



LOS MEDANOS COLLEGE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS MINUTES

DATE: 1/30/17 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

Student Representatives: Dale Satre

Advisor: John Nguyen

Absent:

Minute Taker: Amata Abatcha

Guests: Dave Belman, Azuka Atum, RC Kubota, Kiara Taylor, Al-Ameen Ishola

ITEM #	TOPIC/ACTIVITY	OUTCOME
1	Call to order	I. President Cortez called the meeting to order at 1:14pm
2	Approve: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I. Agenda</li> <li>II. Minutes from 12/05/16 meeting</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I. Motion to approve agenda               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. Motioned by: Commissioner Lee</li> <li>B. Seconded by: Senator Havelhorst</li> <li>C. Motion approved unanimously <b>3-0-0</b></li> </ul> </li> <li>II. Motion to approve previous minutes               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. Motioned by: Senator Havelhorst</li> <li>B. Seconded by: Commissioner Lee</li> <li>C. Motion approved unanimously <b>3-0-0</b></li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>BUSINESS: REPORTS</b>		
3	Public Comment	I. From Al-Ameen Ishola:



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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>A. Stated that he is a prospective senator and has submitted his application. Is a third year student at LMC</li><li>B. Shared thoughts regarding interest in fixing communication issues</li><li>II. From Dave Belman:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>A. As Dean of Students, introduced himself stating that he came to make sure the meeting is running smoothly</li><li>B. Wished the board best of luck and promptly left to attend another meeting</li></ul></li><li>III. From Kiara Taylor:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>A. Looks forward to working with LMCAS</li><li>B. Has previous experience as ASB president in high school. Is a first year student at LMC</li></ul></li><li>IV. From Dale Satre:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>A. Commended John Nguyen for hosting 'A Place to Talk' regarding last week's presidential inauguration</li></ul></li><li>V. From Azuka Atum:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>A. Although she does not have much leadership experience, hopes to get more involved in management and how clubs conduct themselves</li></ul></li><li>VI. From Angela Lee:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>A. Introduced herself to the board</li><li>B. Distributed career workshops flyer</li><li>C. Distributed HBCU flyers</li><li>D. Distributed Transfer &amp; Career Services flyer</li></ul></li></ul>
<b>4</b>	Officers and Senators Reports/Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>I. From Commissioner Lee:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>A. No report</li></ul></li><li>II. From Vice-President Garcia:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>A. Announced that LMC, DVC, and CCC will become sanctuary campuses</li><li>B. Meeting will be held Tuesday, January 31 regarding students with DACA status. Attorney will</li></ul></li></ul>



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		<p>be present for assistance in room L-109 from 5:30pm-7:30pm</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>C. Will be absent February 19-25. Will not be attending the Monday, February 20 meeting</li><li>D. Held retreat for senators last Thursday in which attendees took the “StrengthsQuest” test and shared their results in order to evaluate their top 5 personal strengths</li></ul> <p>III. From Jonathan Pantino:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>A. No report</li></ul> <p>IV. From Senator Havelhorst:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>A. No report</li></ul> <p>V. From Dale Satre:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>A. No report</li></ul> <p>VI. From President Cortez:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>A. Re-capped Senator Retreat from Item 4, point D. Got at least 10 people interested in LMCAS</li><li>B. Re-capped Mustang Week, gave out free hot dogs</li><li>C. Re-capped ‘A Place to Talk’ in echoing Dale earlier</li></ul>
<p><b>5</b></p>	<p>Advisor Report</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>I. From Advisor Nguyen:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>A. Explained how with the “new faces” he is seeing, looks forward to prospective senators likely being appointed in a position</li><li>B. Positions for Fall 2017 will be open in February. The election will be held in April</li><li>C. Re-capped Welcome Week</li><li>D. Re-capped ‘A Place to Talk’ to discuss inauguration and policies</li><li>E. Scheduling a subsequent “Place to Talk” likely to be held on February 9 from 2:00pm-3:30pm in Student Life</li><li>F. Regarding anyone among the board knows who is affected by DACA: go to forum where attorney will be there, tomorrow January 31 from 5:30pm-7:30pm in room L-109 (Previously mentioned under Item 4, point B)</li><li>G. Recognized Genaro Mauricio and Richard Stanfield of the LMC Debate Team who reached the</li></ul></li></ul>



