



**LOS MEDANOS COLLEGE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS MINUTES**

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**Present:**

**President:** *Absent*

**Vice-President:** Tammy Smith

**Treasurer:** *Not appointed*

**Commissioner of Campus Events:** *Not appointed*

**Publicity and Outreach:** *Not appointed*

**Senators:** Serena Neal, Marco Mendez, Jocelyn Villalobos, George Diaz, Tayadi Bush

**Student Representatives:** *None*

**Advisor:** John Nguyen (*Absent*)

**Absent:** Marco McMullen, Jessica Wilson, Jessica Havelhorst

**Minute Taker:** Amata Abatcha

**Guests:** Teresea Archaga (*on behalf of John Nguyen*), Dion Powell, Julia Steele, Tabitha Romero, Joellen Hiltbrand

| ITEM #                   | TOPIC/ACTIVITY   | OUTCOME   |
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| 1                        | Call to Order  | I. Vice-President Smith called the meeting to order at 1:10pm   |
| 2                        | Approve:<br>I. Agenda<br>II. Minutes from the 10/30/17 meeting | I. Motion to approve the agenda<br>A. Motioned by: Senator Diaz<br>B. Motioned by: Senator Villalobos<br>C. Motion approved unanimously <b>5-0-1</b><br>II. Motion to approve the 10/30/17 minutes<br>A. Motioned by: Senator Mendez<br>B. Seconded by: Senator Diaz<br>C. Motioned approved unanimously <b>4-0-2</b> |
| <b>BUSINESS: REPORTS</b> |  |   |
| 3                        | Public Comment   | I. No Public Comment  |



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| <p><b>4</b></p> | <p>Officer and Senator Reports/Updates</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>I. From Senator Villalobos:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>A. Announced that today there will be a Safety Walkthrough later in the evening and anyone available may attend</li></ul></li><li>II. From Senator Bush:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>A. No report</li></ul></li><li>III. From Senator Diaz:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>A. No report</li></ul></li><li>IV. From Senator Neal:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>A. Attended the READ, SACHE, ICC, and Honors meetings last week</li></ul></li><li>V. From Senator Mendez:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>A. Wanted to remind everyone that there will be a TEDx Talk on Tuesday, November 14 and hopes many people attend</li></ul></li><li>VI. From Vice-President Smith:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>A. Attended the TEACH fundraiser started by a retired senior citizen group at the Trilogy in Brentwood</li><li>B. Raised a little over \$9,000.00 at their auction when their goal was just \$5,000.00</li><li>C. Senator Smith reminded the senators that their presence can make a difference in these community initiatives</li><li>D. Were willing to mentor students regarding fundraiser</li><li>E. Attended a fundraising comedy show starring Arsenio Hall</li><li>F. Saw the movie <i>Deej</i> about a non-speaking autistic boy</li><li>G. Informed senators to stand up to any rude or unkind behavior exhibited toward other students</li></ul></li></ul> |
| <p><b>5</b></p> | <p>Advisor Report</p>                      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>I. From Teresea Archaga (<i>on behalf of John Nguyen</i>):<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>A. Set aside Tuesday, November 21 from 5:00pm-8:00pm in room L-109 for the Thanksgiving Potluck. Will be open to LMCAS and ICC members</li></ul></li></ul>  |



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|          |                   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>B. Just came out of a previous meeting to talk about possible Black History Month events and were looking to expand the calendar beyond the traditionally designated February month. Considering to schedule Mondays from 12:00pm-1:00pm for students interested in being a part of the committee to brainstorm ideas</li><li>C. Said John Nguyen intended to go over the budget today but due to his absence, would like to move the item to next week</li></ul>   |
| <b>6</b> | Committee Reports | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>I. From Senator Villalobos:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>A. No report</li></ul></li><li>II. From Senator Bush<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>A. No report</li></ul></li><li>III. From Senator Diaz<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>A. No report</li></ul></li><li>IV. From Senator Neal<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>A. EEO will meet next week on Tuesday, November 14</li></ul></li><li>V. From Senator Mendez:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>A. Announced that the IDEA committee will meet on the third Thursday of this month (November)</li></ul></li><li>VI. From Vice-President Smith:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>A. Stated that the READ Club still collecting children's book</li><li>B. <i>Groundhog Day</i> film showing will be tomorrow, Tuesday, November 7 from 7:00pm-10:00pm in room CC1-114</li><li>C. Announced the Queer Comedy Showcase this Thursday, November 9 at 7:00pm at the Little Theater</li><li>D. Announced Veteran's Day will be on Saturday, November 11. Looking for people to sign banners commemorating student veterans. Also looking to sign 'Thank You' cards</li><li>E. Was contacted by Stephanie Lutz by Shenanigans who is putting on a Transgender Day of</li></ul></li></ul> |



