



LOS MEDANOS COLLEGE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS MINUTES

DATE: 11/07/16 TIME: 1:00 pm – 3:00pm LOCATION: L-106

Present:

President: Israel Cortez

Vice-President: Natasha Garcia

Treasurer: Eliacin Velazquez

Commissioner of Campus Events: Angela Lee

Publicity and Outreach: *Not appointed*

Senators: Jessica Havelhorst, Nilton Serva

Advisor: John Nguyen

Absent: Jean Carlos Alvarado, Tabitha Romero-Bothi

Minute Taker: Amata Abatcha

Guests: Marcelo Clark, Raphael Antunez, Hannah Tatmon, Dale Satre, Jonathan Pantino

ITEM #	TOPIC/ACTIVITY	OUTCOME
1	Call to order	I. President Cortez called the meeting to order at 1:08 pm
2	Approve: I. Agenda II. Minutes from 10/31/16 meeting	I. Motion to approve agenda A. Motioned by: Treasurer Velazquez B. Seconded by: Vice-President Garcia C. <i>Discussion:</i> Corrected double 6 numbering Motion approved unanimously 4-0-0 II. Motion to approve the amended minutes of 10/31/16 meeting A. Motion: Treasurer Velazquez B. Second: Senator Havelhorst C. <i>Discussion:</i> Changed Wednesday to Thursday in item 6, 2d Motion approved unanimously 4-0-0



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BUSINESS: REPORTS		
3	Public Comment	I. No Public Comment
4	Officers and Senators Reports/Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I. From Vice-President Garcia: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Met with ‘Jelani’ to discuss upcoming plans II. From Senator Serva: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Re-capped “Fairness Matters Forum” topic about stimulating change. Business Club got in for free at a \$600 event in San Francisco B. Stated that Kristin Conner is now the new co-advisor for the club C. Thinking about reinventing the club for professors and business outside of LMC III. From Treasurer Velazquez: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. No Report IV. From Senator Havelhorst: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. No Report V. From Commissioner Lee: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Transfer Center hosting UC Transfer Workshop at the Brentwood campus from 2:00-3:00 on Wednesday, November 15 B. UC Irvine hosting Tuesday, November 8 virtual appointments via Skype C. Saint Mary's Hosting Wednesday, November 9 on-spot admissions D. UC Berkeley Wednesday, November 9 drop-in appointments E. Kaiser Permanente tabling on Wednesday November 15 from 10:00am-1:00pm VI. From President Cortez: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Reported that the LMC Debate Team travelled to San Rafael for a tournament at Dominican University of California. One LMC team placed 2nd against schools such as Cal Poly, UC



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		<p>Berkeley, Clermont, etc.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> B. Spoke with owner of Creation Bistro and is completely on board with Local Discounts, Will give 10% off to all students. C. Reported that there will be an exclusive meeting regarding the insite portal on Tuesday, November 8. Stated that LMC will be going through some changes; one of the ways revising the way Insite works. President Cortez was included in that; discussion took place about how to improve InSite in general and is looking for feedback from senate. Problems include things such as user-interactivity not as friendly. Has not been changed in 4 years. Meeting with Marketing Chair to discuss D. Treasurer Velazquez made the point that “it’s best to get the input of graphic designers.” E. Commissioner Lee suggested a more viable option concerning login for both students and professors/faculty F. Vice-President Garcia highlighted the redundancy of the page and how things should be simplified. “The aesthetic is too cluttered...it looks like the 90s.” G. Commissioner added that scrolling down for more information is unnecessary H. Guest Raphael Antunez compared the simplicity of government and corporation pages and how insite should emulate this style I. Advisor Nguyen suggested sending images of website to President Cortez to have for tomorrow J. President Cortez concluded his report by announcing that on Thursday, November 17 from 3:30-5:30 Kristin Connor will be hosting a workshop that includes a test that identifies how people learn and strengths, free of charge. Opening up to student leaders who are interested.
<p>5</p>	<p>Advisor Report</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I. From Advisor Nguyen: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. New chancellor for District selected



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		<ul style="list-style-type: none">B. Reminded senate to vote for the November 8 presidential electionC. Blood Drive on Wednesday, November 9 in room L-109. Must use the code 'LOSMC' to registerD. Student Life Fall Potluck on Tuesday, November 22 from 5:00pm-8:00pm
6	Budget Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none">I. From Treasurer Velazquez:<ul style="list-style-type: none">A. Does not have full documents and receipts yet but once he gets all the expenses, will provide an update next week. When done will email a copy to everyone to have and be ready to discuss for next meetingII. Motion: To table item for next week Motioned by: Treasurer Velazquez Seconded by: Vice-President Garcia Motion approved unanimously 3-0-1
7	Committee Reports	<ul style="list-style-type: none">I. From Commissioner Lee:<ul style="list-style-type: none">A. No ReportII. From Senator Havelhorst:<ul style="list-style-type: none">A. Will keep in touch with ChairIII. From Treasurer Velazquez:<ul style="list-style-type: none">A. Changing auto-fundamentals course to automotive engineering theoryB. Moved to approve a skills certificationC. Art Studio practice unit count changing from 1 to 1.5 creditsD. Regarding entry into English 100, stated that there was a position to remove the English 90 course and create English 100S, a support class taken concurrently with English 100, reason being that because students struggle during class, a supplemental course could boost



