



LOS MEDANOS COLLEGE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS MINUTES

DATE: 10/10/16 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: Eliacin Velazquez, Jessica Havelhorst, Jean Carlos Alvarado

Advisor: John Nguyen

Absent: Angela Lee, Tabitha Romero-Bothi

Minute Taker: Amata Abatcha

Guests: RC Kubota, Kwame Baah-Arhin

ITEM #	TOPIC/ACTIVITY	OUTCOME
1	Call to order	I. President Cortez called the meeting to order at 1:02 pm
2	Approve: I. Agenda II. Minutes from 10.3.16 meeting	I. Motion to approve the agenda A. Motioned by: Vice-President Garcia B. Seconded by: Senator Alvarado Motion approved unanimously 4-0-0 II. Motion to approve previous minutes A. Motioned by Senator Velazquez B. Seconded by Senator Alvarado Motioned approved unanimously 4-0-0
BUSINESS: REPORTS		
3	Public Comment	I. From Kwame Baah-Arhin A. Concurrently enrolled in Middle College High School and Contra Costa College. Plans to graduate with both an AA-T degree and high school diploma in 2017



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		<ul style="list-style-type: none">B. Is the Student Trustee for the West Contra Costa Unified School DistrictC. “From President Cortez: Feel free to contact Kwame via email.”II. From RC Kubota:<ul style="list-style-type: none">A. Scanning flyers for various eventsB. Stated that someone important will be coming to Contra Costa College. He will send flyers which she would like to make copies of
<p>4</p>	<p>Officers and Senators Reports/Updates</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">I. From Vice-President Garcia:<ul style="list-style-type: none">A. Stage manager for <i>Brother Gary</i>, an original production by the LMC Drama Department. First showing on Thursday, October 13B. Movie Night last week had decent turnout with 50+ people attendingII. From Senator Havelhorst: No reportIII. From Senator Velazquez:<ul style="list-style-type: none">A. Has an idea of arranging an outside meeting for senators to delve further into ideas that cannot be fleshed out during usual Monday meetings. Proposes as an extension of LMCASB. From President Cortez: “So would you implement that this year...amending bylaws?”C. Response from Senator Velazquez: Sees no reason why we shouldn’t have it implemented by the spring semesterD. President Cortez suggested it as an agenda proposal, but it would have to abide by the Brown Act. “We’ll need to make sure that the senators are able to convene”E. From Vice-President Garcia: “Time is an issue as I have to chair the ICC meeting right after LMCAS. Everyone has their personal timings.” Stated that she believes it is a great idea but that time is to be considered.F. From Advisor Nguyen: “We could start a sub-committee instead.” Must be submitted 72 hours prior to make it officialIV. From Senator Alvarado



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		<ul style="list-style-type: none">A. Inquired about choosing a committee. Will be discussed during item 7.V. From President Cortez:<ul style="list-style-type: none">A. States Club Day last week went well. Compiled a list of people interested in becoming senators. LMCAS could possibly have about 20 members instead of the present 8. “We could have a stronger voice and be a stronger student body.”
<p>5</p>	<p>Advisor Report</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">I. From Advisor Nguyen:<ul style="list-style-type: none">A. Recognized those who tabled for Club Day last week.B. Recognized Vice-President Garcia of Shenanigans for hosting Movie Night last weekC. Several events coming up as October will be a busy month. For the IMPACT conference, stated that today is last day to RSVP. Guest speaker Stephanie Hinnershitz will be presenting from 1:00pm-2:30pm in room L-109 on Thursday, October 13; Student Leadership Conference from 11:00am-2:00pm on Friday, October 14. Event will split into four different workshops as follows: LGBT rights, Sustainable Agriculture, Veteran’s Rights, and Community HealthD. President Cortez pointed out that Vice-President Garcia, Senator Velazquez, and Senator Alvarado will be volunteering for IMPACT conferenceE. Kaiser Health Fair on Thursday, October 20 from 10:00am-3:00pm. Just received news today that they will offer free blood pressure, glucose/cholesterol, and BMI testing. They will be distributing free items and health information, chair massages, and a rock climbing wall. Senator Velazquez inquired about publicity; Advisor Nguyen stated that Kaiser is already reaching out to the communityF. Final Presidential Debate Watch Party on Wednesday, October 19 from 6:00pm-8:00pm in room SS-412G. President Cortez emphasized the importance of this year’s national elections especially with the propositions. Stressed that isn’t just about the democratic and republican



