



LOS MEDANOS COLLEGE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS MINUTES

DATE: 2/5/18 TIME: 1:00 pm – 3:00pm LOCATION: L-106

Present:

- President:** Marco McMullen
- Vice-President:** Tammy Smith
- Treasurer:** Marco Mendez
- Commissioner of Campus Events:** Jocelyn Villalobos
- Publicity and Outreach:** Serena Neal
- Senators:** *Absent*
- Student Representatives:** Priscilla Tatmon
- Advisor:** John Nguyen
- Absent:** George Diaz
- Minute Taker:** Amata Abatcha
- Guests:** Mariyah Guinto, Jessica Quintos, Sierra Abel, John Keating

ITEM #	TOPIC/ACTIVITY	OUTCOME
1	Call to Order	I. President McMullen called the meeting to order at 1:08pm
2	Approve: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I. Agenda II. Minutes from the 1/29/18 meeting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I. Motion to approve the agenda <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Motioned by: Vice-President Smith B. Motioned by: Commissioner Villalobos C. Motion approved unanimously 4-0-0 II. Motion to approve the 1/29/18 minutes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Motioned by: Vice-President Smith B. Seconded by: Treasurer Mendez C. Motion approved 4-0-0
BUSINESS: REPORTS		
3	Public Comment	I. <i>No Public Comment</i>



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<p>4</p>	<p>Officer & Senator Reports/Updates</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">I. From Treasurer Mendez:<ul style="list-style-type: none">A. No reportII. From Commissioner Villalobos:<ul style="list-style-type: none">A. Found that students are willing to speak to President Bob about reserving a reflection room in the new Student Union buildingB. Found that the survey regarding the Zero Textbook Cost Grant is now up on Canvas for students to takeIII. From Officer Neal:<ul style="list-style-type: none">A. Reminded everyone to check out the library's art exhibit this week by FridayIV. From Vice-President Smith:<ul style="list-style-type: none">A. Announced that ICC will be holding a canned food drive. Whichever club donates the most food will have their name engraved on a plaque to be displayed at the Student Life OfficeB. Announced 'Pizza With A Cop' event to spread awareness regarding safety on Thursday, February 8 from 12:30pm-2:00pm in room L-109. Those participating may enter a drawing where they can possibly win a free Spring 2018 parking permitC. Announced Black Panther showing next Thursday, February 15 at 7:00pm at Maya Cinemas. Those interested may RSVP online on a first-come first-serve basisD. Last semester, encouraged everyone to attend various club meetings around campus in order to raise visibility for LMCAS. Added her thoughts on the importance of conducting oneself in a respectful manner and gain have an understanding on the unique culture of every clubV. From President McMullen:<ul style="list-style-type: none">A. Recapped Steeltown Debate Tournament over the weekend. Found the event to be enjoyableB. Stated that Teresea Archaga wants an entire page dedicated to a description of LMCAS written in the "The Guide," an informational manualC. Stated that they should consider Edward Haven's request in scripting a resolution for the Zero Textbook Cost Grant. Wishes to sign a paper next week and submit it to him
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5	Advisor Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I. From Advisor Nguyen: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Reiterated the February 23 Senator Application deadline
6	Committee Reports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I. From President McMullen: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. No report II. From Treasurer Mendez: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. No report III. From Commissioner Neal: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. No report IV. From Officer Neal: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. No report V. From Vice-President Smith: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Announced that Julia Steele, organizer for the Clubchella event, will be speaking at ICC today B. SACHE will be hosting Welcome Week events this week C. Umoja has not yet started their meetings but plans to begin soon
NEW BUSINESS		
7	Senator Interviews: Jessica Quintos	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I. From Vice-President Smith: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Appreciated the time she took to answer the questions B. Found it intriguing that she was interested in the issues of high textbook costs. Asked, “How we could solve the problem of students unable to afford textbooks if they don’t have sufficient financial aid?” C. Guest Quintos responded that she thought Edward Haven’s proposal from last week’s meeting would be helpful. Also thought they could promote more services toward funding. “If we could let more students be aware of what they’re trying to do, then I think a lot of them could benefit.” D. Vice-President Smith asked, “what are you trying to advocate for and how are you trying to



