



STUDENTS ADVOCATING FOR STUDENTS

LOS MEDANOS COLLEGE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS MINUTES

DATE: 3/13/17 TIME: 1:00 pm – 3:00pm LOCATION: SS-409

Present:

President: Israel Cortez

Vice-President: *Absent*

Treasurer: *Not appointed*

Commissioner of Campus Events:

Publicity and Outreach: *Not appointed*

Senators: Jean Carlos-Alvarado, Al-Ameen Ishola, Nilton Serva, Dale Satre, Azuka Atum

Student Representatives: Hannah Tatmon

Advisor: John Nguyen

Absent: Natasha Garcia, Jessica Havelhorst, Angela Lee

Minute Taker: Amata Abatcha

Guests: Tammy Smith, Marco McMullen, Christina Goff

ITEM #	TOPIC/ACTIVITY	OUTCOME
1	Call to order	I. President Cortez called the meeting to order at 1:06pm
2	Approve: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I. Agenda II. Minutes from 3/6/17 meeting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I. Motion to approve agenda <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Motioned by: Senator Satre B. Seconded by: Senator Serva C. Motion approved unanimously 5-0-0 II. Motion to suspend order of day and move item 13 to item 7 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Motioned by: Senator Ishola B. Seconded by: Senator Serva C. Motion fails to pass 0-3-2 III. Motion to approve previous minutes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Motioned by: Senator Serva B. Seconded by: Senator Ishola C. Motion passes unanimously 5-0-0



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BUSINESS: REPORTS		
3	Public Comment	<ul style="list-style-type: none">I. From Senator Serva<ul style="list-style-type: none">A. Announced the last day to sign up for UC Santa Barbara/Cal Poly tour. Deadline extended today, March 13 at 5:00pm. Tour will take place on April 3 and 4B. Announced that Kristin Conner extended Job Shadowing as only 2 people applied till March 17. Will take place during spring break
4	Officer and Senator Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none">I. From Senator Alvarado:<ul style="list-style-type: none">A. No reportII. From Senator Atum:<ul style="list-style-type: none">A. No reportIII. From Senator Serva:<ul style="list-style-type: none">A. Announced the “Young Professionals Conference” of East Bay which will take place on April 1 from 9:30am-4:30pm at the Roundhouse Conference Center in San RamonB. Met with Fernando Sandoval who encourages LMC students to attend and meet with professionalsC. Will be doing short videos on Cesar Chavez. Will be doing videography for upcoming eventIV. From Senator Ishola:<ul style="list-style-type: none">A. The Vice-President of the Veteran’s Club initially asked for \$1,500.00 but was reduced to \$1,049,15. Was thinking of reducing that amount even furtherB. The cost for food was found to be non-negotiableC. Regarding Line item “Marketing Expenses”: majority of that coming from scholarshipsD. Regarding Line item “Entertainment”: Senator Ishola told them that “we cannot fund this as this is more of a need and not a want.”E. Regarding posters and advertisements, Senator Ishola let the Veteran’s Club know that Student Life has a service that can be done for them for free. In return he told them that they are in great need of this. Senator Ishola will have them meet with Fonzi



