



LOS MEDANOS COLLEGE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS MINUTES

DATE: 2/13/17 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: Al-Ameen Ishola, RC Kubota, Nick Garcia, Yazmin Rahimi, Austin Trenholm

ITEM #	TOPIC/ACTIVITY	OUTCOME
1	Call to order	I. President Cortez called the meeting to order at 1:02pm
2	Approve: I. Agenda II. Minutes from 2/6/17 meeting	I. Motion to suspend the order of the day A. Motioned by: Senator Havelhorst B. Seconded by: Vice-President Garcia C. Motion approved unanimously 3-0-0 II. Motion to approve agenda with amendment A. Motioned by: Nilton Serva B. Seconded by: Senator Serva C. Motion approved unanimously 4-0-0 III. Motion to approve the minutes A. Motioned by: Vice-President Garcia B. Seconded by: Senator Havelhorst C. Motion approved unanimously 4-0-0



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BUSINESS: REPORTS		
3	Request for Support	<ul style="list-style-type: none">I. From Nick Garcia:<ul style="list-style-type: none">A. Re-capped the importance of KCACTF event and the need for financial support in order to make the trip successfulB. Emphasized that if LMCAS is willing to help pay for food and hotel rooms, they will include LMCAS as a co-sponsorC. President Cortez asked Guest Garcia if he could decide which item has a higher priority to which Guest Garcia responded, “hotel rooms.”D. Guest Ishola asked Guest Garcia whether the Drama Department had gone to any other organizations for help, to which Guest Garcia replied yes, “we have tried every resource possible.”E. Senator Serva brought up again what was off on the budget last week. Guest Garcia responded that there is a reprinted copy of the revised budget and re-calculated the costII. Motion to approve the \$6,252 as the amount of the hotel cost<ul style="list-style-type: none">A. Motioned by: Senator ServaB. Seconded by: Commissioner LeeC. Motion approved unanimously 4-0-0III. From Advisor Nguyen:<ul style="list-style-type: none">A. Went over rules for fundingB. Stated that there is \$4,450 left for LMCAS events Line Item 1C. Added that there is \$4,550 allocated to events Line Item 19D. In response to Commissioner Lee’s question about shifting each line item budget around, stated that there is \$8,000 allocated to Student Life which cannot be moved aroundE. Continued to go over what was allocated for certain events and what is left in the reservesF. Vice-President Garcia brought up the importance of the board anticipating other clubs requesting for money such as AGS. Asked Guest Garcia if it whether it would be fine if LMCAS



