



LOS MEDANOS COLLEGE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS MINUTES

DATE: 4/24/17 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, Dale Satre, Azuka Atum, Tammy Smith

Student Representatives:

Advisor: John Nguyen

Absent: Jean-Carlos Alvarado, Al-Ameen Ishola, Nilton Serva, Marco McMullen

Minute Taker: Amata Abatcha

Guests: Dion Powell Jr., Kevin Horan, BethAnn Robertson

| ITEM # | TOPIC/ACTIVITY | OUTCOME |
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| 1 | Call to order | I. President Cortez called the meeting to order at 1:05pm |
| 2 | Approve: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I. Agenda II. Minutes from 4/17/17 meeting | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I. Motion to approve the agenda <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Motioned by: Commissioner Lee B. Seconded by: Senator Atum C. Motion approved unanimously 6-0-0 II. Motion to approve the previous minutes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Motioned by: Senator Atum B. Seconded by: Commissioner Lee C. Motion approved 6-0-0 |
| BUSINESS: REPORTS | | |
| 3 | Public Comment | I. From Senator Smith: |



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| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none">A. Announced SACHE showing “Fixed,” a documentary that encourages viewers to rethink disabilities. Will be showing on May 4 in room L-109 at 5:00pm. Refreshments will be provided. Many DSPS students will get the opportunity to socialize at the event as many feel isolatedB. Had the opportunity to attend “Ed Rep” at AT&T Park on Saturday. Won a ticket to another event that talks about the law and how we can advocate for students who are disabled and do not have a voice; using the law to their advantage.C. In response to Advisor Nguyen’s question, “what is the appropriate word?” Senator Smith responded, “Learning difference rather than disability.”II. From Dion Powell Jr.:<ul style="list-style-type: none">A. Announced that he is advocating for students to get vouchersB. Is a Studio Arts Major transferring to Portland State for their arts program. Started LMC in 2015C. Talked about student who choose to go into non-traditional majors. “Vouchers can target the specific majors that students are looking for,” he explainedD. Senator Satre asked where the scholarship money comes from. Guest Powell responded, “from fundraising or any other available funds through financial aid.”E. President Cortez said that as part of a California Community College, he has not heard of any colleges that are doing this. Guest Powell responded that there are two colleges in San Francisco that in fact do offer such vouchers. Senator Atum looked it up and said Foothill College and Los Altos Hills College as well as San Bruno College do this as well as 13 other colleges. Offered to send the board a linkF. Guest Powell announced the Academic Senate meeting on May 1 in room L-109 at 3:00pm for anyone interested where they will discuss whether LMC should offer this a voucher programG. Senator Atum further confirmed Guest Powell’s statements. President Cortez’s only concern, was where the money will come from considering the budget deficit. He then thanked Guest Powell for bringing this to his concern |
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| <p>4</p> | <p>Senator Reports</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none">I. From Vice-President Garcia:<ul style="list-style-type: none">A. Attended CSU East Bay orientation. “Their student government over there is more aggressive and their stipends are higher.” Went on to state that they do similar things there but have a larger budget. “Jeremih the artist will be performing there. They have a marquee that allows them to post what they’re doing.” They also provide tickets to A’s games and Shark’s games.II. From Senator McMullen:<ul style="list-style-type: none">A. Attended “Cal Day” at The University of California, Berkeley on Saturday. Took a tour around campus, showed them all the buildings and found it to be very informative. Learned about their study abroad programs. Good opportunity to see all the clubs and programs. “There’s room for everybody there.”III. From Commissioner Lee:<ul style="list-style-type: none">A. Worked the Super Saturday. Had over 250 high school students attending. Gave them a tour and showed them different aspects of the school. Israel Cortez spoke as a guest speakerIV. From Senator Atum:<ul style="list-style-type: none">A. Last Thursday she attended the CAWS club “Check Your Privilege” event hosted by Marcelo Clark and found it to be an informative, fruitful discussionV. From Senator Havelhorst:<ul style="list-style-type: none">A. No reportVI. From Senator Satre:<ul style="list-style-type: none">A. Worked with Senator Havelhorst and managed to get 10 names on their spreadsheet for interest for student senatorB. Encouraged everyone to attend the upcoming “A Place To Talk” at Student Life on Thursday, May 4 from 2:00pm-3:00pmVII. From Senator Ishola:<ul style="list-style-type: none">A. Also worked Super Saturday and heard from another student that many students left the event early and discussed how they could possibly fix thatVIII. From Senator Smith: |
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| | | <p>A. No report</p> <p>IX. From President Cortez:</p> <p>A. Last week held the Candidate’s Meeting and asked Senator Smith whether she accepted her nomination. Advisor Nguyen advised her that because the eligibility time is closed, the election committee must meet and revise her nomination. Further outlined that only senators have this eligibility to run or be appointed to any of the positions.</p> <p>B. Added that what Vice-President Garcia did was that since the Vice-President space was unfilled, two weeks in, she asked LMCAS to appoint her to the position, so it is also an option for Senator Smith to wait until next year and see if the position is still open for her to request an appointment to</p> |
| <p>5</p> | <p>Advisor Report</p> | <p>I. From Advisor Nguyen:</p> <p>A. Recognized Israel Cortez for facilitating Super Saturday</p> <p>B. Wanted to give recognition to Senator Smith for her advocacy</p> <p>C. Wanted to give recognition to Senator Havelhorst, Senator Satre, and Senator Ishola for volunteering</p> <p>D. Wanted to give recognition to the entire board for their hard work. Reminded them that STELLAR will take place at the indoor quad next to the bookstore on May 18 from 12:00pm-1:00pm</p> <p>E. Elections will be running on May 8-10 online. Anyone staying has the option to remain in their position unless they wish to be appointed</p> <p>F. Thinking of hosting one last officer retreat</p> <p>G. Announced “A Place to Talk” on Thursday, May 4 in Student Life from 2:00pm-3:00pm</p> <p>H. Announced Academic Competition as 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</p> |



