



STUDENTS ADVOCATING FOR STUDENTS

LOS MEDANOS COLLEGE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS MINUTES

DATE: 4/17/17 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, Jessica Havelhorst, Dale Satre, Marco McMullen

Student Representatives: Philip Tripp

Advisor: John Nguyen

Absent: Jean-Carlos Alvarado, Tammy Smith, Azuka Atum

Minute Taker: Amata Abatcha

Guests: Delanie Loague, Rosalba Vargas, Vanessa Fregoso

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 3/20/17 meeting	I. Motion to approve the agenda A. Motioned by: Vice-President Garcia B. Seconded by: Senator Ishola C. Motion approved unanimously 7-0-0 II. Motion to approve the previous minutes A. Motioned by: Senator Ishola B. Seconded by: Senator Havelhorst C. Motion approved 6-0-1
BUSINESS: REPORTS		
3	Public Comment	I. Delanie Loague and Rosalba Vargas introduced themselves as Professor Clarke's political



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		science students attending as guests for class credit
4	Senator Reports	<ul style="list-style-type: none">I. From Senator Ishola:<ul style="list-style-type: none">A. Has not yet heard from Somersville MallII. From Commissioner Lee:<ul style="list-style-type: none">A. No reportIII. From Senator Satre<ul style="list-style-type: none">A. Stated that if the board has any issues and concerns regarding the Safety Committee, submit them to himIV. From Senator Havelhorst:<ul style="list-style-type: none">A. No reportV. From Senator Serva:<ul style="list-style-type: none">A. Announced “Generation Startup” movie screening tomorrow at the Kapor Center in Oakland from 6:00pm-9:00pm about showcasing the hardships that two entrepreneurs went throughVI. From Vice-President Garcia:<ul style="list-style-type: none">A. Reminded board that this Saturday is the first Super SaturdayB. Will introduce the Mustang Discount to seniors there but will not be attending that dayC. Distributed availability form for senators to volunteerVII. From Senator McMullen:<ul style="list-style-type: none">A. “Cal Day” event at UC Berkeley. Exhibits, performances, etc, are all free to everyone. Opportunity to get to know the campus April 22 this Saturday all dayVIII. From President Cortez:<ul style="list-style-type: none">A. Re-capped selection of scholarship candidatesB. Re-capped Cesar Chavez Awards; contributions to farmer’s rights and worker unions. Very significant to East Contra Costa County
5	Advisor Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none">I. From Advisor Nguyen:



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		<ul style="list-style-type: none">A. Recognized Israel Cortez for Cesar Chavez Awards where he was honored. The board responded with a round of applauseB. Announced Academic Competition, opportunity to win scholarship money. Starts early around 8:00am. "Participants should try and find anyone around campus to form a team of 4 where they will then sit inside the gym and take tests together as a group on a variety of subjects." \$3,000, \$2,000, \$1,000, and \$600 dollar prizes will be offered. "If anyone is interested, sign up. The benefits are a free t shirt, certificate, free breakfast, lunch, and snacks as well as an ice cream social."C. Senator Ishola asked how the awards will be distributed. Advisor Nguyen answered that it comes in the form of a check through the LMC Foundation who takes care of distribution for the right person. Divided equally among team. For example, for 1st place each individual would receive about \$750 out of the total \$3,000D. Senator Ishola brought up Senator Smith's inquiry from last week regarding special needs students/accessibility issues. "How do we intend to look at this as a board?" Advisor Nguyen answered, "unfortunately we are unable to do anything at this point."E. President Cortez said to address Senator Smith's point; her point delved more about students who cannot complete a test within a given timeframe and need more time. Knows that there is a process they undergo with constituent groups. President Cortez repeated that again, "we keep this format especially since it's something they can take as a group but will definitely look into for future years. This is the 12th annual year."F. Senator Havelhorst said she works at the DSPS office and has seen many students with these issues and definitely recommends revising the format for next yearG. Advisor Nguyen said that all volunteers will receive free shirtsH. Advisor Nguyen announced that if anyone is interested in becoming a peer mentor, they should look into the LMC International Students Program where you become a friend to a student from China, Japan, Brazil, Argentina, etc then accustom them to the United States.. Interested in becoming a peer mentor? Those interested can get into leadership
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		<p>development, learn different languages and cultures, tour the bay area, and make new friends. Contact Teresea Archaga tarchaga@losmedanos.edu. Starts fall semester.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">I. Earth Day this Wednesday on April 19 from 10:00am-1:00pm. Will have free stuff. SACNAS giving out free plants such as succulents. Raffles and live animals will be presentJ. Super Saturday April 22/29. Will be recruiting potential LMCAS senators during event. Asked if senators could help such as offering perks such as free parking staff passK. “A Place to Talk” coming up on May 4 from 2:00pm-3:30pm May 4. Topic is US roles in International Relations. Will be held at the Student Life OfficeL. Senator Ishola asked if Student Life is going forward with this next year and suggested looking at the best timings for next semesterM. LMC is hiring a new Nursing Director and needs some student representatives to be on the interviewing committee. If interested, email John before the end of today. Will forward and work around your scheduleN. Announced Advisor Appreciation on May 9 from from 11:00am-1:00pm in room L-109O. STELLAR awards coming up on May 9. Can fill out form at Student Life to nominate a student for the ceremonyP. LMCAS Student Government Awards. Board gets to decide who gets the award this year. Not including student representativesQ. De-Stress Week coming up
6	Committee Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none">I. From Senator Ishola:<ul style="list-style-type: none">A. No reportII. From Commissioner Lee:<ul style="list-style-type: none">A. DSPS holding an end-of-the-year celebration on May 4B. Academic Senate Meeting, talk on having a pilot programC. Rotaract doing “Shapeless” playD. AGS having Tamale Sale tomorrow from 10:00am-2:00pm at the indoor quad



