



**LOS MEDANOS COLLEGE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS MINUTES**

**DATE:** 3/12/18 **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:** Sierra Abel, Marayah Guinto, Jessica Quintos, LeeAndra Matthews

**Student Representatives:**

**Advisor:** John Nguyen

**Absent:** John Keating, Ruben Rocha

**Minute Taker:** Amata Abatcha

**Guests:** Eliacin “Eli” Velazquez, Numan Najiv, Joye Carter, Earl Russell Tang Almazan, *The Experience*

ITEM #	TOPIC/ACTIVITY	OUTCOME
1	Call to Order	I. President McMullen called the meeting to order at 1:07pm
2	Approve: I. Agenda II. Minutes from the 3/5/18 meeting	I. Motion to approve the agenda A. Motioned by: Vice-President Smith B. Seconded by: Senator Abel C. Motion approved unanimously <b>8-0-0</b> II. Motion to amend the the 2/5/18 minutes, Line Item 16, Point B from \$15,000 to \$1,500 A. Motioned by: Commissioner Villalobos B. Seconded by: Officer Neal C. Motion approved unanimously <b>7-0-0</b> III. Motion to approve the 3/5/18 minutes A. Motioned by: Senator Abel B. Seconded by: Senator Guinto C. Motion approved unanimously <b>7-0-0</b>



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BUSINESS: REPORTS	
3	Public Comment
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>I. From Eliacin “Eli” Velazquez:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>A. Introduced himself as a former treasurer at LMCAS. Is currently at student at the University of California, Davis</li><li>B. Wanted to study History during his time at Los Medanos but was unable to</li><li>C. Wanted to study Caribbean history in particular, specifically Puerto Rican history however, his instructors told him this was not possible as it is not considered a part of United States history</li><li>D. Thought it would be a great opportunity for LMC and DVC students to come out to UC Davis for a special seminar to learn about Caribbean history</li><li>E. Reached out to a company earlier in the day in Vallejo called Michael’s Buses Transportation, and gave them a quote of roughly \$1,600 dollars per bus. Would like for visiting students to come in for a tour then have two attorneys come in to talk about the history of Puerto Rico</li><li>F. President McMullen stated that Guest Velazquez could come back next week to discuss further into this</li><li>G. Guest Velazquez enthusiastically responded that he would be happy to come and it would be great to coordinate something in place</li><li>H. President McMullen asked for his email in order to gain further information</li></ul></li><li>II. From Numan Najiv:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>A. Introduced himself as a political science attending for extra credit</li></ul></li><li>III. From Vice-President Smith:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>A. Has a friend from Belgium who is conducting a survey and would like some participants to fill it out</li></ul></li><li>IV. From Senator Matthews:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>A. Inquired on the parking issue with police and parking permits/ticketing</li><li>B. Advisor Nguyen said he already spoke with the police but encouraged Senator Matthews to keep asking for updates</li></ul></li></ul>



