



LOS MEDANOS COLLEGE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS MINUTES

DATE: 08/22/16 TIME: 1:00 pm – 3:00pm LOCATION: L-106

Present:

President: Israel Castro Cortez

Vice-President: Vacant

Treasurer: Vacant

Campus Events: Vacant

Publicity and Outreach: Vacant

Senators: Tabitha Romero-Bothi, Jose Hernandez-Morales, Angela Lee, Natasha Garcia, Eliacin Velazquez

Advisor: John Nguyen

Minute Taker: Appointed

Guests: Sarah Gonzales, Nilton Serva

ITEM #	TOPIC/ACTIVITY	OUTCOME
1	Call to order	I. President Cortez called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm
2	Approve: I. Agenda	I. Motion to approve the agenda: A. Motion: Senator Hernandez B. Second: Senator Garcia C. Approved 4-0-0 II. Motion to approve the amended minutes of 8.15.16 meeting A. Changes: In Item 4, Section 1a change “needing” to “need” and strike out the rest of the sentence. And Strike all of line 1b. B. Motion: Senator Angela C. Second: Senator Garcia D. Approved 4-0-0
BUSINESS: REPORTS		



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3	Public Comment	I. From Senator Romero: A. I request agendas and minutes to be distributed 72 hours in advance.
4	Officers and Senators Reports/Updates	I. From Senator Garcia: No report II. From Senator Lee: No report III. From Senator Hernandez: No report IV. From Senator Romero: A. I visited the gym and the renovation is almost complete. B. I visited lobbyist meetings and I have talked to Assembly Members in representation of LMC.
5	Advisor Report	A. Thank you for coming to Welcome Week and participating in our different events. B. As a reminder, LMCAS approved \$3,000 for Mustang Madness and Welcome Week, both for each semester. C. It is a collaboration with Student Life, which means involvement is required. D. We are looking for a minute taker. The rate is \$10 per hour. So if you know of anyone that would be interested, please let them know.
6	Committee Reports	I. From Senator Garcia: No report II. From Senator Lee: No report III. From Senator Hernandez: No report IV. From Senator Romero: A. Region III had a meeting last Saturday where we discussed legislative proposals. B. I have been in contact with all of the region's colleges. We are working to give opportunities to minority students at community colleges through Assembly Bill 1995, which would provide safe shower facilities.



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New Business		
7	Budget Approval	<p>I. From Senator Romero:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">1. Question To advisor: Can you clarify Line 16? Answer: That money is allocated to the creation of separate internal committees such as the one we used for the Academic Competition and during Elections. <p>II. From Senator Lee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">1. Question to advisor: Why are we not sponsoring the HBCU College Tour Sponsorship, Line 9? Answer: I would need to see the previous minutes to understand how the budget came to be because currently, LMCAS cannot afford it. <p>III. From Senator Romero:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">1. Question: How would it work when two delegates will be attending SSCCC events? Answer: Essentially, the board will have the final say but the previous LMCAS board approved a budget with the intention of not overspending. <p>IV. From Senator Garcia:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">A. There are some grammatical errors in Lines 17 and 8. It should be “Conference” and “Supplies.” <p>V. Motion: To approve the budget for 2016-2017 with the amended grammatical errors found in line 17 and 8.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">A. Motion: Senator GarciaB. Seconded: Senator RomeroC. Passed unanimously 4-0-0
8	Senator Voting	<p>I. Motion to vote Eli to be part of the LMCAS Board.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">A. Motion: Senator RomeroB. Seconded: Senator Garcia



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		<p>C. Passed unanimously 4-0-0</p> <p>II. From Senator Garcia:</p> <p>A. Can he work along the president and the advisor to learn about how the position of Treasurer works even though he is not eligible for the position yet? If he is interested of course.</p> <p>III. From Senator Velazquez:</p> <p>A. It is my theory to be involved in what I can. The answer is yes, I would like to learn how the position of Treasurer works.</p>
<p>9</p>	<p>Senator Interview</p>	<p>I. President Cortez:</p> <p>A. Nilton I think that there are not as many people able to overcome their adversaries and continue to dream. You being here shows that commitment to change your future.</p> <p>1. Question: Will you be part of LMCAS for as long as you are in LMC? Answer: Yes, I am planning to be here for three years until I transfer.</p> <p>2. Question from Senator Romero: Have you looked at the committee list? As a senator you need to have time management skills and you are also required to have office hours. Answer from President Cortez: The committees list has not been distributed but when it is, everyone will have the chance to see it.</p> <p>3. Question from Senator Romero: What are you interested in? Answer: I am interested in the wellness program and in being able to communicate with other students. It is a valuable skill to have and develop.</p> <p>4. Question from Senator Hernandez: What is the ultimate goal of your business club? Answer: I am actually involved in an outside organization, my brother's business. It is</p>