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		<p>F. President Cortez asked how much the new budget is. Senator Ishola responded that although there is no official new number, he will meet with them to finalize it</p> <p>G. President Cortez asked them if they received money from ICC. Senator Ishola said they made a motion on the ICC council which failed to pass</p> <p>H. Guest Smith further elaborated on Senator Ishola’s report that at ICC, they lack money and needed more detail which is why the motion died</p> <p>I. Senator Ishola said that ultimately, he will meet with them and propose a new figure, proposing it to the board next week</p> <p>J. They are working with Sheltered Inc, and since he worked with them last semester, he will re approach his old contacts. “Look forward to many updates.”</p> <p>V. From Senator Satre:</p> <p>A. Notified the board that the Army Reserve will be gone from March 23-April 7 and will be missing two meetings</p> <p>VI. From President Cortez:</p> <p>A. Encouraged board to select a business regarding Local Discounts to talk with</p> <p>B. Senator Ishola asked, “why is this still continuing?” President Cortez responded that there have only been five businesses approved and that the project is still continuing. (Little Jay’s, Las Panchitas, Tokyo and Beijing, Jamba Juice, and Cre Asian Bistro)</p> <p>C. Senator Serva asked whether this is limited to Pittsburg and expand more to Antioch. Senator Ishola reminded Senator Serva that there are also students from the Brentwood campus. President Cortez said it should be fine</p> <p>D. Senator Alvarado asked whether someone would be relegated to continue to reach out to those restaurants and maintain agreements. President Cortez responded that monthly communication “would not be a bad idea.”</p> <p>E. Senator Alvarado emphasized pushing for maintaining communication with the businesses</p> <p>F. Senator Serva clarified that it would simply be a monthly check-in. Because if they have a complaint, they may not want to go through the hassle of contacting and may simply cut it off</p>
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		<p>without notifying</p> <p>G. Although Senator Ishola agreed with the concept, he thought that once a month would be too tedious. He suggested once or twice per-semester which retains the impression that we care without harassing calls</p> <p>H. Senator Atum asked, “how long does it last?” President Cortez replied that because it is not legally binding, so there is no set time</p>
<p>5</p>	<p>Advisor Report</p>	<p>I. From Advisor Nguyen:</p> <p>A. Re-capped “A Place to Talk” last week. Enjoyed the dialogue</p> <p>B. Cesar Chavez Blood Drive will be on Tuesday, March 21. Those interested must enter the code ‘LOSMC’ online at ‘bloodheroes.org.’ Pointed out that you not only get to save lives but there are also prizes offered such as free tickets to Safari West, a 4K TV, various gift cards to Starbucks, Target, etc. In addition to this, every participant receives a free shirt</p> <p>C. “Empowering Ladies” event will be held on Wednesday, March 22 from 11:30am-1:30pm in room L-109 to encourage female students that there are careers that they can go into no matter what they identify as. The objective is to bring in motivational speakers, specifically women, who can speak to attendees about it. Added that there are five confirmed panelists so far. The event will begin with a movie. Attendees can network with panelists. Three confirmed panelists including Suzie Quesada (president of Lamar Food International), Dory Stevens (CEO of Sutter and Delta Medical Center), Sergeant Simetal (Pittsburg Police Department), Meryl Craft (mayor of Pittsburgh), and Janet Schultz (Superintendent of the Pittsburg Unified School District)</p> <p>D. “Femina” Student Life open mic event will be on March 23 in room L-109 from 7:00pm-9:00pm. People will be encouraged to walk up to microphone to perform poetry, spoken word, songs, etc for Women’s History Month. “If you would like to perform, sign up at Student Life.”</p> <p>E. March 31 Civil Rights event “where were you in the 60s?” will be held on March 31 in room</p>



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		<p>SS-412. Time TBA</p> <p>F. Re-capped the grand opening of the Food Pantry last week and recognized everyone who attended/supported it</p>
6	Committee Reports	<p>I. From Senator Alvarado:</p> <p>A. No report</p> <p>II. From Hannah Tatmon:</p> <p>A. Introduced herself as a part of PDAC and Equity & Inclusion. Stated that there is now a new dean for the latter, Sabrina Kwist, replacing Ruth Goodin. First meeting took place last month on February 23, Sabrina Kwist. Added that the chair is Mary Oleson.</p> <p>B. Committee went over conference funding recommendations. Curtis Corlew, an art instructor, had great information regarding studio lighting. After the meeting, everyone went to the studio and his report was to incorporate that by taking pictures of the members</p> <p>C. Will be hosting a New Employee Luncheon on Friday, April 14. Will be distributing a survey of what people would like to see</p> <p>D. Committee went over funding as they are in charge of mini-grants. An extra resource for funding for any employee that would like to attend a conference or invite a speaker on campus</p> <p>E. President Cortez asked Representative Tatmon where PDAC gets funding. She responded that some funding comes in through the president’s office</p> <p>III. From Senator Atum:</p> <p>A. No report</p> <p>IV. From Senator Serva:</p> <p>A. No report</p> <p>V. From Senator Ishola:</p> <p>A. At SGC there was a “heated” discussion between Academic Senate Representatives. Miscommunication predominated the two hours</p>



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		<ul style="list-style-type: none">B. President Cortez brought up how college is in a budget deficit. Explained RAP, (Resource Allocation Process) an allocation process where the college decides where money will be allotted to. Last year they decided shortened semester from 18 weeks to 16 weeks all as a result of less money to pay to faculty. This will be implemented next yearC. Based on what Judy explained to Senator Ishola, increasing the rates of retirement benefits for classified employees was a major part of why Los Medanos is currently undergoing a budget deficit. “The way the budget works was not flexible at all.” Explained categorical funding and the remainder of what goes toward flexible things such as new programs and degrees. “What happened when mandates for retirements was handed down was that more money from categorical funding had to be spent which set a chain reaction, and therefore less money was saved.”D. Guest Tatmon said a classified employee is simply staff who do office work and do not teach <p>VI. From Senator Satre:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">A. Safety Committee will be meeting this Thursday <p>VII. From President Cortez:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">A. Every 8 years, the college must review its accreditation. Right now they are doing a mid-term report. One in particular pertains to Student Government. Plan called 2b which is outlined as follows:B. Will identify diversity issues on campus and strategize to expand student awareness of the value of being part of a diverse college communityC. “On our March 27 and April 24 meeting, LMCAS will get to ask or suggest anything regarding this plan.” Board will receive copies of Self-Identified Actionable Improvement Plans
	BUSINESS	
7	Senator Appointment	<ul style="list-style-type: none">I. Motion to appoint Marco McMullen as senator of LMCAS<ul style="list-style-type: none">A. Motioned by: Senator IsholaB. Seconded by: Senator Alvarado