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| | | <p>interested, sign up. The benefits are a free t shirt, certificate, free breakfast, lunch, and snacks as well as an ice cream social.”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I. De-Stress Week coming up. Free massages, yoga, and meditation will be provided. Will be asking everyone whether they are interested in volunteering to give out coffee, tea, and snacks J. May 19 Scholarships Award Ceremony from 1:45pm-2:45pm. Actual ceremony begins at 3:00pm K. Student Trustee Elections approaching. Current trustee is at DVC however everyone has the opportunity to vote for the next one. Online link will be released soon. Will be held from May 8-10, the same days as the campus election online L. African Diaspora Museum Trip this Thursday, can pick up tickets tomorrow at 9:00am. Will meet at the Embarcadero BART station and walk from there M. ICC Advisor Appreciation on May 9 in room L-109. Opportunity to express gratitude of thanks to club advisors <p>II. Motion to suspend the order of the day</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Motioned by: Vice-President Garcia B. Seconded by: Senator Satre C. Motion approved unanimously 8-0-0 |
| 6 | ACCJC Updated Report | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I. From Kevin Horan and BethAnn Robertson: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Stated that they would keep their report very brief. Looking to get input on report which is about 90% complete. Will come back in May for approval on either May 8 or 15, whichever date works best B. Reporting on progress they made on things they decided to improve on, particularly in regard to what impacts students directly |
| 7 | Committee Report | <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 Senator McMullen:<ul style="list-style-type: none">A. No reportIII. From Commissioner Lee:<ul style="list-style-type: none">A. English Instructor will come in on May 4 and present a webinar discussing how to conduct a peaceful student protest in room CC-228 at from 3:00pm-4:30pmB. Announced Academic Competition on May 13C. Student Life Ambassador applications are open to pick up at Student LifeD. Announced LMC Peer Mentoring International Program.IV. From Senator Atum:<ul style="list-style-type: none">A. Attended IDEA committee meeting devoted to ensuring equity and evening the playing field. One of the questions posed was, “what could faculty do to help students at college?” and “what kind of data would you like to campus to collect about you in order to help you?” SLOs unfortunately do not take certain factors into consideration. Looking to De Anza College’s equity plan for comparisonB. President Cortez asked for her to request this as an agenda item considering the content of it and the lack of time to go into depth, preferably next MondayC. In continuation, another thing students struggle with when it comes to equity is the religious aspect. For example, some Muslim students who must pray 5 times a day pray under staircases because there is nowhere else they are able to find space. Someone suggested to set aside a room or location for these students to pray in a safe area where they can be accommodatedD. Senator Ishola said he was under the impression that there was an Muslim Student Association club (MSA) to advocate. Feels that this should be a top initiative for them. “As a Muslim, I think the club themselves should be going out of their way to push for this.”E. Vice-President Garcia said the MSA has not been involved and only attended one meeting. Advisor Nguyen said he would get into contact with them |