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		<p>do that?”</p> <p>E. Guest Quintos responded that she would like to be creative and make videos or post pictures to put in more school spirit</p> <p>F. Commissioner Villalobos asked, “do you have any events in mind that you would like to start or promote?”</p> <p>G. Guest Quintos responded that she would like to promote Clubchella as “that sounds like a great idea.”</p> <p>H. Treasurer Mendez asked her to elaborate on her technical skills</p> <p>I. Guest Quintos responded that as a film major, she is learning software such as Adobe and Photoshop</p> <p>J. President McMullen asked, “why do you think students have a hard time identifying their resources?”</p> <p>K. Guest Quintos responded that once she becomes more educated on what they have to offer, she would like to spread that information to other people. Also thinks the school website is hard to navigate</p> <p>L. Officer Neal commented, “how would you think you would use your skills to update skills? How would you go about collecting information?”</p> <p>M. Guest Quintos responded that she would be physically proactive in this</p>
8	Senator Interviews: John Keating	<p>I. From President McMullen:</p> <p>A. Asked Guest Keating how he would advocate for DSPS</p> <p>B. Guest Keating responded that he could talk to campus police to add more handicapped spots in the parking lot. Would also advocate for people to pay attention to their surroundings</p> <p>C. Officer Neal inquired upon what clubs he is involved in</p> <p>D. Guest Keating said he is a part of SACHE, READ, ICC, and formerly the Criminal Justice Club</p> <p>E. Officer Neal then asked if they were doing anything about the parking lot issue</p> <p>F. Guest Keating responded no, he has not heard from them about that yet</p>



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		<ul style="list-style-type: none">G. Officer Neal further asked what he had done to improve the school communityH. Guest Keating remarked that he is friendly, tries to talk to people, and promote ideas to them. Would like to show new students around so they can get a fresh head startI. Commissioner Villalobos liked how he had a lot of goals. Asked how he intends to show thatJ. Guest Keating said, “no matter what gets you down, you can get yourself through it.” Would like to set up a retreatK. Treasurer Mendez posed the hypothetical scenario of Guest Keating becoming a senator and whether he would treat his former club, the Criminal Justice club, any differently were they to come in for a request due to their negative pastL. Guest Keating replied he would treat them with respect despite the history and treat them like everyone else, remaining objective in the situation
<p>9</p>	<p>Senator Interviews: Mariyah Guinto</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">I. From President McMullen:<ul style="list-style-type: none">A. Mentioned the issues that international students at LMC may faceB. Guest Guinto remarked that the school doesn’t prioritize international students compared to US citizens. She cannot work outside campus. Said that as a kinesiology major, she cannot work anywhere else but at a gymC. Said that she understands that this is a government job but it would help to have beneficial relationships with others to aid in obtaining an appropriate jobD. Vice-President Smith wanted to know how she would help local studentsE. Guest Guinto said that in terms of scholarships it is unfortunate that there aren’t any scholarships for international students, but thinks students don’t get involved because of the way students are integrated due to their perceptions of junior college where they think they can just get in and outF. Vice-President said that being abroad taught her that people tend to stick to a small group of people. Said that she had been at university before and wanted to be more proactiveG. Guest Guinto said she would want to network and go around and get to know people and talk



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		<p>to people. Added that Vice-President Smith, President McMullen, and Advisor Nguyen were great peers to her</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">H. Officer Neal asked how she would present this informationI. Guest Gunto said she would start small by informing them now that she is president of International StudentsJ. Commissioner Villalobos asked what her strongest skill isK. Guest Guinto replied that networking and socializing would be her best asset
10	Senator Interviews: Priscilla Tatmon	<ul style="list-style-type: none">I. From President McMullen:<ul style="list-style-type: none">A. Asked how she would tackle issues regarding teachersB. Guest Tatmon said that she is aware some teachers may not have time and would want to make things like Canvas more availableC. Treasurer Mendez asked what issues she has seen arise on the Teaching Learning CommitteeD. Guest Tatmon said that at the committee, they talk about different strategies they could use to improve teaching methods. Brought up how every teacher should use Canvas in order to reach out to studentsE. Treasurer Mendez asked what inspired herF. Guest Tatmon said that the key to succeeding in college is having a good teacher-student relationship. As a sports student, likes to get to know her instructors in order to stay informedG. Officer Neal asked how having good relationships could relate to the Zero Textbook Cost grant. “How do you think understanding both sides can lead to a resolution in textbook pricing?”H. Guest Tatmon said if teachers gain a deeper understanding of what their students must go through in order to remain in their classes, it may be beneficialI. Commissioner Villalobos asked whether she sees an underrepresentation of females in the STEM fieldJ. Gust Tatmon commented that in the MESA center, there are “a ton” of male majors. Thinks