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<p><b>4</b></p>	<p>Officer &amp; Senator Reports/Updates</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>I. From Senator Guinto:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>A. Recapped volunteering for the Academic Competition and noted that it was a great thing that they recruited more than four teams</li></ul></li><li>II. From Treasurer Mendez:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>A. Recapped Club Day last week as well as 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament</li><li>B. Gave campus tours to high school students last Friday</li><li>C. Was nice to see everyone get together and compete and have fun on Saturday</li></ul></li><li>III. From Senator Quintos:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>A. Completed her first senator office hours</li><li>B. Promoted the national Walk Out March against gun violence for this Wednesday</li><li>C. Attended the “Clubchella” committee meeting where they changed the name of the event to the “End of Summer Bash” since it will now be held on August 31 rather than April</li><li>D. Enjoyed volunteering at the Academic Competition on Saturday</li></ul></li><li>IV. From Commissioner Villalobos:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>A. Noted that a student complained that their statistics class focused too heavily on group work rather than lectures and note taking</li><li>B. Thought the Academic Competition was a great event. Gave suggestion that certificates should be administered after the event and not pre-placed in the bags</li><li>C. School still looking for people to work on Senior Saturday on April 21 and 28</li><li>D. Was trying to look for more information regarding the current list of local restaurants offering local discounts</li><li>E. Advisor Nguyen provided feedback that the Academic Competition changes every year</li></ul></li><li>V. From Senator Matthews:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>A. Felt the Academic Competition ran smoothly. Asked why teams cannot view how they ranked</li><li>B. Advisor Nguyen responded that it was made a policy a few years ago</li></ul></li><li>VI. From Officer Neal:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>A. Attended the first Young Americans for Freedom club meeting. Stated that she appreciates</li></ul></li></ul>
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		<p>having a conservative presence on campus</p> <p>VII. From Senator Abel:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>A. Visited the automotive engineering department and seeing high schoolers interested in joining that</li><li>B. Compiled a spreadsheet of senator office hours</li><li>C. Wanted to know whether she could get help for the technical part of the walk-out. Looking for a female student to speak out at the event. Spoke with Honors director about getting the right ratio of genders</li><li>D. Officer Neal asked whether it would be bi-partisan or not. Senator Abel clarified it was more about awareness rather than taking political sides although they would be encouraging people to vote</li></ul> <p>VIII. From Vice-President Smith:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>A. Thanked Senator Quintos for helping her film the beginning of the Academic Competition</li><li>B. Asked the senators to make sure to be available on the ground for students asking for help</li><li>C. Apologized for being unable to attend last week's meeting but appreciated whoever began the phone thread</li><li>D. Wanted to thank everyone who supported the DSPS accommodations during the Academic Competition</li><li>E. Was a bit dismayed to find that a student was surprised that there are older students on campus and wants people to remember the diversity at LMC is not only limited to gender and ethnicity but age as well</li></ul> <p>IX. From President McMullen:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>A. Began a Google Doc which outlines everything they want to include. Agenda discussion item for the Interfaith Room will be moved to April 9 as they are too busy today, March 12. Would still like at least 3 people to join him and speak more on their experiences</li><li>B. Commissioner Villalobos suggested bringing up a petition rather than simply discussing it</li><li>C. Spoke with DSPS coordinator who distributed Academic Competition applications</li></ul>
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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>D. Wanted to state that at first the conservative club, Young Americans for Freedom, may seem strange but wanted to emphasize that LMC cannot pick and choose what views they represent and must simply represent students</li><li>E. Officer Neal wanted to add that it is not only a diversity of appearances but a diversity of thought as well. Does not want LMC to be considered an echo chamber. “If we have controversial opinions and thoughts and can create a compromise in between, then growth can come out of that.”</li></ul>
<b>5</b>	Advisor Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>I. From Advisor Nguyen:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>A. Stated that this year’s Academic Competition hosted a record number of 22 teams, the highest number they have ever had in the past 13 years. “There were actually supposed to be 24 teams but some people did not show up.”</li><li>B. Reiterated the March 20 Student Trustee application deadline</li></ul></li></ul>
<b>6</b>	Committee Reports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>I. From Joye Carter:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>A. Announced the Financial Education Event to be held on Tuesday, April 10 from 6:00pm-8:45pm where high school and college students can come in and ask questions regarding scholarships, investments, grants, credit, etc</li><li>B. Stated that Professor Chuah in the music department has several law degrees and thought it would be great for LMC to host an event for the students who may have any financial questions</li><li>C. Wanted to know whether the board had any particular questions</li><li>D. Senator Matthews wanted to know more about different programs which help you pay back your student loans rather going through the process on your own</li><li>E. Representative Carter emphasized how she is coming to the board to narrow down the type of questions that would be most suitable for the event. Would like to have a senator or a committee in charge of outreach to high schools in order to inform high school students</li></ul></li></ul>



