none">A. No report



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<p>8</p>	<p>Book Rental Program</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">I. From Vice-President Garcia:<ul style="list-style-type: none">A. Stated that she would like to keep the letter short and to-the-point, including the essential information that it was sponsored by LMCASB. Says stickers may be more expensive and time consuming than the stamp as well as easier and faster since less toner is used which is the most “pricey”C. President Cortez stated he talked to “Andrew” from the bookstore who said they would do it for the back. Andrew also said they would take it upon themselves to laminate the entire backsideD. The senators continued to discuss different methods of catching the buyer’s attentionE. Vice-President Garcia said that classes change their books as new editions get released, which is about once every 2 yearsF. Angela raised the concern over renting books and returning them. We could have LMCAS book rental. Her opinion is that a stamp would be more efficient. If you’re allowing a student to borrow the book. Suggested having a decent size stampG. Guest Walker emphasized that “Student Government” would be a better wording than “LMCAS.” He feels this is crucial since many students may not fully recognize what LMCAS is they simply see the acronym, whereas “Student Government” more bluntly tells a prospective student who is behind the funding and may be more curious into understanding what the student body doesH. Guest Ishola advocated for also inserting a short note on the receiptI. After a long discourse, Vice-President Garcia tried to re-gather the objective of the meetingII. Motion to table this item for next meeting<ul style="list-style-type: none">A. Motioned by: Senator ServaB. Seconded by: Vice-President GarciaC. Motion approved unanimously 3-0-0
<p>BUSINESS</p>		



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<p>9</p>	<p>Advertisements</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">I. From President Garcia:<ul style="list-style-type: none">A. Asked if there could be a decision made on what we want to do for the posters and video, such as whether it is a mustang cut-out, just the posters, etcB. Advisor Nguyen said that LMCAS is categorized as both a club and an organization. President Cortez clarified in asking, quote, “If ICC is independent of that, why does LMCAS need to do it for them?” Advisor Nguyen responded that LMCAS could hand over the project to ICCC. Vice-President Garcia volunteered to possibly take on the project, stating that she would first present the idea to ICC then let Teresea Archaga know and decide from there
<p>10</p>	<p>California Senator S. Glazer</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">I. Motion to table this item for another time<ul style="list-style-type: none">A. Motioned by: Vice-President GarciaB. Seconded by: Commissioner LeeC. Motion approved unanimously 4-0-0
<p>11</p>	<p>Local Discounts Project</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">I. From Vice-President Garcia<ul style="list-style-type: none">A. Partnering with the Railroad Avenue Jamba Juice location at the moment. Spoke to the manager who said she wishes to provide a student-only discount once a week on Tuesdays. However, if it goes well, she may open it to other days of the week. Only in effect during Fall and Spring semesters (excluding the summer semesters), because they just opened and are facing competitionII. Motion to make February 27 the day we enroll the Local Discounts Program for students<ul style="list-style-type: none">A. Motioned by: Vice-President GarciaB. Seconded by: Senator ServaC. Discussion: Guest Kubota asked if there was someone responsible for communicating events such as these to school paper, The Experience. President Cortez responded that he happens to have a meeting with “Beatriz” regarding thisD. Discussion continued: President Cortez re-capped over approved restaurants agreeing to



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		<p>Local Discounts</p> <p>E. Discussion continued: Commissioner Lee and Senator Serva went over what they did. Commissioner Lee will go back and visit again; Senator Serva said one of the owners “claimed” to have done this with LMC before and it did not go well</p> <p>F. Discussion continued: President Cortez said so far, 5 places have approved this. Guest Walker added that he has, during his time, ordered in bulk from Chipotle and suggested talking with Chipotle which may be beneficial since they are familiar with LMC</p> <p>G. Discussion continued: Guest Atum asked how this would be advertised to the students. President Cortez responded that this would be planned out in later stages and that there are two ways of doing this. Vice-President Garcia said they could additionally present it at freshman orientation</p> <p>H. Motion approved unanimously 4-0-0</p>
12	Student Representative Appointment	<p>I. Motion to appoint RC Kubota as a student representative of TAG (Technology Advisory Group) for LMCAS</p> <p>A. Motioned by: Senator Serva</p> <p>B. Seconded by: Vice-President Garcia</p> <p>C. Discussion: Vice-President asked what committee she would like to be appointed to</p> <p>D. Motion approved unanimously 4-0-0</p>
13	Senator Application	<p>I. From Al-Ameen Ishola:</p> <p>A. Responded to President Cortez’s question of how committed he is. Said he is fully committed so long as it does not interfere with his classes</p> <p>B. Stated that this is his last semester at LMC. Taking three classes of 14 units. Hopefully intends to transfer to UC Berkeley.</p> <p>C. President Cortez asked what does he think LMCAS can do better this semester. Answered that he would want to improve communication such as making more apparent knowledge of</p>



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		<p>who the administration is. Wants to do something that incorporates the student body such as a meet and greet. Needs to do more things that forces the student's attention such as more club days</p> <p>D. Says he is a psychology major aspiring to transfer to UC Berkeley, but is now looking more into a public service route such as public administration</p> <p>E. Also added that a lot of student involvement is "by chance," elaborating that the only reason why he is here is because he talked to Israel Cortez and Richard Stanfield and would, quote, "hate to leave things to random chance."</p> <p>F. Guest Kubota gave anecdotes of how people went into different clubs</p> <p>G. Guest Walker made a statement of the importance of getting involved at the local level</p> <p>II. From President Cortez:</p> <p>A. Will leave vote to next week</p>
14	SSCCC Traveling	<p>I. From Senator Serva:</p> <p>A. Requesting \$129.65 in reimbursement for the cost of SSSCC trip last semester</p> <p>II. Motion to reimburse \$129.65 to Nilton Serva for mileage and traveling expenses</p> <p>A. Motioned by: Vice-President Garcia</p> <p>B. Seconded by: Senator Havelhorst</p> <p>C. Discussion: Recapped what SSSCC is and what they do. Comprises bills, some things which have come out of SSSCC is allowing for the homeless to use showers or transgender name changes</p> <p>D. Motion approved 3-0-1</p>
15	Adjournment	<p>I. Vice President Garcia motions to adjourn meeting at 2:57pm</p>