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		<p>semifinals during last week’s Steeltown Debate Tournament hosted by Los Medanos. Won top community college award</p> <p>H. Recognized LMCAS members, particularly Vice-President Natasha Garcia for working on Local Discounts project throughout the previous semester</p> <p>II. From President Cortez:</p> <p>A. Clarified difference between representatives and senators upon Guest Ishola’s inquiry</p> <p>B. Stated that they differ in responsibility; representatives are simply a part of a committee where they report back to LMCAS regarding the discussions and actions that took place, whereas a senator represents students as a whole on broader issues, has more responsibility, and is compensated by perks such as (free) staff parking permits</p>
<b>6</b>	Committee Reports	<p>I. From Commissioner Lee:</p> <p>A. No report</p> <p>II. From Vice-President Garcia:</p> <p>A. Attended IDEA workshop. Ruth Gooden retired and will no longer be attending</p> <p>III. From Senator Havelhorst:</p> <p>A. No report</p> <p>IV. From Representative Satre:</p> <p>A. No report</p> <p>V. From President Cortez:</p> <p>A. No report</p>
<b>7</b>	Student Representative Appointment	<p>I. Motion to table this item for next meeting</p> <p>A. Motioned by: Senator Havelhorst</p> <p>B. Seconded by: Vice-President Garcia</p> <p>C. Motion approved unanimously <b>3-0-0</b></p>
<b>8</b>	Book Rental Program	<p>I. From President Cortez:</p>



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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>A. Stated that every year, LMCAS funds a program where students can purchase their textbooks subsidized</li><li>B. Approved to fund \$5,000 last semester</li><li>C. Stated that the reason why he wishes to discuss this because, quote, “we are aware of the lack of communication and many students are unaware of this.”</li><li>D. Posed question of what can we do to let students know and inquired on what form would it take</li><li>E. Senator Havelhorst gave an anecdote from highschool of a similar program that was put in place and funded</li><li>F. Guest Atum said we could place a sticker that tells students how it was funded</li><li>G. Guest Ishola suggested placing disclaimer on receipt</li><li>H. Guest Taylor added onto Guest Ishola’s idea of stamping books instead with a link to the website on it as well ad a letter</li><li>I. President Cortez stated that, “we are helping a lot, financially speaking...I think it’s a good way to put ourselves out there.”</li><li>J. Guest Atum added that it should be emphasized on the stamp/sticker on how much the student <i>saves</i> rather than simply stating it was subsidized</li><li>K. Regarding cost effectiveness, it was mentioned that a stamp would be cheaper than creating a sticker. Vice-President Garcia volunteered to draft a letter and look more into pricing</li><li>L. Discussion further when into whether books would be pre-stamped or stamped at purchase</li><li>M. Advisor Nguyen responded to a question from Guest Atum about how much LMCAS approves each year stating that \$10,000 dollars during the 2014-2015 school year was but was cut in half down to \$5,000 (previously mentioned on Item 8, point B). Stressed that the amount is dependent on what the senators agree on</li><li>N. President Cortez ended the conversation, stating that the item will be continued next week</li></ul>
<b>BUSINESS</b>		



