



LOS MEDANOS COLLEGE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS MINUTES

DATE: 5/1/17 TIME: 1:00 pm – 3:00pm LOCATION: L-106

Present:

President: Israel Cortez

Vice-President: Natasha Garcia

Treasurer: *Not appointed*

Commissioner of Campus Events: *Absent*

Publicity and Outreach: *Not appointed*

Senators: Jessica Havelhorst, Dale Satre, Marco McMullen, Tammy Smith, Azuka Atum

Student Representatives: RC Kubota

Advisor: John Nguyen

Absent: Jean-Carlos Alvarado, Al-Ameen Ishola, Nilton Serva, Angela Lee

Minute Taker: Amata Abatcha

Guests: Jordan Neel

ITEM #	TOPIC/ACTIVITY	OUTCOME
1	Call to order	I. President Cortez called the meeting to order at 1:34pm
2	Approve: I. Agenda II. Minutes from 4/24/17 meeting	I. Motion to approve the agenda A. Motioned by: Vice-President Garcia B. Seconded by: Senator Havelhorst C. Motion approved unanimously 6-0-0 II. Motion to approve the previous minutes with amendments A. Motioned by: Senator Havelhorst B. Seconded by: Tammy Smith C. Motion approved 6-0-1
BUSINESS: REPORTS		
3	Public Comment	I. From RC Kubota:



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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Wondered if the board would be interested in hosting a Resources Fair on Saturday early in Fall semester. Said it would be ideal for everyone to pick potential members to contact, similar to the way the senators handled Local Discounts. “The aim is to draw positive attention to the college to companies and services. The Crisis Center in Concord has a resources fair and Rotary has done one in Brentwood in last Spring.” B. The purpose is to let people in the community know how many entities exist that can offer help such as PG&E which offers tips on saving energy, or First Generation Farmers that offers tips in agriculture/growing food or a non-profit group that specializes in landlord tenant law. Added how credit unions and banks like to attend places to recruit customers II. From Dion Powell Jr.: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Wanted to remind everyone that today is the Academic Senate Meeting from 3:00pm-5:00pm in room L-109 where they will consider offering vouchers for students with specialized majors B. Guest Powell then said his agenda item will be at 4:30pm for anyone interested in attending III. From Senator Satre: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Regarding the free speech controversy at UC Berkeley, asked the board how the student body would react if a controversial speaker such as Ann Coulter or Milo Yiannopoulos were to come. “Do we have a policy in place on how to handle that?” President Cortez responded no. B. Further asked whether the school would still respect their rights. Advisor Nguyen then said, “We would have to allow them to talk. UC Berkeley has had a long history of student activism/protests, but they decided not to because of safety concerns. But to answer your question, yes they are allowed here unless safety becomes an issue.” C. Representative Kubota asked whether someone has to invite them. Advisor Nguyen responded that they must reserve a venue. Representative Kubota then asked if the anti-abortion/pro-life group had permission to come and protest on campus several weeks ago. Advisor Nguyen clarified that yes, although they are allowed to come on public property, they need permission for a venue. Senator McMullen then asked if the students have a right to
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		<p>deny them. John said there could be potential lawsuits. What LMCAS could do though is to announce that they disagree with them and do not endorse them, not necessarily barring their right to speak.</p> <p>IV. From Senator Smith:</p> <p>A. "Fixed" film showing this Thursday at 5:00pm. Extended RSVP deadline to May 3. "A documentary about seeing things a little differently. If you are looking forward to having your mind expanded, please stop by!"</p> <p>B. Eric Sanchez, the equity coordinator, will be present after the showing for meet and greet/discussion</p> <p>V. From Vice-President Garcia:</p> <p>A. "Death and Silence" play showing from Tuesday through Saturday. Doors open at 6:30pm, show begins at 7:00pm</p> <p>VI. From RC Kubota:</p> <p>A. Wanted to give kudos to those who volunteered on Super Saturday. "Although the weather was hot, it was a great experience."</p> <p>B. Announced that the City of Pittsburg is offering summer internships</p>
4	Officer and Senator Reports/Updates	<p>I. From Vice-President Garcia:</p> <p>A. Gave a speech to high school seniors for second Super Saturday giving them encouragement and information on how college-life may be</p> <p>II. From Senator McMullen:</p> <p>A. The Debate Team held Spring Fling on Saturday. LMC student 'Ariana' won first place in two individual events and he and his partner 'Kyle' placed well in debate portion</p> <p>III. From Senator Havelhorst:</p> <p>A. No report</p> <p>IV. From Senator Satre:</p> <p>A. No report</p>



