



LOS MEDANOS COLLEGE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS MINUTES

DATE: 3/27/17 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: Al-Ameen Ishola, Nilton Serva, Azuka Atum, Jessica Havelhorst, Tammy Smith

Student Representatives: RC Kubota, Phillip Tripp

Advisor: John Nguyen

Absent: Dale Satre, Jean Carlos Alvarado

Minute Taker: Amata Abatcha

Guests: Fred Wood, Gary Walker, Brianna Klipp, BethAnn Robertson, Kevin Horan, Jose Onofre Erostico

ITEM #	TOPIC/ACTIVITY	OUTCOME
1	Call to order	I. President Cortez called the meeting to order at 1:23pm
2	Approve: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I. Agenda II. Minutes from 3/20/17 meeting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I. Motion to suspend the order of the day by moving item 9 after item 3 and approve the amended agenda <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Motioned by: Vice-President Garcia B. Seconded by: Nilton Serva C. Motion approved unanimously 7-0-0 II. Motion to approve the previous minutes with added amendments at item 9, point 2 C, H, and I <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Motioned by: Senator Ishola B. Seconded by: Nilton Serva C. Motion approved unanimously 7-0-0
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<p>3</p>	<p>Public Comment</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">I. From Fred Wood:<ul style="list-style-type: none">A. Thanked the board for allowing him to join them. Expressed one of his anxieties as serving as chancellor as his office is located in Martinez and isolated from students. “It’s great to be back on a college campus,” he openedB. Was a community college student who attended Diablo Valley College then transferred to UC Davis. Had a dream of transferring to UC Berkeley but found himself satisfied at UCD. Became a faculty member back at DVC which convinced him to further teach at the community college level in Idaho. Found himself back in California working within the district, “working to provide the best possible education I can provide for students.”C. Thinks it’s great for the board to be a part of Associated Students “and this sense of service you’re starting to develop. Good leaders care for people.” Was open to any questions from the boardD. Senator Havelhorst asked him where he went to high school, to which he responded College Park High School in Pleasant Hill. Went to Pacheco Elementary which no longer exists and Hidden Valley and Valley View Intermediate afterward. Graduated in 1975.E. Vice-President Garcia asked, “Were you a part of any programs or clubs that helped you develop the skills you use now? Guest Wood responded that he did not have as much confidence when he was younger. Was a quiet senator in high school but convinced his fellow senators to plant more trees in which he developed persuasion skills. Found the transfer process to university difficult; felt a sense of self-consciousness feeling that four year students were smarter than transfer students but found that community college prepared him well. Discussed dropping into a new environment. Within his chosen field, chemistry, he took a hard course called Gateway Chemistry that combines a few other subjects and joined a chemistry club. The board and guests intently listened to his speech with interest. Focused on chemistry and his relationship with his now wife Mary.F. “The stuff you learn in your classes are critically important, however, half the experiences you have outside of class can take you very very far. It’s about finding a balance,” he said, to
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		<p>which Guest Black stated that he works at the Nature Preserve on campus and said he did a similar thing like planting new trees. Feels that as a worker this gets overlooked at times. Reported that they do not even have an environmental science field here and do not receive a lot of funding.</p> <p>G. Guest Black then asked, “what kinds of things are being done to help these kinds of programs?” Guest Wood responded that DVC had a thirty year head-start from LMC so they have more resources allocated to them, but that there are benefits to being in a smaller environment here and encouraged him to take advantage of that</p> <p>H. “I can say this,” Guest Wood continued, “I’ve talked to many folks from different campuses. You can set a group of people from Harvard and they will tell you they have no resources. Everyone feels that way somewhat. There’s always more things we can do with higher education. Perhaps there are steps you can take with faculty. As you go on with your career, come back and talk to people at Los Medanos because you never know where things will go.” Guest Black thanked him for his response</p> <p>I. Guest Wood once again thanked the board for listening</p> <p>II. From Gary Walker:</p> <p>A. Expressed how as a former LMCAS president, he did not get the great opportunity to have civic engagement. Went on to be a student trustee and could say that as a student government, “you have a very large voice.” Thought the opening of the Food pantry was amazing. “If you’re beginning your journey here, next year you could get the opportunity to be student trustee as it rotates between the three campuses within the district.”</p> <p>III. From Brianna Klipp:</p> <p>A. Said the experiences she had with Guest Walker allowed her to now connect with her studying political science at university right now. “Don’t take these two hours you have every week to utilize the power you have for granted. You really do have a lot of power.”</p>
4	ACCJC Midterm Report 2017	I. From Kevin Horan and BethAnn Robertson:



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		<ul style="list-style-type: none">A. Stated, “we are accredited by the ACCJC and are on a 6-year cycle where our mid-term report is now due.” Distributed a draft of the midterm report. “What you have here is a draft copy. In the next two or three weeks we will have a finalized copy which we will send in advance for you to review.” Reported that he found out this morning that the AJCC already submitted an updated form.B. “What this outlines primarily is some raw data, basic information, and a report back on the actionable improvement plans which consist of 8 items. Our goal is to present this to you where we can receive feedback from you and answer questions. Once the finalized one is given you can ask more detailed questions. We’ll take input any way we can.”C. Guest Robertson stated said that President Cortez is a part of the Steering Committee where he can scan a new copy of the updated reportD. Senator Atum asked when they would go through another accreditation to which Guest Horan said, “not until 2020.”E. Guest Robertson said there is an accreditation website in which they have with full study and follow-up report where anyone can get more background on past actionsF. President Cortez said he would like to delve into things that impact LMC students directly and proceeded to point out a few concernsG. Guest Horan and Guest Robertson thanked everyone for their time and it was decided that the board would look further into the Midterm Report next meeting
5	Senator Reports	<ul style="list-style-type: none">I. From Vice-President Garcia:<ul style="list-style-type: none">A. Announced the Drama Department’s upcoming play, <i>Jesus Hopped the A-Train</i>II. From Senator Ishola:<ul style="list-style-type: none">A. Attended SGC Conference on SaturdayIII. From Senator Atum:<ul style="list-style-type: none">A. No reportIV. From Commissioner Lee:



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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. No report V. From Senator Havelhorst: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. No report VI. From Senator Serva: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Was a keynote speaker at summit. To his surprise, one of the high school students said he wanted to work with him B. Announced the Youth Conference on Saturday, April 1 C. Attended Cesar Chavez March on Saturday. Marched from city hall to somet Vista Elementary School. Received a negative comment around a turn. A bystander shouted at them, “build that wall” and he felt this reflected the racism that is out in the open due to the current national administration VII. From Senator McMullen: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. No report VIII. From Senator Smith <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. No report IX. From President Cortez <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Announced the upcoming 10th annual Honors Symposium on May 6. Reported that Senator Al-Ameen Ishola got accepted. The board congratulated them. “The acceptance rate was 38% and was higher last year than 45%.” Reflected on the diversity of the applicants
6	Advisor Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I. From Advisor Nguyen: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Stated, “for those who donated blood last week, thank you, we exceeded our goal. Just here at LMC we saved 60 lives.” B. Re-capped Empowering Ladies event. Reported that it went well, was meaningful, and that people got to network with each other C. Announced Club Day this Wednesday, March 29 from 9:00am-2:00pm in the indoor quad D. Announced upcoming Academic Competition on May 13. Explained that participants take a