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| | | <p>V. From Senator Havelhorst:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. No report <p>VI. From Senator Satre:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Continuing to work with committee to set in place more first aid kits around campus B. In planning stages of running earthquake drills at the Brentwood campus C. Created a subcommittee for the continuation of government in the event of a disaster D. Updating safety resources online E. Talked about reconsidering replacement of defibrillator machines <p>VII. From Senator Ishola:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. No report <p>VIII. From Senator Smith:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Added to Senator Satre’s statement regarding a student who faced abusive treatment from faculty members who is a part of equity. “It upset me to see that happen.” Reported that some students are being placed on suicide watch with others possibly dropping out of school. Complaints was made to the department which tried to cover it up B. “We had some incredibly gifted, kind hearted students who could have made a difference only to have their spirits broken and may never return to education.” Does not think should be allowed to continue C. Senator Smith further wished to keep the details of these incidents confidential out of respect. <p>IX. From President Cortez:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. At STACK, reviewed Student Trustee Process. There will be three people running. One of the requirements to run is to have endorsements from people and one task of the committee is to review the endorsements. The current Student Trustee mentioned he would be a part of a panel at DVC regarding information on student trustee, communicating it through videos. They only talked about is so it is not yet official. Will be consulting Tim Leong |
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| 8 | Funding for Support: MOAD Bart Tickets | <ul style="list-style-type: none">I. From Advisor Nguyen:<ul style="list-style-type: none">A. Will be paying completely for Bart and entry tickets to the African Diaspora museum in San Francisco on April 27B. Motion to approve \$200.00 for transportation and entryC. Motioned by: Senator IsholaD. Seconded by: Senator McMullenE. Motion approved unanimously 8-0-0 |
| 9 | Funding for Support: Food for Election | <ul style="list-style-type: none">I. From Advisor Nguyen:<ul style="list-style-type: none">A. Food will need to be provided for the election. Up to board if they decide to have food at electionII. Motion to approve \$200.00 for the cost of food for election<ul style="list-style-type: none">A. Motioned by: Senator SatreB. Seconded by: Commissioner LeeIII. Discussion<ul style="list-style-type: none">A. Senator Satre said they should not be responsible for people getting involvedB. Vice-President Garcia countered that many aren't politically involved and so they should facilitate more using food. Does not want to be biased toward one group or the otherC. President Cortez said, "we want LMC to be known and make more of a presence."D. Senator Smith said they did hot dogs a couple years back and it worked "incredibly well."E. Senator Ishola said while he agrees with Senator Satre's sentiments regarding money, Senator Smith and President Cortez's statements would make more sense overallF. Advisor said if it does pass, officers must be present at the event for at least one dayG. President Cortez suggested, "that being said, we could bring back the motion on Monday."H. The board further revised their statementsIV. Motion approved 6-2-0 |



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| 10 | Funding for Support: Destress Week | <ul style="list-style-type: none">I. From Advisor Nguyen:<ul style="list-style-type: none">A. Will convert Student Life into a study room where you can pick up assorted snacksB. Asking for \$1,000 to cover expenses for two weeksC. Commissioner Lee mentioned Food for Thought and whether LMCAS would be doing it againD. Senator Smith asked if there were any events in Brentwood. Advisor Nguyen said noII. Motion to approve \$1,000 dollars<ul style="list-style-type: none">A. Motioned by: Senator IsholaB. Seconded by: Senator AtumC. Motion approved unanimously 8-0-0 |
| 11 | Adjournment | <ul style="list-style-type: none">I. Commissioner Lee motioned to adjourn meeting at 2:55pm |