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<p><b>9</b></p>	<p>Advertisements</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>I. From President Cortez:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>A. Showed the board a video created by students and one faculty member at Diablo Valley College</li><li>B. Clarified that the video should be a collage rather than each department/group doing it individually</li><li>C. LMC student 'Devareay' is still willing to assist as a videographer</li><li>D. Vice-President Garcia asked if this would be something to discuss at the Inter-Club Council</li><li>E. It was suggested that the video should be displayed on the front page of the college website</li><li>F. Guest Ishola suggested having the video closer to the top so that it may be more visible, speaking against placing it too far down below to the point where a user would have to scroll down to view it</li><li>G. Advisor Nguyen said that the marketing department is redesigning the website and is looking for beta testers for feedback</li><li>H. President Cortez stressed that he does not want to procrastinate/wait until April to get things started. "I'd like to get things rolling as soon as possible."</li></ul></li><li>II. From President Cortez:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>A. In addition to the video, would like to create three new posters since current ones are outdated. Will contact graphic designer 'Fonzi'</li><li>B. Board provided feedback regarding style such as font. "The poster should provide condensed information," Guest Ishola suggested. Further went on to suggest including more perks rather than stressing too much on requirements</li><li>C. Other suggestions from the board included creating something eye-catching as well as including a cutout mustang that is distinct from everything else</li></ul></li></ul>
<p><b>10</b></p>	<p>California Senator S. Glazer</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>I. From Jonathan Pantino:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>A. Came from Riverside, and was in contact with a local senator about voucher regarding the Contra Costa county to get a discount on transportation for students</li></ul></li></ul>



STUDENTS ADVOCATING FOR STUDENTS

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>B. Has scheduled meeting with California senator Steven Glazer in downtown Antioch, stating that he is there every Tuesday. President Cortez added that he thinks it is good to have knowledge of federal and state representatives.</li> <li>C. Advisor Nguyen wants feedback on what the board should talk to the senator about. Guest Pantino stated that the meeting is TBA and simply wants feedback from the board before moving forward</li> <li>D. Guest Ishola asked whether it would be possible to provision for an academic-based club in the chartering packets that provide government connections</li> <li>E. Guest Kubota added that attention could additionally be brought to LMCAS the same way</li> <li>F. Guest Pantino added that he wants to add communications/information. Wants people who really want work/make a difference. Referred to Tara Dale Sander of the Cooperative Work Education Experience. Unpaid work, 68 hours for units. To get paid, you must work more hours. "Could be a way to start."</li> </ul>
11	Local Discounts Project	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I. From Vice-President Garcia: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. Will not hear until tomorrow about Jamba Juice discount which may be around 15-20%</li> <li>B. President Cortez has documents, receipts, and signatures. Will update to put onto website</li> <li>C. A binder of records will be kept in the Student Life office</li> </ul> </li> <li>II. From President Cortez: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. Went over a few restaurants who approved of Local Discounts and went over their provisions: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <i>Cre Asian Bistro</i>: Students only. Discounted at 10%. Must show student ID.</li> <li>2. <i>Little Jay's</i>: Students only. Discounted at 15%.</li> <li>3. <i>Tokyo &amp; Beijing</i>: Open to students, staff, and faculty. Discounted at 10%.</li> <li>4. <i>Las Panchitas</i>: Open to students, staff, and faculty. Discounted at 10%. Free drink included.</li> </ol> </li> <li>B. Presented board with proposal for recruitment to show to shop owners</li> <li>C. Vice-President Garcia clarified reason LMCAS focus on local business; to ensure the money</li> </ul> </li> </ul>



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		<p>stays within the community, support local economy, and added that the process is much simpler</p> <p>D. Different senators gave updates on how contacts were going; Senator Havelhorst stated that some owners wanted the language of the proposals to be simplified as some of them speak English as a second language</p> <p>III. Motion to table the rest of the discussion for next week</p> <p>A. Motioned by: Vice-President Garcia</p> <p>B. Seconded by: Commissioner Lee</p> <p>C. Motion approved unanimously <b>3-0-0</b></p>
<b>12</b>	Adjournment	<p>I. Vice-President Garcia motions to adjourn meeting at 3:01pm</p>