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		<p>test with three other people on team to compete for scholarship money which will amount to a total of \$7,500 for all the winners</p> <p>E. Senator Smith raised a concern on whether the tests are only for those with “mainstream abilities” and inquired as to whether or not there would be any accommodations for those with learning disabilities. Advisor Nguyen responded that although he does wish that the Academic Competition could be open to a wider range of students, there are no such accommodations in place for those with learning disabilities but thanked Senator Smith for looking into it</p> <p>F. In response to Representative Kubota, Advisor Nguyen said that representatives and senators of LMCAS cannot take compete in the Academic Competition because it would be a conflict of interest</p>
<p>7</p>	<p>Committee Reports</p>	<p>I. From Vice-President Garcia:</p> <p>A. No report</p> <p>II. From Senator Ishola:</p> <p>A. Arrived late to SSCCC meeting on Saturday because of his Kennedy-King Interview in the morning</p> <p>B. Said that Tabitha Romero made it known to all representatives that the fee would be sent to all presidents via email.</p> <p>C. Added that a lot of the ASOs aren’t following the rules and regulations. “I could not get a solid grasp on what she was referring to exactly...”</p> <p>D. Had an agenda item that allowed for businesses to submit proposals</p> <p>E. Public Transportation with smart bikes called Line Bikes use an app and essentially serves as a “personal bus.” Further stated, “there’s a code on the back which you can scan with your phone which unlocks the bike and charges you 50 cents per ride. With this company, there are no specific docking sites. Docks can be anywhere. Company tracks usage.”</p> <p>F. Assuming LMCAS wanted to look into this, based on the presentation provided by Line Bike,</p>



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		<p>the cost to the school, subsidies “would be zero.” “Seemed kind of fishy when a subsidy is at zero cost.” However, the presentation seemed legitimate. Thinks it would be something LMCAS would be interested in participating</p> <p>G. With regards to SGC, wanted to make comment regarding the shortened calendar for next year. The proper term is “compressed calendar” which will only affect spring and fall semester and not the fall. Said it is “super tentative.”</p> <p>H. Representative Kubota asked, “would we potentially be looking at a quarter-like system?” Senator Ishola responded affirmatively</p> <p>I. Changes with STEM classes however would be greater</p> <p>III. From Senator Atum:</p> <p>A. Serves on PDAC committee which pertains more to faculty and staff rather than students, however, there were some student-relevant information. Learned that this committee exists so that faculty and staff can become further acquainted with how to give students a more well balanced education</p> <p>B. Trying to put more effort into Strengths Class. Kristen Conner will likely get more funding for this which assesses students strengths and learning abilities. (An equity grant) The number will increase so that those interested will be able to do it</p> <p>C. Senator Serva interjected that it was for faculty and staff not students because they are not ready for that yet funding wise</p> <p>D. Senator Atum clarified and said at first she was confused on this but staff take it and reimburse students using code</p> <p>IV. From Commissioner Lee:</p> <p>A. Announced program called “The Clean Slate Project” where those who have a criminal record can get that cleaned up. “You can call (925)-335-8150 to contact them.”</p> <p>B. Announced assessment tests in English and Math where anyone can get a 20.00\$ gift card at Target and/or Amazon</p> <p>C. Announced that SACHE is doing a movie screening</p>
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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> D. Announced that basketball sign-ups are now open E. Announced Earth Day event coming up. An opportunity for clubs to fundraise V. From Senator Havelhorst: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. No report VI. From Representative Kubota: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Reported that the Technology Advisory Group would like to revamp their visionary packet. Input would be greatly appreciated of what every single student should have available to them 5-10 years from now that will help them be successful. "If you know anyone who is tech savvy this would be good for them." Stated that examples they used were supplying calculators for students taking math classes VII. From Representative Tripp: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Discussed Earth Day this Wednesday and the different roles they will do to coordinate B. Discussed the various vendors who will be there for support C. Will be using a grant to replace water bottle filling station/fountains. Looking to install these at the Brentwood Center VIII. From Senator Serva: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. No report IX. From Senator Smith: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. No report X. From Senator McMullen: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. No report XI. From President Cortez: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Reported that President Bob sent out a massive email to staff and faculty regarding the financial state the school is in. "As a whole, the district is not reaching targets which is a symptom of the budget deficit." In other words, unemployment is decreasing, however, so is student enrollment in the college. Money coming in can only be used for certain things which is due to the nature of an inflexible budget. Anyone that has a question regarding the budget
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		<p>can speak out on April 17 at the Brentwood Center and April 20 at the Pittsburg campus</p> <p>B. Met with other presidents at the STACK committee. Chancellor was present. Board is working with students to work with bills such as, “should we accept late applications to student trustees?” A total of 5 applications were turned in. Only 3 were turned in on time and complete. The other 2 were late by only 5 minutes. They ultimately decided that this sets a bad precedent and came to the conclusion to reject applications so only three people will be running in the district-wide election</p>
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8	Committee Appointments	<p>I. Motion to appoint Senator Serva to the TAG committee</p> <p>A. Motioned by: Vice-President Garcia</p> <p>B. Seconded by: Senator Atum</p> <p>C. Motion approved 7-0-1</p>
9	Equal Employment Opportunity Charges	<p>I. From President Cortez:</p> <p>A. Stated, “there are a total of 6 charges which have been revised a couple times and went back to Equal Employment Opportunity to give back a better definition of what diversity is. Read aloud the revised definition.</p> <p>B. Within every district there is an EEO plan which every college adopts</p> <p>C. Went over the 6 points on the paper he distributed</p> <p>D. There was a lot of confusion regarding the meaning of diversity such as whether it means more people who look like you. Read aloud the description of diversity as outlined on the charges sheet: “Diversity means a condition of broad inclusion...”</p> <p>E. They were fine with all the charges except for point 4. “They do not want to classify something to be too specific</p> <p>F. Senator Atum asked if this is like a constitution. President Cortez responded that it is not, and more of a visionary statement. Senator Atum then asked whether it is legally binded to which</p>