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		<p>directed towards Latinos and African Americans. But I would want to focus on students here as a way to help them develop businesses of their own. Like providing knowledge on the structure of non-profits.</p> <p>Senator Hernandez: That was my follow up question. How would you want to use it as a platform for students?</p> <p>Answer: Yes, that is my goal.</p> <p>5. From President Cortez: How old are you?</p> <p>Answer: I am eighteen years old.</p>
10	Officer Vacancies	<p>I. From President Cortez:</p> <p>A. This time is reserved for any eligible senator to choose to want to run for a position.</p> <p>II. From Advisor:</p> <p>A. Everyone except for Senator Velasquez is eligible to become an officer.</p>
11	Disability Affairs Officer Position	<p>I. From President Cortez:</p> <p>A. I like the idea that we emphasize the importance of representing disabled students, knowing how many of them we have on campus.</p> <p>B. As Senator Romero pointed out, within our Bylaws we already see three positions available to work with a slightly different approach than that of the senator's. However, I do not see it as a necessity to amend our Bylaws and include descriptions from other Bylaws. We can promote it in different ways.</p> <p>C. The interested senator may be appointed to be a Senator for Access, Diversity, and Equity and frankly, this is a position that requires specific people to be passionate about this subject.</p> <p>II. From Senator Romero:</p>



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		<p>A. I understand what you are saying. I would suggest that we actually promote these positions so that people can join them. Putting them on the agenda on item four would cause students to be curious about what those positions entail.</p> <p>B. Last semester, I mentioned to Jamila that if were to have a selected amount of questions for senators—since we have been interviewing senators different—then it would show their true character and if they are fit to be on the board. I say this because then we would have an equal process of interview.</p> <p>III. From President Cortez:</p> <p>A. If senators feel like the process of interviewing is not the same, then they need to personally be involved. There should be no reservations in asking questions to applicants.</p> <p>B. Every senator can, depending if they want, compensate for things not asked or not touched.</p> <p>IV. From Senator Garcia:</p> <p>A. I suggest we put this as an agenda item for our next agenda.</p>
<p>12</p>	<p>Are You Ready to Vote?</p>	<p>I. From President Cortez:</p> <p>A. By partnering with this movement, with” Your Voice, Your Vote” as well as the League of women voters, LMCAS will demonstrate that it is in its interest to promote participation at a local level.</p> <p>B. As the student government, we are showing that this matters.</p> <p>C. Doing this will only make the students of LMC look good. The League of Women Voters is a nonpartisan organization that is known for doing things for the community.</p> <p>II. From Senator Velazquez:</p> <p>A. What information will be provided? Is it information that might support to one way more than the other? We do not want to risk the possibility of being biased about a certain proposition.</p>



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		<p>III. From Senator Hernandez: A. We would not want to show our affiliation with a political party.</p> <p>IV. From Senator Garcia: A. Would LMCAS have a chance to see how they present the information before hand? So as to step back if necessary?</p> <p>V. From President Cortez: A. The league itself is not partisan at all, they are known to be involved in events like these and give the right kind of information. We would be working along them, as a nonpartisan government board.</p> <p>VI. From advisor: A. It seems that the board is not seeing this as a possibility.</p>
<p>13</p>	<p>Use of Paper in Future Meetings</p>	<p>I. From President Cortez: A. After noticing that majority of the time all the printed materials that are given out go straight to the trash, I realized that it is a waste of paper. B. Just on today's meeting, I had to print close to 100 pages. And truth is that some of you do not need them or keep them. Just last meeting, there were agendas and minutes left over after the meeting. C. Since you all receive all the needed materials beforehand, there is no reason to print out the material again.</p> <p>II. From Senator Hernandez: A. I agree that this is a waste of paper. Having everything digitalized will be a great start.</p> <p>III. From Senator Romero: A. I would also say that we do need to keep hard copies for anyone that needs them. Keep in mind that we make decisions that will affect future boards so what if we have future senators who are unable to print the needed materials?</p>



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		<p>IV. From Senator Hernandez: A. That is why we would have everything on the projector.</p> <p>V. From President Cortez: A. As long as they are senators, all the resources available to Student Life will be available to them as well. So it should not be a problem.</p> <p>VI. Motion to remove the use of paper copy agendas, minutes, papers, and all other documents except for two hard copies. A. Motion: Senator Romero B. Seconded: Senator Garcia C. Passed 5-0-0</p>
14	Adjournment or Continue	<p>I. Motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:32pm Motion: Senator Garcia</p>