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		<p><i>only</i> covered for the food cost. Guest Garcia said, “<i>any</i> help would be fine.” Vice-President Garcia turned to the board and stressed how LMCAS is undergoing a budget deficit and the need to avoid dipping into emergency funds</p> <p>G. Guest Ishola asked whether LMCAS if allowed to fundraise to which President Cortez responded that this is not permitted. “All funds come from student fees.”</p> <p>H. President Cortez further recommended to only fund for one thing such as \$2,800 for food</p> <p>I. Guest Ishola remarked on how Guest Garcia had gotten some of the funds from other resources, then asked what would happen if he were to use any extra money from the Drama Department itself Guest Garcia responded that to further dip into Drama Department’s funds takes away from putting on shows at the Little Theater, the California Theatre, etc.</p> <p>J. Guest Garcia repeatedly stressed how <i>any</i> money at all would help</p> <p>IV. Motion to amend the proposed amount from \$6,252 to \$2,275</p> <p>A. Motioned by: Commissioner Lee</p> <p>B. Seconded by: Senator Serva</p> <p>C. Discussion: The board went over the fiscal year and the amount for next year</p> <p>D. Discussion continued: Representative Satre brought up how accepting too much money may set up a precedent of other clubs not feeling valued. Guest Ishola disagreed with this statement and responded that the entire purpose of student government is to serve the students and that a first-come first-serve basis would not undervalue other students.</p> <p>E. President Cortez stepped in and stated that this is not exactly what student government is about and that it is, in fact, important to set a precedent because “this is what is going on. Hopefully the budget will increase anyway.” Stated that the board should aim to be wise about spending decisions</p> <p>F. Discussion continued: Vice-President Garcia said, “the reason why clubs come to us is because they see as special,” then further explained the need to “invest in our students and examine the outcome of funding this. Students can potentially get scholarships from schools they want to go to.” Provided anecdote of how she invests in her education despite working a</p>
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		<p>job she is not completely satisfied with. “This is not about funding for vacations. These are the students that have our name on the Aspen Award Prize [that Los Medanos College received.]”</p> <p>G. Dale wanted to add that although he does not have the voting right, he stressed how other clubs will be coming to us and hoped that keeping this in mind may influence the vote</p> <p>H. Guest Ishola expressed great appreciation toward Vice-President Garcia’s input because of “the long-term implications for the college.” President Cortez agreed to this and said that it directly aligns with what student body is about and how LMCAS advocates for student success</p> <p>I. Advisor Nguyen said if LMCAS approves this, “we will have \$2,225 left under Line item 19 (sponsored campus events).</p> <p>J. RC Kubota asked a question regarding the reserves. “If you do want to have another event this semester, would it make more sense to divide it into thirds?” Vice-President Garcia responded how in the previous semester, LMCAS worked out sponsorships with the City of Pittsburg</p> <p>K. Advisor went over the options that were brought up. Offered how the board can extend time to further talk discuss the item</p> <p>L. Senator Serva apologized, needing to leave at 2:00 so his vote may be out and should probably continue to wrap up the process</p> <p>V. Motion to approve \$2,275 to fund the KCACTF to the Drama Department</p> <p>A. Motioned by: Commissioner Lee</p> <p>B. Seconded by: Senator Serva</p> <p>C. Motion approved 2-0-2</p> <p>VI. Motion to approve the minutes of the 1/31/17 meeting</p> <p>A. Motioned by: Senator Serva</p> <p>B. Seconded by: Senator Havelhorst</p> <p>C. Motion approved unanimously 4-0-0</p>
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		<p>VII. Motion to amend the 2/6/17 minutes to include RC Kubota to the guest list</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">A. Motioned by: Vice-President GarciaB. Seconded by: Senator HavelhorstC. Motion approved unanimously 4-0-0
4	Public Comment	<p>I. From RC Kubota:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">A. Veteran’s Appreciation Spaghetti Feed Silent Auction/drawing on Saturday April 15 at the VFW Hall in downtown Antioch. Timing TBAB. Fundraising taking place for the LMC Veteran’s Center that just opened last springC. AGS having a tamale sale next week
5	Officer and Senator Updates	<p>I. From Vice-President Garcia:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">A. Distributed LMCAS ‘Special Agreement Form’B. Stated that Jamba Juice will only accepts students (no faculty/staff) with current enrollment sticker for spring and fall semesters only (not including summer). Applies only on TuesdaysC. Discussed ‘Advertisement’ section of how students will receive notifications regarding discounts and updatesD. President suggested further specifying the verbiage such as forgetting to include Jamba Juice and the los medianos websiteE. Stated that the dance team will perform at the upcoming basketball game for the last time this semester <p>II. From Commissioner Lee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">A. Worked high school and career focus where they showed high school students from Pittsburg, Deer Valley, Liberty, and Freedom around, various clubs on campus, and how to get involved. Only 2 out of 20 students attending were concurrently enrolled. “The event went pretty well.” <p>III. From Senator Havelhorst:</p>



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		<ul style="list-style-type: none">A. No reportIV. From President Cortez:<ul style="list-style-type: none">A. Recognized 'Sandra' for her hard work within the Outreach Program. "One spot is available where you go to different high schools around the area and inform the students about college." Stated that the Counseling Department is also hiringB. Attended Academic Senate meeting last Monday. "They approved the resolution transitioning into a sanctuary district." Briefly explained how this would work; if a judge or subpoena came to a student regarding their immigration status, the district would offer them legal services. "There are still many unknowns." Further added that Kristen Conner is the head of this and working with the district and other colleges to help fix thisC. District Governance Committee meeting meets from 1:00pm-4:00pm in Martinez tomorrowD. Stated that College Assembly is open to everyone later today from 3:00pm-5:00pm
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<p>6</p>	<p>Advisor Report</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">I. From Advisor Nguyen:<ul style="list-style-type: none">A. Discussed the LMCAS budget with President Cortez priorB. Re-capped how 'A Place to Talk' held last week was about discriminationC. Upcoming Cesar Chavez blood drive. There is a shortage of blood donations so it is important to get people to participate. "They give away free stuff such as 2 day getaways to Lake Tahoe or tickets to a Safari West trip." Those interested in donating may go to bloodheroes.org and use the LMC code 'LOSMC' to winD. Black History Month book club starting. More information can be found at the Los Medanos websiteE. Black History Month displays on shelves are being displayed this month in the library lobbyF. Black Lives Matter informative panel will be held on February 14 from 12:00pm-2:00pm in room L-109II. From Al-Ameen Ishola:<ul style="list-style-type: none">A. Further elaborated on the Black Lives Matter panel that the Honors Club and CAWS are holding and the importance of educating people about the movement and dispelling mythsB. Said that he will likely be moderating the eventC. Added that there will be a "rainfood table" where snacks and refreshments will be providedIII. From Advisor Nguyen:<ul style="list-style-type: none">A. HBCU informational at the Transfer Center on February 15 from 4:00pm-7:00pmB. "Hidden Figures" movie showing at Maya Cinema in Antioch on February 23. Free tickets provided at losmedanos.edu/blackhistoryC. "Black Wall Street" brief celebration on February 28 from 5:00pm-7:00pm where a professor of history will be talking about black leaders in historyD. Museum of African Diaspora field trip on March 2 from 11:00am-4:00pm. Free Bart tickets will be offered at losmedanos.edu/blackhistory
<p>7</p>	<p>Committee Report</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">I. From Vice-President Garcia:



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		<ul style="list-style-type: none">A. No reportII. From Commissioner Lee:<ul style="list-style-type: none">A. Antioch rotary bunny hop on April 15B. Nature Preserve volunteering opportunities available Mondays-Thursdays from 9:00am-1:00pm. Those interested can make reservations with Ricardo BlackC. AGS Tamale Sale on February 14 from 9:30am-4:00pm at the indoor quadD. AGS Cupcake Sale on February 16 from 9:00am-2:00pm at the indoor quadE. Honors pancake sale on February 15 from 10:00am-2:00pm at the indoor quadIII. From Senator Havelhorst:<ul style="list-style-type: none">A. TLC will be having a meeting in March including faculty and staff and the Chair, Scott Hubbard, wants her to talk about how the SLO's are "not doing so well right now."IV. From Representative Satre:<ul style="list-style-type: none">A. Sent an email "rant" to the Technology Advisory Group concerning the internet issues last week. Has yet to receive a responseV. From President Cortez:<ul style="list-style-type: none">A. Attended SGC last Wednesday that takes place every other weekB. Discussed email he sent earlier about Grade Appeal meeting for senatorsC. Announced DGC meeting tomorrow from 1:00pm-4:00pm in MartinezD. Announced EEO meeting tomorrow from 2:30pm-4:30pm
8	Senator Voting	<ul style="list-style-type: none">I. Motion to approve Guest Ishola as a senator to the LMCAS board<ul style="list-style-type: none">A. Motioned by: Vice-President GarciaB. Seconded by: Senator HavelhorstC. Discussion: Vice-President Garcia expressed how she is very excited to have him here as she sees that he is very involved on campus as well as an Honors Scholar. Although Guest Ishola will be transferring this semester, stated that she looks forward to seeing what he will do and what impacts he will leave



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		<p>D. Motion approved unanimously 3-0-0</p> <p>E. President Cortez added congratulatory remarks to which Senator Ishola responded positively</p>
	BUSINESS	
9	Book Rental Program	<p>I. From President Cortez:</p> <p>A. Thought of crafting a draft of a letter to include sponsored textbooks at bookstore. ‘Andrew,’ an employee at the bookstore, said whatever LMCAS decides, “they will do the work of putting it on for us.”</p> <p>B. Senator Ishola asked a question specifying exactly which books would be laminated to which President Cortez responded, “whatever books we paid for, and it will be the most popular books that get paid for.”</p> <p>C. Guest Kubota inquired on what the goal of inserting sticker is. “To say we sponsored or to also to recruit people to LMCAS?” She added that a letter would be more effective than a sticker</p> <p>D. Senator Ishola said that there will always be some students who read it and some that will not read it</p> <p>E. President Cortez stressed that the board needs to come to a consensus on whether it will be a letter or a stamp</p> <p>F. Commissioner Lee said that with every year or two, there may be new textbooks that get rotated in. Because of this, she asked, “wouldn’t it be easier/more cost effective to use paper?” President Cortez responded that the bookstore did not think printing and lamination would be too costly</p> <p>G. Vice-President Garcia stated that if the board purchased the books already, they should automatically have the letter placed on them</p> <p>H. More discussion ensued regarding the exact formatting and positioning of the letter</p> <p>II. Motion to use letter labels on books purchased for the Book Rental Program following the draft next week provided by President Cortez for next meeting</p>



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		A. Motioned by: Vice-President Garcia B. Seconded by: Senator Havelhorst C. Motion approved unanimously 4-0-0
10	Adjournment	I. Vice-President Garcia motions to adjourn meeting at 2:51pm