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		<p>about the event</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>F. Added that the event can also be very useful for parents and older students as well</li><li>G. Stated that because this is still in the proposal stages, the location of the event is TBA</li><li>H. Senator Guinto responded to Senator Matthew’s question that registration for the event may depend on expected capacity</li><li>I. Senator Abel inquired on having bilingual services for parents who may not speak fluent English</li></ul> <p>II. From Senator Guinto:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>A. Regarding OER, having teachers provide their time and resources to put together resources for students such as supporting the Zero Textbook Cost initiative</li><li>B. Wished to strongly support the OER to students</li><li>C. Would love for some senators to attend the April 9 meeting to show their support</li></ul> <p>III. From Treasurer Mendez:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>A. No report</li></ul> <p>IV. From Senator Quintos:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>A. No report</li></ul> <p>V. From Commissioner Villalobos:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>A. No report</li><li>A. Attended the End of Summer Bash committee where they discussed attaining vendors</li></ul> <p>VI. From Senator Matthews:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>A. No report</li></ul> <p>VII. From Officer Neal:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>A. Would like to join the End of the Year Summer Bash committee</li></ul> <p>VIII. From Senator Abel:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>A. No report</li></ul> <p>IX. From Vice-President Smith:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>A. Stated that Club Day on March 6 was a great success; received plenty of positive feedback</li></ul>
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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>B. Stated that Young Americans for Freedom meets every Wednesday in music room 710 from 3:30pm-4:30pm</li> <li>C. Stated that Awesome Sign Legends meets on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:00pm-4:30pm. in room CC2-213. "They discuss deaf culture and sign language."</li> <li>D. The Honors Club will be holding a pizza sale on March 13</li> <li>E. AGS will be hosting a donut and coffee sale on March 14</li> <li>F. Umoja will be holding a hot links sale on March 14</li> <li>G. Allies will be hosting a fruit sale on March 15</li> <li>H. Senator Matthews said it may or may not rain on Wednesday but will definitely be cold so she advised people to wear layers. Is not sure whether they may go forward with the hot links sale because of that</li> </ul>
<b>NEW BUSINESS</b>		
<b>7</b>	44th Annual NSBE Convention	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I. From President McMullen: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. Commissioner Villalobos quickly interjected stating that in an informal conversation with Gilles Djomani, he stated that the original amount he requested would actually be lower because he had received some money elsewhere and only two people rather than three people would be attending</li> <li>B. Treasurer Mendez suggested funding \$1,000 flat</li> <li>C. Officer Neal and Vice-President Smith raised the concern that this wouldn't be benefiting the entire campus and they should host a workshop or something to a similar effect that would engage with the community at large or with more black engineers</li> <li>D. Senator Matthews agreed with the previous statements and was concerned whether the charter would still continue strongly next semester</li> </ul> </li> <li>II. Motion to table the rest of this item for next week <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. Motioned by: Treasurer Mendez</li> <li>B. Seconded by: Vice-President Smith</li> </ul> </li> </ul>



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		<p>C. Motion approved unanimously <b>8-0-0</b></p>
<b>8</b>	Senator Interview: Earl Russell Tang Almazan	<p>I. From Earl Russell Tang Almazan:</p> <p>A. Treasurer Mendez asked whether there were any issues he sees within the community that have not been discussed here before</p> <p>B. Responded that the transportation issue has not been discussed before. Commented that he lives in Brentwood. "It takes 20 minutes to drive here which is perfectly fine, but to take the bus can take over an hour." Does not yet have a car personally</p> <p>C. Is proposing an online Uber-like network using the InSite platform in order for students to virtually find other students to carpool with</p> <p>D. Senator Matthews asked whether he felt there are any other underrepresented groups. Responded that he did not have much comment but perhaps shy people are an underrepresented group to which Senator Matthews appreciated his comment</p> <p>E. President McMullen inquired on how else he would like to benefit the community at large. Responded that rather than canned foods, they can use money for vendors to purchase fresh food for the Food Pantry</p> <p>F. Treasurer Mendez asked whether he was comfortable interacting with other groups. "As a MESA student, can you interact with students from other majors such as music and drama?" Guest Almazan responded, "why not? it would make things more interesting."</p>
<b>9</b>	Budget Update	<p>I. From Treasurer Mendez:</p> <p>A. Proposed the updated budget that he would like the board to approve and vote on</p> <p>B. Went over and outlined a few key items</p> <p>C. President McMullen suggested removing Budget Line Items 9, 10, 14, 21 because they have not been used in a long time</p> <p>D. Regarding line items 1, 4, 8, 16, 19, and 20, President McMullen wished to see more funding into them because he feels it ties more into LMCAS's core purpose in representing all</p>



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		<p>students</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>II. Motion to switch Line Item 11 to 10<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>A. Motioned by: Senator Matthews</li><li>B. Seconded by: Treasurer Mendez</li><li>C. Motion approved unanimously <b>6-0-0</b></li></ul></li></ul>
<b>10</b>	Identify LMCAS Priorities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>I. <i>Skipped</i></li></ul>
<b>11</b>	LMCAS Censorship Resolution	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>I. From President McMullen:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>A. Met with Josh Bearden and Christina Goff and wanted to hear input from students regarding the resolution to get the district to change/modify/cancel the URL blocking software</li><li>B. Wrote a brief resolution himself which he presented to the board to edit openly</li><li>C. Vice-President Smith appreciated how he included that the URL blocking software creates a barrier for students whose only internet access is at school</li></ul></li><li>II. Motion to approve the LMCAS Censorship Resolution<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>A. Motioned by: Treasurer Mendez</li><li>B. Seconded by: Commissioner Villalobos</li><li>C. Motion approved <b>5-0-1</b></li></ul></li></ul>
<b>12</b>	Adjournment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>I. Motion to adjourn meeting at 2:57pm<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>A. Motioned by: Treasurer Mendez</li></ul></li></ul>