



LOS MEDANOS COLLEGE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS MINUTES

DATE: 8/28/17 TIME: 1:00 pm – 3:00pm LOCATION: L-106

Present:

President: Marco McMullen

Vice-President: Not appointed

Treasurer: Absent

Commissioner of Campus Events: Not appointed

Publicity and Outreach: Not appointed

Senators: Jessica Havelhorst, Tammy Smith, Jean Carlos Alvarado

Student Representatives:

Advisor: John Nguyen

Absent: Dale Satre

Minute Taker: Amata Abatcha

Guests: Teresea Archaga, Dave Belman, Jessica Williams, Serena Neal, Leonard Perry, Marco Mendez

ITEM #	TOPIC/ACTIVITY	OUTCOME
1	Call to order	I. President McMullen called the meeting to order at 1:09pm
2	Approve: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I. Agenda</li> <li>II. Minutes from 8/14/17 meeting</li> <li>III. Minutes from 8/21/17 meeting</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I. Motion to approve the agenda               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. Motioned by: Senator Havelhorst</li> <li>B. Motioned by: Senator Alvarado</li> <li>C. Motion approved unanimously <b>3-0-0</b></li> </ul> </li> <li>II. Motion to approve the 8/14/17 minutes               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. Motioned by: Senator Alvarado</li> <li>B. Seconded by: Senator Havelhorst</li> <li>C. Motioned approved unanimously <b>3-0-0</b></li> </ul> </li> <li>III. Motion to approve the 8/21/17 minutes               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. Motioned by: Senator Alvarado</li> <li>B. Seconded by: Senator Havelhorst</li> </ul> </li> </ul>



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<b>BUSINESS: REPORTS</b>		
<b>3</b>	Public Comment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>I. From Leonard Perry:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>A. Introduced himself as a student observing</li></ul></li><li>II. From Serena Neal:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>A. Inquired on the attached sheet she received at the beginning of the year regarding committees</li><li>B. President McMullen elaborated on how each senator is required to be a part of a committee and are voted into the position</li></ul></li></ul>
<b>4</b>	Officer and Senator Reports/Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>I. From Senator Havelhorst:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>A. No report</li></ul></li><li>II. From Senator Smith:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>A. Tabled with President McMullen and Senator Havelhorst last week. Expecting a better turnout for this semester</li><li>B. Announced upcoming Kaiser Permanente health screenings tomorrow, August 29, from 10:00am-1:00pm at the outdoor quad</li></ul></li><li>III. From Senator Alvarado:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>A. Notified the board that he may need to resign due to a conflicting schedule</li></ul></li><li>IV. From President McMullen:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>A. No report</li></ul></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. Introduced the Dean of Students, Dave Belman, to talk about the student representative fee</li></ul></li><li>II. From Dave Belman:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>A. Stated that in the Spring of 2015, LMCAS put forth a measure on the student government election ballot to create what was called the student representative fee</li><li>B. "It is something that is allowed for in California code which is a \$2.00 fee each year that is</li></ul></li></ul>



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		<p>designed to support student government on behalf of students at the county/state level. Half of it remains at school, while the other dollar funds statewide measures such as SSSCC.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>C. LMCAS was grappling with this in 2015, the ballot measure passed, but as the district office was looking at the implementation process, they received legal backlash over concerns of the ballot language</li><li>D. LMCAS listed it as a voluntary fee in writing, however, it was designed to be mandatory. “Because of this misleading language, legal analysis said we cannot implement this.”</li><li>E. Came to close back this “loop.” Knows that no one here was involved but wants to make sure that the current LMCAS members are well aware of this</li><li>F. “If this is something you’re more interested in learning about, I’m open to any questions,” he stated</li><li>G. President McMullen clarified whether this is applied to <i>all</i> students. Responded that yes, for example, every student pays \$5.00 toward the budget, and the student representative fee is an additional \$2.00</li><li>H. Guest Belman added that year to year, there are always discussions concerning student fees and this will continue to fund this. “LMCAS has always been involved in the creation of this,” he informed</li><li>I. Tri Delta Transport had approached LMCAS multiple times in the past, hoping to work to get a transportation fee created to help fund and possibly get discounted bus passes for students</li></ul> <p>III. From Advisor Nguyen:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>A. Reminded everyone that September 11 at 3:00pm is the deadline for senator applications to the Student Life Office</li><li>B. Reiterated the Kaiser Health Fair event</li><li>C. Upcoming Blood Drive and Club Day on September 20 from 11:00am-2:00pm at the outdoor quad</li><li>D. Upcoming Constitution Day on September 18 from 11:00am-1:00pm stop by Student Life to get a free book and write on the board in honor of free speech</li></ul>
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		<p>E. Will be screening “The Human Documentary” on September 13 from 11:00am-2:00pm in room L-109 which discusses the conditions that other people around the world live in from a philosophical angle. At the end he will be facilitating a discussion</p>
6	Committee Reports	<p>I. From Senator Havelhorst: A. No report</p> <p>II. From Senator Smith: A. No report</p> <p>III. From Senator Alvarado: A. No report</p> <p>IV. From President McMullen: A. No report</p>
<b>NEW BUSINESS</b>		
7	Senator Voting	<p>I. Motion to appoint Jessica Williams as a senator of LMCAS A. Motioned by: Senator Havelhorst B. Seconded by: Senator Smith C. <i>Discussion:</i> Senator Alvarado asked what committees she may be interested in. Guest Williams responded that she is not quite sure yet D. Senator Smith stated that when you become a senator, you sign up to represent people positively. “Let’s say there’s a student you personally don’t get along with, or a club that runs against your values. How would you handle that?” Guest Williams responded that she tends to be very open minded, but if something happen to run against her beliefs, she will try to reach a compromise, but she doubts a situation like this would happen E. Further responded that she would refer to the board as a whole for additional input rather than just sticking to her own opinion. “I wouldn’t base my opinion solely on that [myself],” she said</p>