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		<ul style="list-style-type: none">C. Discussion: Senator Ishola asked Guest McMullen how long he intends to be a senator for. Responded, “until Spring 2018.” In return, Senator Ishola then said that he recognizes his enthusiasm and that going forward, the board will do very wellD. Discussion continued: Senator Serva reminded him that he would have to be dedicated to allocating his school schedule around LMCASE. Motion passes unanimously 5-0-0II. Motion to appoint Tammy Smith as senator of LMCAS<ul style="list-style-type: none">A. Motioned by: Senator ServaB. Seconded by: Senator IsholaC. Discussion: Senator Ishola asked how long she will be here. Responded “for a while.” In return, Senator Ishola then said that he hopes she incorporates READ into her activitiesD. Discussion continued: Senator Atum expressed how it has been a pleasure to work with Guest Smith throughout READ and talked about how hard-working she is. Looks forward to continue working with herE. Motion passes unanimously 5-0-0III. Motion to disapprove of Jonathan Pantino as a senator for LMCAS<ul style="list-style-type: none">A. Motioned by: Senator ServaB. Seconded by: Senator IsholaC. Discussion: Senator Serva and Senator Ishola expressed how not only has Guest Pantino not attended the past two meetings, but there was zero communication regarding whether or not he will attend. “Being that he is an active student representative, even though it is not required to attend every meeting,” commented Senator Ishola, “but the lack of communication should definitely be taken into consideration.”D. Discussion continued: Senator Atum asked whether he has access to the internet or at home or a phoneE. The board generally responded that either way, Guest Pantino “should have found a way to notify us ahead of time.”
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		F. Motion passes 3-0-4
8	Committee Appointments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I. From Senator Serva: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Requested to be a part of and Equal Employment Opportunity and Shared Governance Council II. From Senator Atum: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Requested to be a part of Professional Development Committee and Institutional Development for Equity III. From Senator Smith: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Requested to be a part of Institutional Development for Equity IV. From Advisor Nguyen: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Will look into cap for number of people allowed per committee V. From Senator McMullen: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Requested to be a part of Professional Development Committee VI. Motion to approve all senators to their respective committees <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Motioned by: Senator Serva B. Seconded by: Senator Ishola C. Motion passes unanimously 7-0-0
9	Election Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I. From Advisor Nguyen: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Stated that there must be at least 5 total members for election committee as well as a chair, and no one can be a part of campaigns B. Explained that the Election Committee is responsible for holding and moderating debates between candidates. Election Committee meets together to address violations C. Advised to think about members to election committee II. Motion to appoint Al-Ameen Ishola, Israel Cortez, and Amata Abatcha as part of the Election Committee



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		<ul style="list-style-type: none">A. Motioned by: Senator IsholaB. Seconded by: Senator AtumC. Motion passes unanimously 7-0-0
10	Request for Support: Empowering Ladies in Leadership	<ul style="list-style-type: none">I. Motion to approve funding \$100.00 for Empowering Ladies in Leadership event<ul style="list-style-type: none">A. Motioned by: Senator AtumB. Seconded by: Senator IsholaC. Motion passes unanimously 7-0-0
11	Textbook Library Resource	<ul style="list-style-type: none">I. From Christina Goff:<ul style="list-style-type: none">A. Library Director discussed textbook reserve program. Since the project started, was the only source of revenue. (Refer to flyer.) She started in 2007. Goal is to make current textbooks available to all students. Uses funds from students for students to check out for three hours at a time. Started with \$5,000.00 from LMCAS. In the 2013-2014 school year received \$10,000.00 but then lost funding In the 2014-2015 school year. Looking to the 17-18 school year, “we have zero dollars to offer.”B. “What started as a small program has really grown and students are dependent on it,” Guest Goff further statedC. At other colleges, such a program are rare and considered “out of the norm.” The partnership with LMCAS was “very beneficial.”D. In response to questions from Senator Ishola and Senator Serva, she further elaborated on what they do with older editions of textbooks and communication between professor’s wants and what to supplyE. Reported that a drop in foot traffic could be a drop in enrollmentF. In response to that, Senator Serva clarified that not that the program isn’t working, but would a reduce in foot traffic then mean less funding?G. Reported that people are using reserve systems much more at other schools in district such



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12	Request for Support: AGS Conference	<ul style="list-style-type: none">I. From President Cortez:<ul style="list-style-type: none">A. In continuing from last week’s discussion, AGS requested \$2,080.00II. Motion to table this item till next week<ul style="list-style-type: none">A. Motioned by: Senator ServaB. Seconded by: Senator AtumC. Motion passess unanimously 7-0-0
13	Request for Support: Veteran’s Pasta Feed	<ul style="list-style-type: none">I. Motion to table this item till next week<ul style="list-style-type: none">A. Motioned by: Senator IsholaB. Seconded by: Senator SatreC. Motion passes unanimously 7-0-0
14	Adjournment	<ul style="list-style-type: none">I. Senator Serva motioned to adjourn meeting at 2:58pm