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		<p>that at the high school level, we could encourage females not to stop</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> K. Officer Neal asked whether a male dominated environment was discouraging for female students L. Guest Tatmon responded affirmatively. "I definitely think so." M. Commissioner Villalobos asked what could be done about it N. Guest Tatmon ended that as an electrical engineering major, she would want to personally promote females more females into STEM
11	Senator Interviews: Sierra Abel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I. From President McMullen: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Asked Guest Abel how she would transfer her skills from Honors to LMCAS B. Guest Abel learned how important communication is amongst different officers and what it takes to bring events together C. Treasurer Mendez asked her how she sees herself helping out within the community D. Guest Abel said she could help represent other students such as going along the theme of awareness. Noted that last semester they did this in Honors but it was on a much smaller scale. Added that showing high schools what LMC has to offer would be helpful E. Officer Neal said she mentioned in her applications that she would like to do bigger things. Wanted to know exactly what the entails F. Guest Abel said one thing she really likes to do is to get more involved in the community G. Officer Neal asked whether she would branch out more and try new things H. Guest Abel said the Carnevil Halloween event last semester was a very new thing for her and with that, Clubchella could be much better I. Vice-President Smith said that she mentioned a lack of connection with other students. "How do you intend to help students who lack the confidence to go out and join a club?" J. Said that the Jamba Juice giveaway LMCAS held during Welcome Week and joining instagram was very helpful and that's how she was exposed to all the different events



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12	Representative Interviews: Joie Evelyn Carter	I. <i>Skipped due to absence</i>
13	Representative Interviews: Reiko Kubota	I. <i>Skipped due to absence</i>
14	Textbook Reserve Funds	<ul style="list-style-type: none">I. From President McMullen:<ul style="list-style-type: none">A. Provided the context that they funded \$3,000 into Textbook Reserve Funds last semesterII. From Christina Goff:<ul style="list-style-type: none">A. Returning to request more money as students have been utilizing this resourceB. Received another \$3,000 from another source as well as additional money through grantsC. Explained that textbooks are covered on a first-come first-serve basis. Beforehand they check to see which books will be in demand in order to prepareD. President McMullen asked whether students could reserve textbooks for a longer period of timeE. Guest Goff responded that students can now reserve a textbook for a full weekF. Said the Zero Textbook Cost Grant went through and she is a part of the board. Thinks there is an opportunity to get the word outG. Guest Tatmon asked whether this was only for philosophy students. Said they would also be offering general education booksH. Commissioner Villalobos asked whether they could purchase old books for a cheaper priceI. Guest Goff said they would not start off with used booksJ. Vice-President Smith suggested to donate them to the READ clubK. Guest Goff added that they are trying to work their way around copyright violations. For example, scanning only up to a chapter of any given textbook is permittedL. Officer Neal asked whether the library is allowed to fundraiseM. Guest Goff responded that as an institution on campus, they are not really permitted to do thisN. President McMullen said that if they vote on this, they can provide her with a number



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<p>15</p>	<p>District Implementation of URL Blocking Software</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">I. From Christina Goff:<ul style="list-style-type: none">A. Began, "if you're trying to access a website that falls within a certain category, it will automatically block that website. This type of software is blocking your access to information. The library believes that this is a violation of our first amendment rights as this was implemented without discussion. A journalist from <i>The Experience</i> found out and broke the story." Made her upset as this is censorshipB. Brought this up to the Academic Senate to either suspend or remove use of this software. Emphasized that this affects students who may not have internet access at homeC. Officer Neal said that this semester it has been difficult to log onto the internet and whether this has a connection to thatD. Guest Goff replied that yes, "perhaps this could be."E. President McMullen reiterated that the district spent \$800,000 on this initiativeF. Guest Goff added that there is no algorithm that will be fully accurate. "Even President Bob was unaware of this."
<p>16</p>	<p>Budget Update</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">I. From Advisor Nguyen:<ul style="list-style-type: none">A. Would like everyone to take the time to examine the budget and make any suggestions to move around moneyB. Would like to see a change. Would like Welcome Week allocation of \$6,000 but only spent \$15,000. Stated that the LMC Foundation will match with LMCAS. Requests to transfer \$15,000 toward funding the Academic Competition in MarchC. President McMullen mentioned that it may be conflicting to decide what to pickD. The board further discussed funding for the Academic CompetitionII. Motion to amend Line Item #1<ul style="list-style-type: none">A. Motioned by: Vice-President SmithB. Seconded by: Officer NealC. Motion approved 3-1-0



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17	Office Hours	I. <i>Skipped due to timing</i>
18	Adjournment	I. Motion to adjourn meeting at 3:10pm A. Motioned by: Treasurer Mendez