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		<p>candidates</p> <p>H. October 28 from 7:00pm-9:00pm <i>Contra</i>. For ages 12+ now instead of 13+. Extending <i>Contra</i> to the entire community of Pittsburg, Antioch, Brentwood, Oakley, Bay Point, etc. Police services are offering free parking for the event. Student Life Ambassador Justin Rocha relayed to Advisor Nguyen that event will be “very psychological.” Pre-Sale tickets now available for the next two weeks in Student Life Office. Will be free for students who show student ID and \$1.00 for general admission</p> <p>I. From Vice-President Garcia: Stated that tomorrow, police lieutenant will go through safety protocol</p> <p>J. Blood Drive November 9 from 10:00am-2:00pm in room L-109. In order to sign up, must go to bloodheroes.com and enter the sponsor code ‘LOSMC.’ Looking to get pizza for the event. May come to LMCAS for funding</p>
<p>6</p>	<p>Committee Reports</p>	<p>I. From Senator Alvarado: No report</p> <p>II. From Senator Velazquez: Spoke about Laurie Huffman’s (chair of the LMC Foreign Language Department) impressive presentation regarding new Spanish AA-T degree. Velazquez stated that there was no in-depth discussion in response to President Cortez’s inquiry regarding whether high school AP scores could play into it. Things were drafted and sent away, and Senator Velazquez has seen the final product. Says he will ask more questions and report back to the board</p> <p>III. From Senator Havelhorst:</p> <p>A. Will have first committee meeting with TLC this Wednesday. Will deliver her first committee report next week</p> <p>IV. From President Cortez: Was going to attend district meeting last week but was unable to attend. However, based on reviewing the minutes, they talked about the College Promise first proposed by President Barack Obama which is now being implemented. “The district is really pushing for it.” Since they meet monthly, he will try to attend</p>



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		<p>November's meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">A. Asked if anyone is interested in the EEO committeeB. Advisor Nguyen stated that there is a procedure in place for students where they can appeal for a grade they do not agree with. Senators can be a part of the process to vote on whether they believe any given student deserves a grade change
NEW BUSINESS		
7	Committee Appointments	<ul style="list-style-type: none">I. From Senator Alvarado:<ul style="list-style-type: none">A. Wants to join Distance Education committeeII. From Senator Havelhorst:<ul style="list-style-type: none">A. "Isn't there an environmental club?"B. Vice-President Garcia responded that there is something relating to sustainability. Advisor Nguyen added that they were active last year but have not submitted a chartering packet this year.III. From Senator Velazquez:<ul style="list-style-type: none">A. Suggested if any group would like to start a new club after granted permission to do so, they can be handed a booklet guide. In addition to the guide it will give a memo about LMCAS and LMCAS committees about recruitment so that present senators would not have to expend too much effort in recruitmentB. Senate responded to idea positively. President Cortez added that this would create a more cohesive system where, instead of bypassing LMCAS, they'd be integrated into the entire process which would be far more engaging than the current processIV. Motion to appoint Jean Carlos Alvarado to the Distance Education Committee<ul style="list-style-type: none">A. Motioned by: Vice-President GarciaB. Seconded by: Senator Havelhorst <p>Motioned approved unanimously 4-0-0</p>



