



**LOS MEDANOS COLLEGE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS MINUTES**

**DATE: 5/15/17 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:** Jessica Havelhorst, Dale Satre, Marco McMullen, Tammy Smith, Al-Ameen Ishola, Nilton Serva, Azuka Atum

**Student Representatives:** RC Kubota

**Advisor:** John Nguyen

**Absent:** Jean-Carlos Alvarado, Angela Lee

**Minute Taker:** Amata Abatcha

**Guests:** Justin Corino, Dion Powell Jr.

ITEM #	TOPIC/ACTIVITY	OUTCOME
1	Call to order	I. President Cortez called the meeting to order at 1:05pm
2	Approve: I. Agenda II. Minutes from 5/8/17 meeting	I. Motion to approve the agenda A. Motioned by: Vice-President Garcia B. Seconded by: Senator Havelhorst C. Motion approved unanimously <b>6-0-0</b> II. Motion to approve the previous minutes with amendments A. Motioned by: Vice-President Garcia B. Seconded by: Senator Havelhorst C. Motion approved <b>6-0-0</b>
<b>BUSINESS: REPORTS</b>		
3	Public Comment	I. From Justin Corino:



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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>A. Announced that a few community colleges in various states across the country have started offering bachelor’s degrees at a much faster pace than at a university. “Only a few colleges in California have been green-lighted for this.”</li><li>B. Conducted a recent survey during the semester that found 61 out of 65 or 93-94% of the student body wanted this. Asked students to take a few seconds of their time to fill it out and generated these results:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>II. From Dion Powell:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>A. Continued from his partner’s statements and further stated that the survey asked students 3 questions including whether they liked LMC and whether they were satisfied with the tuition cost</li><li>B. Vice-President Garcia asked whether such a program would affect student enrollment at nearby universities</li><li>C. Guest Powell responded that this is one of the obstacles to offering bachelor’s degrees</li><li>D. Senator Smith asked where they did it. Guest Powell replied that it was on academic website</li><li>E. Vice-President Garcia said she felt the questions were slanted, not thorough enough as many students get covered by the BOG Fee Waiver and should have asked more comprehensive questions</li><li>F. Guest Corino said that tuition rates at universities are skyrocketing and that if they chose to do upper-division here, they could save money</li><li>G. Senator Satre said if the board chooses to go forward with this, how would administrative costs/salaries go up? “That’s a hidden cost that forecasts may not take into account.”</li><li>H. Asked would you rather have the hidden costs paying for it or to save money. “If you think about it, people want to save money. That’s already adding say \$3,000 more to it.”</li><li>I. President Cortez thought that the idea is something definitely worth looking at and that having this option could help people facing financial obstacles. “However, this way has implicit and explicit hidden costs.” In order to receive a bachelor’s, there needs to be a more complex structure implemented that would need to be spoken about with the president. “It</li></ul></li></ul></li></ul>
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		<p>would take a long time for this to be effective.” Congratulated them for their hard work on behalf of students. Offered that the next step would be to discuss this with Shared Governance Council as an agenda item but they won’t be meeting until August 24 where they may need to start over as there will be new shifts in power</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>J. Senator Smith said that she would be willing to pay the extra \$80 dollars for something worthwhile like this</li> <li>K. President Cortez asked whether they could submit all the data they gathered in a word document</li> <li>L. Senator Ishola suggested speaking with a statistics instructor on campus in order to generate a more comprehensive survey in order to provide more concrete information</li> <li>M. Vice-President Garcia suggested writing a brief summary on the consent form</li> </ul> <p>III. From President Cortez:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. Announced STELAR Awards this Thursday</li> <li>B. This Thursday from 12:00pm-3:00pm at the indoor quad, the Transfer Academy needs assistance in preparing for their end-of-the-year party</li> </ul>
4	Officer and Senator Reports/Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I. From Senator McMullen <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. No report</li> </ul> </li> <li>II. From Senator Havelhorst <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. No report</li> </ul> </li> <li>III. From Senator Ishola: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. No report</li> <li>A. Announced Honors Awards Ceremony last Friday in room L-109. On the same day there was an AGS celebration banquet at Brentwood City Hall</li> </ul> </li> <li>IV. From Senator Satre: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. The Safety Committee is meeting this Thursday so if there are any concerns, let him know</li> </ul> </li> <li>V. From Senator Serva:</li> </ul>



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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. No report</li> <li>VI. From Senator Smith: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. Encouraged people to vote last week but one person was uncomfortable with filling out their birthdate as they were not sure if her information would remain secure</li> <li>B. Also stated how some people found it pointless to vote since there were only one candidate. Advisor Nguyen took these into consideration for the next election cycle</li> <li>C. Will leave Thursday evening for Wrightslaw for special education, law, and advocacy</li> </ul> </li> <li>VII. From Vice-President Garcia: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. No report</li> </ul> </li> <li>VIII. From President Cortez: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. Re-capped Advisor Appreciation which went well with great food however, there was a lack of attendance. Senator Smith said that this is the first time it took place on a Tuesday and that had it been on a Wednesday, there would have been a greater turnout. Senator McMullen agreed and further stated that communication was weak. However, President Cortez and Vice-President Garcia said that this is the fault of the ICC representatives and that ICC minutes are publicly available to pick up</li> <li>B. Appreciated the senators who participated and volunteered for the Academic Competition on Saturday</li> <li>C. Wished everyone a Happy Mother’s Day</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
5	Advisor Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I. From Advisor Nguyen: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. Announced that the school has some safety concerns and that the police offered suggestions such as walking in pairs/groups when walking to your car at night. Encouraged people to call police escorts, dispelling the misconception that “you’re bothering police when it’s their job.”</li> <li>B. When counting money, suggested doing it in the Office of Student Life with people nearby</li> <li>C. Senator Satre pointed out that there was theft of backpacks and laptops at the Auto Mechanic lab</li> </ul> </li> </ul>