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		<p>President Cortez said yes, and that it has been reworded to apply to LMC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">G. Further stated that the classified senate wants these things removed because it would potentially require them to take extreme steps to include every member of each outlined group to take partH. Representative Kubota brought in that the idea is to monitor, not to mandateI. “We can approve it the way it is, or with amendments,” ended President Cortez
<p>11</p>	<p>Student Workers’ Wages</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">I. From President Cortez:<ul style="list-style-type: none">A. In continuing last week’s conversation, both categories are getting paid \$10.50.00 which has not been that natural in the pastB. California state law classification pits student tutors and student employees differently because requirements and trainings are more specializedC. Therefore pay should not be the same because of the law. Student tutor’s raise by only 7 cents rather than 30 centsD. Representative Kubota said if you will pay tutors more than so should lab assistants since they also require specialized training, or everyone should be paid the sameE. Senator Serva said if there is more of a demand for something, it warrants more pay. “If they’ll be paid more we should better the process.” Said he is there every Monday and Wednesday where a student tutor would refer him to a professor where he has to wait in lineF. Senator Ishola agreed with Senator Serva’s comments. Then wanted to clarify the way some things are done with the process. Then regarding the state mandate, does not think it leaves much room for discussion. Thinks the process for hiring them should be tightenedG. President Cortez stated that the real question is holding people accountable for that and why they are doing this. “As a student senate, we can choose whether to hold people accountable for such actions.”H. Vice-President Garcia said, “we cannot do anything on our end regarding exact pay for hours worked or knowledge.”



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		<ul style="list-style-type: none">I. Senator Havelhorst said regarding assessments for tutors, those were done at the end of the semester but there were plenty of people assessed at the beginning of the semester which is unfair as students tend to prefer those assessed toward the end. She further agreed with Senator Serva and provided an anecdote for when she was taking Math 12 (Pre-Algebra) and had to work her way up to Math 34 (Statistics) and many tutors did not know what they were doingJ. Senator Atum said she knew people who would rather go to DVC for assistance despite living closer to LMC. “Many people would rather go to Brentwood center rather than Pittsburg in order to get decent help.” Suggested a mid-term evaluation. Says she knows that their wages will rise irregardless but that they should still be aware of the responsibilityK. Senator McMullen suggested more specialized evaluation such as those who are proficient at calculus but not statisticsL. Representative Kubota agreed with previous statements. “Just because you can do calculus does not mean you can explain statistics.” Suggested employing tutor reviews
12	Adjournment	<ul style="list-style-type: none">I. Vice-President Garcia motions to adjourn meeting at 3:00pm