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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> E. Latino Leadership Conference took place during weekend F. CAWS “Check Your Privilege” workshop tomorrow on April 18 12:00pm-2:00pm in room L-109 G. SACHE debuting “Fixed” in room L-109 at 5:30pm on May 4 H. Guest Vargas asked where they can view events. President Cortez responded to go to the Student Life page on the college website and go to ‘Student Life events.’ President Cortez added that the bulletin boards around campus are useful for disseminating information III. From Senator Satre: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Hoping to find a temporary replacement for committee this Friday as they rescheduled IV. From Senator Havelhorst: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. No report V. From Representative Tripp: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Met with Sustainability for upgraded water fountains in Brentwood. \$5,000.00 allocated for budget by district which is how it will be funded. Will be completed this summer in Brentwood B. Listed the following organizations that will be present at Earth Day: Mount Diablo Beekeeping, Sustainable Contra Costa, First Generation Farmers, Freshest Cargo, Compost Worm Bin, the Sierra Club, City of Pittsburg Environmental Affairs, Environmental Justice Coalition for Clean Water, etc. C. Described how every attendee will be given a passport at an information booth. From there, people can go from booth to booth and get a stamp. Can win prizes accordingly depending on how many stamps they accrue D. Senator Ishola asked, “when the new campus is built, do they intend to shut down the old one and relocate?” Board responded yes. “Regarding water bottle filling stations, are they portable or connected to main piping?” Representative Tripp responded that he believes they are supposed to be portable. Vice-President Garcia bounced off and said for the new campus they can just move them. President Cortez also added that it adds value when possibly sold
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		<p>VI. From Senator Serva:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">A. Regarding EEO Guidelines, agreed to amend themB. Talked about whether it was best to allow staff or students to opt out of one day to get in training regarding how they do grading for studentsC. Talked about Hiring Grid for managers of each department. New employee survey they will be working on, more details to come for next meeting <p>VII. From Vice-President Garcia:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">A. No report <p>VIII. From Senator McMullen:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">A. No report <p>IX. From President Cortez:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">A. Will approve new charges as Senator Serva said and will take to Academic SenateB. Faculty will be trained in diversity. This info was given to the district and thought that this would fit in well with their Civic Engagement Series. The Chancellor described it as students engaging with student senators and faculty. Wanted to add EEO to this series. As a whole discussed nature of different events
	BUSINESS	
7	Teaching Learning Committee	<p>I. From Senator Havelhorst:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">A. TLC talked about what professors can do to let students know that they are cared for and that they want them to be successful? Asked board for input.B. Senator McMullen said to invite them to their office hoursC. Senator Ishola said that some teachers present themselves as unapproachable, and as someone who teaches for a living, there should be a training process on how they are taught to present themselves to other people in a non-hostile way. Senator Havelhorst added to that agreeing that some students are intimidated by their teachers and do not approach themD. From President Cortez’s perspective, “we can give them a lot of material and resources. It’s