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<p><b>6</b></p>	<p>Committee Reports</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>I. From Vice-President Garcia:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>A. Approved funding for Lake Clean Up at the ICC meeting which Rotaract will be in charge of. There will be a raffle for free lunch on a first-come, first-serve basis this Friday on May 19 from 8:00am-1:00pm</li></ul></li><li>II. From Senator Smith:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>A. No report</li></ul></li><li>III. From Senator Satre:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>A. Safety Committee meeting this Wednesday and wanted to know if there are any concerns they can bring up</li></ul></li><li>IV. From Senator Ishola:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>A. No report</li></ul></li><li>V. From Senator Havelhorst:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>A. No report</li></ul></li><li>VI. From Senator Atum:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>A. No report</li></ul></li><li>VII. From Senator McMullen:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>A. No report</li></ul></li><li>VIII. From President Cortez:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>A. Announced that EEO met last week and the charges were officially passed by SGC with the support of classified senate however, they did not meet quorum but did talk about next year. Recommended for committees to try to go paperless</li><li>B. On Wednesday, SGC spoke about Lieutenant Warminster discussed putting new boxes in each room such as first aid kits in the case of an emergency and talked about placing it in a very visible space. Discussed emergency training such as earthquake drills and how they can reach the most people as many people are unaware of where to go and what to do in the case of an emergency but cannot make this mandatory for whatever reason. However, President Cortez suggested training the student ambassadors</li></ul></li></ul>
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7	<p>2017-2018 LMCAS Budget</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>I. From Advisor Nguyen<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>A. Happily announced that they have now come out of the budget deficit and will be operating next year with a much larger starting budget of \$91,225.00</li><li>B. Noted that if there is a strike within the document</li></ul></li><li>II. Motion to approve the tentative budget<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>A. Motioned by: Senator Satre</li><li>B. Seconded by: Vice-President Garcia</li><li>C. Discussion: President Cortez asked the board to take a moment to look at the annual budget</li><li>D. Discussion continued: Vice-President Garcia noted that she does not feel that the board will be needing much of the money allocated to Line Item 2; ICC Allocation</li><li>E. Discussion continued: President Cortez suggested increasing Line Item 15; LMCAS Accessories from \$200 to \$500. "Everything that has to do with marketing should be well planned out."</li><li>F. Discussion continued: Senator Havelhorst did not recall funding a Breast Cancer Scholarship. Advisor Nguyen said that he could modify this as they only gave out one scholarship. Senator Satre tied back the surplus money from ICC and putting it back to Brentwood from \$150 to \$2,150. Senator Havelhorst said she felt that this was too much and wished to reduce the amount to \$500. President Cortez tried to compromise at \$1,000</li><li>G. Discussion continued: President Cortez suggested getting rid of Line Item 14; Stipends. Board further debated whether they want to remove stipends now or leave it up to the future board to decide, ultimately opting for the latter</li><li>H. Motion approved unanimously <b>7-0-0</b></li></ul></li></ul>
8	<p>Request for Support: SACHE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>I. From Senator Smith:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>A. President Cortez announced that because RC Kubota is not here to speak, the board could either pass this item or allow Senator Smith to speak on behalf of her</li><li>B. Senator Smith stated that the item concerns students who do not get represented,</li></ul></li></ul>



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		<p>encouraging inclusivity across the broad spectrum of abilities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>C. Vice-President Garcia asked what could have prevented the T-shirt debacle from happening</li><li>D. President Cortez added that \$371.00 was the amount requested for T-shirts</li><li>E. Senator Ishola stated that he understood the point Senator Smith made about students who have never been a part of planning. Knowing RC Kubota, it removes that aspect for him. Senator Smith clarified along with him that this was her first time being in charge of an event</li></ul> <p>II. Motion to fund half the amount</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>A. Motioned by: Senator Ishola</li><li>B. Seconded by: Senator McMullen:</li><li>C. Discussion: Advisor Nguyen let the board know that if this passes, this sets a precedent for future boards who can refer back to the records and use such an argument against LMCAS</li><li>D. Discussion continued: Vice-President Garcia agreed and said that future clubs may take advantage of this and use the excuse that they were not aware of this. Senator Smith thanked her for her remarks and said that SACHE did try to take this into consideration but there was some miscommunication. Vice-President Garcia added that it is not necessarily their money but the club's money</li><li>E. Motion fails to pass <b>0-5-2</b></li><li>F. Advisor Nguyen said that Senator Havelhorst stated it very well and that it is not that LMCAS does not care. President Cortez encouraged Senator Smith to advocate for this next year since she is continuing</li></ul>
<p><b>9</b></p>	<p>Request for Support: LMCAS Retreat</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>I. From Advisor Nguyen:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>A. Strongly believes that as an educator, bringing students together helps in building bonds learning to work out differences between each other in order to identify goals they would like to work on, prefacing the purpose of this item</li><li>B. Stated that last year the retreat costed between \$700-\$800 and is asking for about \$2,000 this year but does not believe he will use the full amount.</li></ul></li></ul>



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10	Presidential Farewell Address	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I. From President Cortez: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. Noted that the entire year has been an amazing journey. "I never once thought in my life that I would run for such a high position." Does not think that such a thing would happen again at it has been a huge privilege. Thanked everyone for not only doing this for themselves but for others. "Without you, there wouldn't be a board." Stated that he had two notebooks filled with goals he wanted to get done. Thanked the entire board for their service and wished everyone well.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
11	Adjournment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I. Vice-President Garcia motions to adjourn meeting at 3:03pm</li> </ul>