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<p>8</p>	<p>Local Discounts</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">I. From Vice-President Garcia: “Many students are limited with food choices. Because of the high prices and the fact that we are college students and how some of us work part time, I think we should make agreements with primarily with food places to reduce food prices for students.” What she is proposing will make it easier for local food places. Garcia wishes to give leeway to college students by obtaining discounts at local food chains. Explained that it would be much easier to obtain such discounts from local places rather than franchises. Plans to compile a list for the spring semester, when she wishes for this to be implemented. Some places she has in mind include Jamba Juice, Starbucks, Chipotle, and Lumpy’s. Would want to pitch ideas with them in person.A. Senator Velazquez stated that this would tie well into his ideas. The forum he proposed in item #4, section III would be beneficial as the senate could go in-depth with “exactly these types of ideas.”B. President Cortez mentioned that because of the substantial time allotted for this item, the senate should go ahead and start planning right now. “Everyone should speak up.”C. Senator Velazquez talked about how he, by representing LMC, could reach out to community and have a greater presence by convening with business and economics majorsD. Vice-President Garcia interjected how at Harvest Park Bowl in Antioch, her and her group got a discount and only had to pay \$4 after hours of bowling simply by negotiating. “We have discounts but it just isn’t known. Never settle for the first offer,” she ended. In mentioning “Sarah from Student Life,” she talked about Maya Cinemas. A way for LMC to have more of a presence could be to ask Maya Cinemas what is their slowest night is, then get metric for discounts that day. “We could contact the Chamber of Commerce in every local city then pitch ideas for sponsorship,” to which Senator Velazquez added that the senate could get the county involved as wellE. President Cortez, positively approving of the direction of the discourse stated that the senate should bring this topic back as action item for next week
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		<ul style="list-style-type: none">F. Advisor Nguyen stated that a booklet of local businesses would be very helpful for this projectG. Senator Havelhorst recounted of how, when she was in high school and had open lunch, KFC would come onto their campus to sell to studentsH. President Cortez supplemented Senator Havelhorst’s experience by suggesting that the senate could invite businesses to come on campus to sell for a day. Assured Vice-President Garcia that she “definitely won’t be by herself” as everyone will “pitch in.”I. There was a specification that the senate could work out a deal where a small percentage of profits should go directly to the LMCAS budgetJ. Senator Velazquez introduced another idea on how the school could generate large profits. “We could host a huge, <i>huge</i> event at the Concord Pavilion, bring food trucks, and bring a big star like Mariah Carey. It seems like a lot but we could work this around in a way that is affordable by also pooling into DVC and CCCK. President Cortez highlighted that “it is clear that we want to do big things. Having money would definitely help us.”L. When Advisor Nguyen asked what he/we can do to help, Vice-President Garcia asserted that she would like to delegate tasks. Together the senate specified that they will be focusing primarily on discounting food. Once delegated a responsibility, each person must go forth and contact their given businesses. Two people will be assigned franchises, and two people will be assigned for local businessesM. The Senate decided to brainstorm a list on the whiteboardN. Senator Alvarado asked when this would take into effect and Vice-President Garcia ensured that this should be implemented by next semester. She added that the senate should let incoming freshman from high schools know about the perks they could have in coming to LMCO. Senator Alvarado mentioned that along with his business club, they are collaborating with the computer science club on a project about building an application. He
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		<p>suggested that they could create an app that lists places in the area that offer discounts for students. Vice-President Garcia who responded warmly to his idea suggested that the senate call it “CSP” (College Student’s Perks) and that this app should be LMC based. This could spread further west from here to Concord to Berkeley to San Francisco</p> <p>P. President Cortez stated that college students are unique consumers in that they already spend a lot of money on tuition and textbooks. As LMCAS represents all clubs on campus, it’s important for us as a body to prioritize and organize. Brought up how the Engineering Technology Club got their project with NASA approved and passed, beating ivy leagues Cornell University and Cambridge University and yet here was no coverage of this, according to LMC student Mark of Engineering Technology. President Cortez extended how there must be an order to things. “Talk to the San Francisco Chronicle. We have diverse student body. We can do all this but make sure the ultimate goal is to promote image of Los Medanos College.”</p> <p>Q. Senator Velazquez believes that there was nothing too broad that had been presented by any of the senate members. Brought up the point that, “students in their classes can’t have the discussions that we are having right now because they are busy, working hard to study. We’re here having these discussions for their benefit. We should continue to challenge ourselves and stay ahead of the curve.”</p> <p>R. Vice-President Garcia expanded that “the way you talk to others is how people perceive you. This is the way reality works...the fact that you don’t need a label of education to define you...when we do these events, don’t take it as if no one appreciates you. The hard work does pay off.”</p> <p>S. President Cortez closed off the item on a positive note, ensuring that the senate will continue to discuss this topic in the coming weeks</p>
9	LMCAS Event	I. From President Cortez: “What can we do to have LMCAS shine? What can we do this



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		I. Advisor Nguyen stated to submit findings to the Student Life box once details are fleshed out.
10	Adjournment	Vice-President Garcia motions to adjourn meeting at 2:56pm