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		<p>really this lack of interest from certain individuals who no matter what the incentive will not attend such a meeting despite it being for everyone. There's that discrepancy right there.” Added that professors are within their regulations to set a week aside for students</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">E. Senator Serva said that some professors do not show up to their own office hour and do not respond to emails. One professor even put up a fake email because they received too many emailsF. Senator Ishola said regarding adjunct professors, since they are not full time they may not be fully invested. With the TLC however they should take that into consideration. Gave example of how high school teachers are not paid much but still do what they do because they have a passion to impart somethingG. In response to President Cortez, Senator Havelhorst said that during the meeting she did not say much but said she would ask the board for feedback and return to themH. Guest Loague reported that in her experience, she did not have trouble meeting up with her professors and thinks that sometimes it depends on the student as wellI. Senator Satre added that most of the burden falls on the student. Described the Socratic MethodJ. President Cortez said to provide a sense of trust and provide heavier support toward students as many things can be going on in their livesK. Senator Havelhorst said one thing they talked about was students dropping classes because they feel they may fail without talking to the professorL. Vice-President Garcia said that withdrawing after the withdrawal period helps the professor in a sense as they still get paid especially as classes at LMC are more limited than DVCM. Senator McMullen suggested for students to give feedback. Provided example of professors not posting notes correctlyN. President Garcia said that within the Honors Program at the end of the term students fill out evaluation sheet. When it comes to adjunct faculty, it is possible to replace themO. Senator Havelhorst thanked everyone for the feedback and said anyone with additional
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		<p>comments or questions can email her</p> <p>P. Advisor Nguyen addressed the guests and said online there is a contact page for LMCAS</p>
8	Academic Competition 2017	<p>I. From Advisor Nguyen:</p> <p>A. Requested motion to cover the cost of food, t-shirts, and proctoring materials</p> <p>II. Motion to set aside \$7,000.00 to supply food, shirts, test supplies, and scholarships</p> <p>A. Motioned by: Vice-President Garcia</p> <p>B. Seconded by: Senator Satre</p> <p>III. Discussion:</p> <p>A. President Cortez said he strongly thinks the board should not get pizzas</p> <p>B. Advisor Nguyen added that breakfast has already been decided as muffins, assorted fruits, etc</p> <p>C. Senator McMullen expressed that he was in favor of pizza</p> <p>D. Senator Alvarado added how some people want to watch what they eat and suggested salad as an option</p> <p>E. Commissioner Lee said no to the pizza and instead suggested Bagel Street Cafe with various options especially since they have salads as well</p> <p>F. Senator Ishola inquired further about Bagel Street. Advisor Nguyen said breakfast is coming from bagel street and possible discount</p> <p>G. Pizza, salad, and fruits were decided upon</p> <p>H. Motion approved unanimously 8-0-0</p>
9	ICC Appreciation Awards	<p>I. From Advisor Nguyen:</p> <p>A. Requested money for food, snacks, et. ICC themselves will be funding the rest of the cost</p> <p>II. Motion to approve not to exceed 300 for ICC Appreciation Awards</p> <p>A. Motioned by: Senator Ishola</p> <p>B. Seconded by: Commissioner Lee</p>



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		C. Motion approved 8-0-0
10	LMCAS Election Candidate Nominations	<p>I. From President Cortez:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">A. In the case of the people who are absent but were nominated, it will be assumed to be taken by themB. Advisor Nguyen added that every single person who is a senator is eligible to run for next yearC. Orientation for those running on April 20 at 3:00pm in Student Life meeting for guidelines to followD. Senator Application 50 signatures election packet <p>II. From President Cortez:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">A. Nominated Jessica Havelhorst for President. Reason why because it was based on engagement and interactions so far. Position that has not been taken in the past. Thinks it would be a great thing for the position to be filledB. Nominated Tammy Smith as Commissioner of Campus EventsC. Nominated Dale Satre as TreasurerD. Nominated Marco McMullen as Vice-President because of flexibility. This position has a privilege that the president does not have such as voting rightsE. Nominated Nilton Serva as Publicity and Outreach OfficerF. Advisor Nguyen said those nominated get the choice to decide whether to accept their nomination or notG. Senator Serva rejected his nomination as his schedule will be too busy and he is committed to his companiesH. Senator Havelhorst rejected her nomination as she will be taking most of her classes at DVCI. Senator Alvarado asked if you needed to be attending LMC to be an officer. President Cortez responded that you need to take at least 5 unitsJ. Senator Havelhorst nominated Senator McMullen for president



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11	Adjournment	<ul style="list-style-type: none">I. Vice-President Garcia motions to adjourn meeting at 2:57pm