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		<p>performance. However, there could be a problem with balancing homework</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">E. President Cortez inquired whether they've seen different models implemented in other districts. Velazquez responded that although he is unsure of this, they have seen that support classes work well in STEM classes, so they reasoned, "why not English?" They correlated math success with possible English successF. Vice-President Garcia clarified that 100S is a non-transferrable course. Credit only gained if English 100 is passedG. Guest Marcelo Clark offered an anecdote about struggling in English and suggested that the matter should be up to the professor's discretionH. Commissioner Lee stressed giving people options of leaving English 90 rather than forcing everyone through 100S fast-trackI. Treasurer Velazquez added that they're planning to run a pilot in the summerJ. Vice-President Garcia pointed out that this points to how there is an avoidance of impacted, oversized classes. "This fast-track is about pushing people through; the real issue is oversized classes, comes down to money." Stressed having low class sizes and more instructors <p>IV. From Vice President Garcia:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">A. No Report <p>V. From President Cortez:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">A. Held discussion Smoking on College Premises.' A bill was vetoed about banning all smoking on campus as he stated that it should be left to the district's decision. While crafting the document he presented to the senate, they were waiting for a student representative to provide their input. Brought in idea that this was written in order to fine students for smoking on campus. (Fines of \$25, \$50, and \$100.) District using model that the original bill had.B. Although the bill may not be fully implemented, it gives them leverage to do so. Agreed that having smoke-free campuses is healthier for community health. A resolution was proposed to
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		<p><i>promote</i> smoke-free campuses <i>without</i> a fine since many faculty smoke and also because many procedures would have to change</p> <p>C. President Cortez asked whether the senate believes the school should fine or not fine. Document is siding on fining. “Presently we’re a smoke-free campus that does not enforce fines. If we approve this, procedures would have to change completely from bottom to top.”</p> <p>D. Guest Raphael Antunez suggested that there should be improved designated areas such as the lake/park</p> <p>E. President Cortez argued that although students may not have the money to pay the fines, enforcing fines would incentivize people not to smoke on campus</p> <p>F. Commissioner Lee inquired where the fine money would go. “Would it go toward scholarships” Vice-President also asked whether it would go to the city or the school. President responded that it would go to the school. Both responded that funneling the money into scholarships is a complicated process</p>
NEW BUSINESS		
8	Committee Appointments	<p>I. President Cortez welcomed Guest Hannah Tatmon, Guest Dale Satre, and Guest Jonathan Pantino</p> <p>II. From Ms. Tatmon:</p> <p>A. Interested in the Professional Development Committee. Currently works in Equity. From what she has gathered so far from the committee, they have addressed the needs of the staff and student. Workshops and conferences serve for better teaching styles for students in order to better address student needs. She thinks this committee could benefit the senate by connecting ways to improve.</p> <p>III. From Mr. Satre:</p>



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		<p>A. Interested in the Safety Committee because he has an interest in public safety and sees that LMC has a need for safety in the community. Wants students to know that students will be safe so that their thoughts can be put into action</p> <p>IV. From Mr. Pantino:</p> <p>A. Interested in District Governance Council. Major is political science and is interested in developing further within the major</p> <p>V. Motion to appoint applicants to respective committees</p> <p>Motioned by: Treasurer Velazquez Seconded by: Commissioner Lee</p> <p><i>Discussion:</i> Senator Havelhorst: "Students can be a part of more than one committee."</p> <p>Motion approved unanimously 4-0-0</p>
<p>9</p>	<p>IMPACT Leadership Conference Club Application</p>	<p>I. President Cortez re-capped purpose of IMPACT seed money giveaway to two new clubs. Welcomed Guest Raphael Antunez and Guest Marcelo Clark</p> <p>II. From Mr. Antunez:</p> <p>A. Wants to start a club called "Ideal Meal" (name not permanent) about securing food for the economically disadvantaged. Stated that almost 23% of children in California are experiencing food insecurities. "Because poor families can only afford cheap food that is unhealthy, I want to provide a healthier option." Stated that he could use the seed money for a Food Fair event. Will be attending LMC until the end of the Spring 2017 semester</p> <p>A. Advisor Nguyen asked, "How would it be different from Student Life food pantry?" Mr. Antunez responded that meals would be more prepared. Thinking of preparing and cooking meals at a soup kitchen.</p> <p>B. Treasurer Velazquez inquired whether it would be a problem to be an extension of the food pantry?</p>