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|                     |                                | Remembrance event and is looking for the help of volunteers. Showcased a few transgender individuals who were victims of hate crimes  |
| <b>NEW BUSINESS</b> |                                |   |
| <b>7</b>            | Thanksgiving Ideas and Funding | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I. From Vice-President Smith: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. Has decided against homemade meals for the Thanksgiving event in order to prevent past incidences where people got sick. Looking to serve catered burritos in order to also expedite the process</li> <li>B. Has not yet chosen a date but is thinking of holding it around noon. Discussed this previously with President McMullen and could not agree on a date</li> <li>C. Senator Diaz said it would be a nice touch to hold this event for those who do not always have family to be with during this time of year</li> <li>D. Vice-President Smith informed the board to remind people that those undergoing food insecurities and financial crises to remind them that the campus has a Food Pantry they can feel free to visit</li> <li>E. Guest Archaga suggested collaborating with the Fall Potluck event</li> <li>F. Senator Mendez suggested holding a collaborated potluck and then distributing food to students during finals</li> <li>G. Guest Archaga suggested donating food to those up in the North Bay and to contact the Red Cross</li> </ul> </li> </ul> |
| <b>8</b>            | Transformation Grant           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I. From Joellen Hiltbrand: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. Introduced herself as part of the faculty of the English Department</li> <li>B. Introduced the Transformation Grant, a statewide movement of 1 million dollars funded by the chancellor’s office in order to place more students into transfer-level courses in order to get through transfer-level English and Math within a sequence of no more than three semesters. Detailed how some English and Math prerequisites have been rid of</li> </ul> </li> </ul>  |



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|  |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>C. No longer using Accuplacer as a placing system as they found it to be faulty and now using Multiple Measures</li><li>D. This Fall semester is the first time both the Math and English departments are using self-reported cumulative GPA and the shift has been “enormous.” Whereas before they were very bottom heavy, they have fewer sections available now in order to expedite the process. Do not know yet what the results of this will be until the Spring semester</li><li>E. What they have also written into the grant is to have an outside evaluator to come in and conduct a lot of surveys and focus groups. Has a history of using focus groups in order to try to gain information, but it has been difficult to garner enough students to participate. If they could somehow gain more support in different diverse groups of students, they could get as many voices as possible in order to show the good things and the things that they can change</li><li>F. Senator Villalobos asked when they would like to hold the focus group. Responded that a woman from the Lawrence Hall of Science will come in next semester. Clarified that she wants to know the best way to reach students</li><li>G. Senator Bush said that going to the Athletics Department and talking to all the head coaches would be immensely helpful as they are open minded and can easily pass down any information to their students. Also provided how many athletes avoid taking the core math and English classes in fear of lowering their GPAs. Responded that this is an example of an unintended effect</li><li>H. Senator Diaz provided his feedback regarding how he is a Spanish major struggling in English and must pass this class to move on, but his instructor cannot give her full attention</li><li>I. Vice-President Smith said she does not think a GPA is a good indicator. Responded that at the state level, they looked statistically at a large number of students</li><li>J. Guest Steele said that it would be best to go into different departments and different sections in order to garner an even larger range of students. Noted how at the Recording Arts Department, some people have spent 5 years there</li><li>K. Encouraged the board to please call her at (510) 290-0208 or email her at</li></ul> |
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|           |                                  | <a href="mailto:jhiltbrand@losmedanos.edu">jhiltbrand@losmedanos.edu</a>   |
| <b>9</b>  | SSCCC and Legislative Priorities | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>I. From Tabitha Romero:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>A. Reintroduced herself as a former senator of the board</li><li>B. Began to present a comprehensive powerpoint regarding SSSCC (Student Senate for California Community Colleges)</li><li>C. Included Student Government History which granted rights for faculty and students to participate in governance</li><li>D. Discussed the, processes, procedures, and structure of SSSCC, and how this impacts LMCAS</li><li>E. Defined SSSCC as, “the officially recognized statewide student association that represents the 114 local student governments to the Board of Governors and the Chancellor’s Office.”</li><li>F. Outlined the broad mission of SSSCC to ensure student representation and to ensure that students know their rights</li><li>G. Showcased the 7-member executive board for Region 3, 2017-2018</li><li>H. Let the board know that they could get involved by picking a delegate and joining a meeting. Added that to be a delegate, one must read through the agenda and and packet before each meeting, coming prepared to represent the images of one’s respective college, and submitting any possible agenda item requests in advance</li><li>I. Announced that this year’s General Assembly will be held from Friday, November 17 to Sunday, November 19 in Sacramento, California. The registration fee for delegates is \$200.00 whereas the fee for students and advisors is \$310.00</li><li>J. For further information, may contact the regional affairs director at <a href="mailto:vp@studentsenateccc.org">vp@studentsenateccc.org</a> and find them on Twitter @SSCCC_OFFICIAL or on Facebook @StudentSenateCCC</li></ul></li></ul> |
| <b>10</b> | Bachelor Ideas                   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>I. From Dion Powell:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>A. “The purpose of our survey is to gather information regarding your ideas on the possible</li></ul></li></ul>  |