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		<p>V. From Senator Smith:</p> <p>A. Had the opportunity to go to the Museum of African Diaspora (MOAD) last week. Ended up staying longer than planned. Had a wonderful tour guide. Felt very impacted by the paintings and even felt emotional. An Afro Cuban artist, Lily Bernard did a painting on cultural appropriation, using it to share the stories of the slaves. Really liked how she focused on slaves not only from the American South but the Caribbean/Latin America as well. Not for the faint of heart as there is violence and nudity. Only 5 dollars for students and encourages people to go</p> <p>VI. From Senator Atum:</p> <p>A. No report</p> <p>VII. From Senator Alvarado:</p> <p>A. No report</p> <p>VIII. From President Cortez:</p> <p>A. Reported that there were 400 students at the first Super Saturday and had the opportunity to share part of his story such as the Debate Team and Theatre. When they had the chance to table, Teresea Archaga and Sarah combined tables and distributed Mustang Discount flyers. Many people came to ask about it as well as what Student Government has to offer</p> <p>B. Reminded the board that the Academic Competition on May 13 from 9:00am-4:00pm is a mandatory requirement for LMCAS senators</p> <p>C. Announced that this Saturday is the Honors Symposium at Stanford</p>
<p>5</p>	<p>Advisor Report</p>	<p>I. From Advisor Nguyen:</p> <p>A. Recognized all the senators who participated at Super Saturday. "It was great to reach out to them as some of them are potential for next year."</p> <p>B. Recognized the Honors Program for Kiss the Frog fundraiser/event. Advisor Nguyen felt sad that he did not get to kiss the frog.</p> <p>C. Gave congrats to those who got accepted to the universities of their choice and are</p>



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		<p>transferring</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">D. Needs 26 teams for the Academic Competition and so far there only 4 have registered. Passed out the application to everyone and wants to ensure that students turn them in on time. “People think it may be anxiety inducing but in reality it is not too bad.” LMCAS was the organization that created in the first place 12 years ago.E. President Cortez: “Assuming they do not get enough teams, would they reduce the prize amount?” Advisor Nguyen replied no.F. Senator Havelhorst suggested announcing it at the beginning of class.G. Representative Kubota added in response to President Cortez’s inquiry that the board could cancel it but “you can’t play with the amount.”H. Senator Alvarado said we should not cancel it as it would be “a bad look.”I. Vice-President Garcia said we still should not give up as students may just be procrastinating. For instance, last year, three whole teams came together on opening day and signed upJ. Advisor Nguyen reiterated that Senator Havelhorst made a really good strategyII. Advisor Appreciation next week on May 9 in room L-109 from 11:00pm-1:00pm. ICC today will discuss funding food for the eventIII. STELLAR Awards coming up on May 18 from 12:00pm-1:00pm at the indoor quadIV. LMCAS Elections next week from May 8-10 online. Link will be available soon. Candidates can start campaigning
<p>6</p>	<p>Committee Reports</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">I. From Vice-President:<ul style="list-style-type: none">A. No reportII. From Senator Atum:<ul style="list-style-type: none">A. No reportIII. From Senator McMullen:<ul style="list-style-type: none">A. No reportIV. From Senator Havelhorst:



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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. No report V. From Representative Kubota: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Resigned from student representative position at TAG as she fell below the unit requirement. Glad that Senator Serva is also involved and hopes more people would join. Apologizes that things have not worked out this year B. President Cortez thanked Representative Kubota for her time and for her work in clearing communication. Reminded her that she is still free to be here and attend meetings. Ended that he would speak with her privately C. Senator Smith also thanked her for her service. “When I think of you,” she enquired, “I think of her as altruistic as she is the one person who truly wants to make a difference on campus. You are so involved in so many things.” VI. From Senator Satre: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. No report VII. From Senator Smith: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. No report VIII. From Senator Alvarado: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Regarding InSite, students may have to change your password one more time B. Reported that because Microsoft Word sometimes crashes on InSite, the president is currently working on that as it is a reoccurring problem IX. From President Cortez: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Looked at midterm report and there is a lot of data that needs to be reorganized. Will be approving it soon and signing it B. Went over EEO Charges and officially approved them C. Established that the school is undergoing a budget deficit and Alex Porter, Vice-President of the Business Administration is working on the next fiscal budget. “It seems we will be spending more than what is coming in and we want to create a plan on how to prevent shortages.” In the next two years, according to the state legislature, there will be a recession
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		and the campus wants to do what it can do brace against it. Because of this, there will be several changes that may occur. Having people let go is not as common. Other than that, reported that there was another board meeting that ended early
	BUSINESS	
7	2017-2018 LMCAS Budget	<ul style="list-style-type: none">I. From Advisor Nguyen:<ul style="list-style-type: none">A. Would like to go over Line Item Justifications for next yearB. President Cortez distributed two documentsC. President Cortez recommended funding Library Reserve Program. Compared to CCC and DVC, LMC has used more books since January and has helped the other two colleges in the pastD. Senator McMullen asked whether the librarian ever came back for the board to approve it. President Cortez then clarified that she only came to let them knowE. Representative Kubota reminded them that poor students use this program for their homeworkF. The board discussed various line items and the impacts it would make on the budget.G. Advisor Nguyen went over spending for paying employeesH. Advisor Nguyen added that you would subtract every number on the right in order to get the updated amount. "So far we have been doing well with managing our money since we have not been spending too much as we are trying to make up for the deficit from previous years. We need about one more year of this to go back to normal."I. Senator Atum asked what would happen to a surplus of money that has not been used. Advisor Nguyen said it would go back into Student Life. "Whatever does not get used goes back to LMCAS."J. Advisor Nguyen said that since the board has only spent less than \$2,000.00 of the \$8,000.00 used of Student Life reserves, should we use the surplus money to provide \$10.00 gift cards as an incentive for participants of the Academic Competition?K. President Cortez drew attention to Line Item 7 and pointed out how only Senator Serva



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		<p>attended SSCCC last semester. Reminded board that they chose only him to save money as well as for the mileage reimbursement and to bring it down \$500.00</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">L. Everything that does not fall under ‘Administration Supplies’ would go under ‘Events’M. President Cortez announced that money has not been spent from LMCAS Internal Committees. “We haven’t had the need to use that money. I would say to reduce that to \$100.00 and move it to ‘Textbooks for Library Reserve.”N. Senator Havelhorst stated that regarding Line Item 12, does not think the board has discussed that at allO. Less and less students are enrolling in college, said Advisor NguyenP. Advisor Nguyen then ended that he would draft their comments to go over for next week to tentatively agree
<p>8</p>	<p>IDEA Committee: Student Feedback</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">I. From Senator Atum:<ul style="list-style-type: none">A. Recanted what she learned at the IDEA Committee with Senator Smith. They’re trying to collect data from various organizations on campus but cannot collect all data and are asking students what they can ask and measure in order to give students a better experience hereB. Advisor Nguyen clarified how we can help accommodate minority students such as Muslims especially in our current political climate. John said he had some Muslim students come to him saying that they pray under the staircases in the science buildingC. Senator Satre suggested that MSA themselves should advocate for thisD. Senator McMullen said we should at least start the conversation. Suggested speaking with the head of the clubE. Senator Alvarado was confused on how exactly we approach such studentsF. President Cortez reminded the board to be actively involved and not just to tick a boxG. Senator Smith said, “I think the issue is really vague.” Mentioned how a bunch of staff and teachers spoke in specific terms that were hard to understand. President Cortez said to email them and let them know. “don’t be afraid to stop them and ask them what something



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		means.”
9	Food for Thought Part II	<ul style="list-style-type: none">I. From Vice-President Garcia:<ul style="list-style-type: none">A. Re-capped how last semester, LMCAS held “Food for Thought” where students could grab a quick snack before taking finals. Provided granola bars, bagels, fruit (bananas and apples) and Starbucks drinks and used their non-profit advantage to get a reduced amount. Had two gallons of orange juice. Provided miscellaneous items such as scantrons and stress ballsB. Left some lines blank on planning sheet in case anyone wanted to switch things up for this semesterC. Representative Kubota brought up how some students are homeless, some living in their cars, and really need something like this as they try hard not to let people knowD. President Cortez asked who would be available to volunteer. 5 people rose their hands. Said the board could possibly do it on the 22nd within the 11:00am-3:00pm range. There will be no meeting that day, and hosting it for just one day rather than two may be preferableE. The board further discussed various food items that could be offered such as tangerinesF. President Cortez asked if this would come out of Line Item 1 of the budget. Advisor Nguyen said since the board is low on that item, it could come out of Line Item 22
10	Adjournment	<ul style="list-style-type: none">I. Vice-President Garcia motions to adjourn meeting at 2:59pm