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- C. Vice-President Garcia added that the Student Life food pantry would be a *location* while Ideal Meal could be the *outreach extension*
- D. President Cortez had concern about whether it is feasible to cook meals in an appropriate place and how often this would be. Mr. Antunez stated that he is looking for licensing to do this every week. President asked if there were enough people interested in doing this to which Mr. Antunez assured that he has talked to several people about it who were open to the idea
- E. Treasurer Velazquez suggested to go ahead and figure out the numbers of people who are interested in order to put a motion together. Clarified to not only seek out officers but also to also work out the legalities
- F. Mr. Antunez agreed to reconstruct his vision of Ideal Meal to coincide with the food pantry. Will speak with Advisor Nguyen
- III. Motion to approve seed money for Ideal Meal
Moted by: Vice-President Garcia
Seconded by: Senator Havelhorst
Motion fails to pass **0-3-1**
- IV. Motion to table this item until further information provided
Moted by: Vice-President Garcia
Seconded by: Senator Havelhorst
Motion approved unanimously **4-0-0**
- V. From Guest Marcelo Clark:
 - A. “We have a LGBT club and ethnic club on campus but what we need is to bridge these communities together into a critical thinking space called CAWS.” (California Association of Woke Students) Anyone’s opinions regarding politically sensitive issues such as immigration would be heard.



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		<p>B. President Cortez asked what is it that the club would do to connect them with what is taking place in the real world. Mr. Clark responded that the difference between getting together with friends and just talking where facts may be incorrect is that with CAWS, professors could come in and debunk/fact-check to foster awareness. Stressed that he is going for an academic approach to society rather than an opinion space.</p> <p>C. Guest Dale Satre remarked that John hosted a safe space talk about the election but only does so once a month. Said that if CAWS can meet more frequently it would be “very helpful.”</p> <p>D. President Cortez asked how CAWS would be different from say, the debate club where sensitive topics are discussed weekly. Treasurer Velazquez clarified President Cortez’s inquiry in asking, “what would be the end result?” Mr. Clark responded that he wants to accomplish gaining the tools to be more critical in approaching various issues such as sexual violence</p> <p>E. President Cortez stated that currently, “LMC already has things in place for discussion” and his concern is that he does not understand how CAWS would add to that. Treasurer Velazquez added that despite the value in what Mr. Clark is bringing, “it is difficult to quantify this.”</p> <p>F. Vice-President Garcia said that if anything, it would add further to the TED Talks.</p> <p>VI. Motion to table this item for next week’s meeting Moted by: Vice-President Garcia Seconded by: Commissioner Lee Motion approved unanimously 4-0-0</p>
10	Holiday Decorations Policy	<p>I. President Cortez presented how campus decorations could be more inclusive to students who do not celebrate/observe mainstream holidays. Currently, LMC does not have a policy in place that dictates how to carry this out</p>



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		<p>A. Presented survey asking three questions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Do you think LMC should decorate for holidays? 2. What holidays do students celebrate? 3. How would you want them to be represented? <p>B. Commissioner Lee gave opinion that everyone’s holidays should be represented. “I would bring more festivity and attraction to the school.”</p> <p>C. Vice-President Garcia agreed with Commissioner Lee and proclaimed, “we should either celebrate all or none. We should not imply that one holiday is more important than the other.”</p> <p>D. Treasurer Velazquez countered Vice-President Garcia’s statement, stating that, “it’s impossible to include <i>every single culture</i>.”</p> <p>E. President Cortez stressed that this is the purpose of the survey</p> <p>F. motion to adjourn at 3:10 by Commissioner lee seconded by garcia 4-0-0</p> <p>II. Motion to table item 10 for next week’s meeting Moted by: Commissioner Lee Secoded by: Vice-President Garcia Motion approved unanimously 3-1-0</p> <p>III. Motion to adjourn at 3:10 Moted by: Commissioner Lee Secoded by: Vice-President Garcia Motion approved unanimously 4-0-0</p>
11	Local Discounts	I. From Vice-President Garcia:



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		<ul style="list-style-type: none">A. Re-capped that she shared a document on Google Docs entitled “Community College to Community Business (Local Discounts)”B. Outlined ‘Our Mission’, ‘what to ask from the restaraunt’, ‘what to ask students/faculty’ and ‘what we need for the proposal.’C. President Cortez stated that so far, the draft is legitimate. What is needed is to create a survey for students to take
12	LMCAS Advertisement	<ul style="list-style-type: none">I. Motion to table for next week Motioned by: Senator Havelhorst Seconded by: Treasurer Velazquez Motion approved unanimously 4-0-0
13	Adjournment	Vice-President Garcia motions to adjourn meeting at 3:09pm