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|           |                  | <p>future of offering of Bachelor’s Degrees at Los Medanos,” he stated. Continued that In 2014, California Governor Jerry Brown created a bill, SB-850, that allows community colleges to offer bachelor’s degrees through pilot programs in order to meet California’s economic needs. Constance Carroll, a member of the Board of Governors, oversees the community college district in San Diego since 2004 and strongly supports SB-769, which extends the statewide baccalaureate degree pilot program until July 1, 2028</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>B. Presented a survey with 6 questions including: Do you agree that LMC offers a positive teaching &amp; learning experience? Do you think you are receiving a good education for the price at LMC? Should Los Medanos offer Bachelor’s degrees? Which undergraduate degrees should be offered? Are you willing to pay for upper division courses? Lower division (\$43.00) upper division (\$84.00)? Would you rather pay \$84.00 at a community college than \$396.00 at all CSUs? What is your preferred method of education?</li><li>C. Vice-President Smith commented that he has been sharing the survey and idea for a while now, but is unclear on what the role of LMCAS should be</li><li>D. Still awaiting approval from Gary Walker of the Contra Costa Community College Governing Board</li><li>E. Senator Neal asked, “How would the results of the survey be applied?” Guest Powell responded that they would be able to present the information to the board and the Academic Senate</li><li>F. Guest Romero said she doubted this would have no impact on tuition fees and asked whether LMC would be able to revise any of the questions. In addition, Question 7 concerns her as well as other senators because it biasedly assumes a position</li></ul> |
| <b>11</b> | Clubchella Ideas | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>I. From Julia Steele:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>A. Was looking at sound rental companies and a friend of hers in the Recording Arts Department who works for them. Will be able to get quotes to present to the board in an upcoming meeting</li></ul></li></ul>   |



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|           |                        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>B. Vice-President Smith asked, “What would LMCAS be responsible for and who would take charge of the event?”</li><li>C. Senator Mendez said that to his understanding, Guest Steele was simply requesting money and asking for a few brainstorming ideas</li><li>D. Guest Steele needed to clarify designated responsibilities and how she said it was okay to make decisions without her in the room. Further clarified that she did not have to be in charge necessarily</li><li>E. Vice-President Smith said she has not yet heard of clubs where revenue would go</li><li>F. Senator Villalobos said to talk with ICC and enhance communication with representatives of other clubs</li><li>G. Senator Neal extended upon this by saying the clubs can be designated responsibilities but that the focal point is communication and making sure that everything is clear</li><li>H. Guest Steele said should be centered on getting the clubs out there and making money for them</li><li>I. Vice-President Smith said to remind everyone in this case, that this event is club-centered</li><li>J. Senator Mendez added that the board should start incrementally planning</li></ul> |
| <b>12</b> | Budget Updates         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>I. <i>Skipped due to absence</i></li></ul>  |
| <b>13</b> | Committee Appointments | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>I. <i>Skipped due to absence</i></li></ul>  |
| <b>14</b> | Adjournment            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>I. Motion to adjourn meeting at 2:58pm</li><li>A. Motioned by: Senator Bush</li></ul>   |