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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>F. Senator Smith responded positively but reminded everyone to keep in mind that anyone can be biased</li><li>G. Senator Alvarado asked if she could ever see herself as abstaining from a vote? Guest Williams responded that it would be rare for that to happen, but if she did, she would not be afraid to simply abstain rather than reject the motion entirely</li><li>H. Advisor Nguyen brought in example of say, the art club coming for money but you have been working very closely with their president. She may need to abstain due to conflict of interest, he illustrated</li><li>I. Motion approved unanimously <b>3-0-0</b></li></ul>
<p><b>8</b></p>	<p>Senator Interviews</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>I. From Serena Neal:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>A. Regarding the second question of her application, she is open to elaborate further on it</li><li>B. President McMullen asked whether she had any ideas regarding change</li><li>C. Guest Neal responded that reaching out to students outdoors is a great strategy, such as having a board out on listings, if they are interested, they could look further into the website</li><li>D. Regarding school life, she is a part of MESA and honors, but stated that she has enough free time to commit to LMCAS activities. Plans on transferring within 2 to 3 years and remain involved throughout her time here</li><li>E. Senator Smith added that she likes how she is an introvert and wants to know how LMCAS can appear more welcoming. Guest Neal replied that she would definitely try to appear less intimidating</li><li>F. Senator Smith said many people have the misconception that LMCAS is an elite group and don't join for that reason</li><li>G. Senator Havelhorst admired their insightfulness. Senator Alvarado added how he finds it commendable</li><li>H. Replied that she would try to weigh the group rather than the individual in response to Senator Smith's question on handling difficult situations</li></ul></li></ul>



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		<p>I. Is also thinking about creating more bridge programs or increasing participation</p>
<p><b>9</b></p>	<p>Collaboration Between LMCAS and Drama</p>	<p>I. From Nick Garcia:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>A. Recapped last week’s item in which he introduced his inquiry [Can be found in the 8/21/17 minutes] which includes where he stated that he needs a stabilized budget to further mobilize their department, wishing to be able to continue to do this for students and the community in order to bring everyone together</li><li>B. Requesting \$25,000 per year and a collaborative partnership for the next 3 years which means \$12,000 per semester can be dedicated to things for students</li><li>C. Will facilitate campus-wide collaboration with various departments and even within the city. The benefit is that this can give them more grant money and more publicity</li><li>D. Senator Smith raised the concern that because LMCAS just arose out of a deficit, taking this on could drive them back into financial burden</li><li>E. President McMullen said he thinks the board can do it but there would have to be a reconstruction. Thinks it may be better arrangement for the Drama Department to request money event-to-event rather than requesting one large sum for the semester/academic year</li><li>F. Guest Garcia responded that he prefers the structure of the requested amount being granted all at once, providing reasons why this would work better for them such as a clear, consistent budget where expenditures are predictable</li><li>G. Added that to the best of his knowledge, no other group on campus is doing/spending as much as Drama does, however clarifying that this is not to discredit other groups in any way</li><li>H. Senator Williams said she liked how although LMCAS last year could not pay fully for the Kennedy Center trip, it did not undermine their success which was “great.”</li><li>I. Guest Garcia asked whether there is any other limit to this. “When planning these events it’s important to know how much money is too much, but have to scale back for publicity.”</li><li>J. Added that Kennedy Center trip is not until next semester, and has to work with agents, their business, and their flight plans</li></ul>



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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>K. Guest Williams mentioned how adding LMCAS’s title at the forefront of Drama’s productions is not necessarily needed because Student Government goal is more about representing students rather than receiving praise</li><li>L. Senator Alvarado said he could definitely understand why Guest Garcia would want a set amount. “When do you need that amount by?” he asked. Guest Garcia responded that the sooner the possible would be great, but is willing to wait on the board’s decision.</li><li>M. Will meet again with his group and see what he can come up with idea wise for the semester</li></ul>
<b>10</b>	Clubchella	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>I. From President McMullen [speaking on behalf of Julia Steele due to her absence]:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>A. Described “Clubchella” (a play on ‘Coachella’) as a music event on campus in which local artists, singers, and musicians can perform for the public. There may be food served, and this event will possibly next semester</li><li>B. Advisor Nguyen aims for this to be a very big event on campus and perhaps become an annual tradition. Recalled how as a student himself in the past, they hosted a carnival-themed event and it was “a cool event” before the end of the year where people studying for finals could come and have a good time</li><li>C. Senator Havelhorst said she would “love to see this in place.”</li><li>D. Senator Williams said it would be a good idea for each club to participate and bring in their own unique activity</li><li>E. President McMullen added that he thinks it would be cheaper to do it that way. Suggested for everyone to jot down ideas until Julia Steele comes in</li></ul></li></ul>
<b>11</b>	Committee Appointments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>I. From President McMullen:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>A. Will begin appointing at least one senator to a committee</li><li>B. Senator Havelhorst said TLC changed from the second Wednesdays of the month to the second Tuesdays of the month</li><li>C. Senator Alvarado reported that the Distance Education Committee on Mondays from</li></ul></li></ul>



STUDENTS ADVOCATING FOR STUDENTS

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		<p>1:00pm-2:30pm four times this semester</p> <p>D. Advisor Nguyen reminded everyone that senators are only required to be a part of at least <i>one</i> committee</p> <p>II. Motion to appoint Senator Smith as the LMCAS representative for ICC (Inter-Club Council)</p> <p>A. Motioned by: Senator Williams</p> <p>B. Seconded by: Senator Havelhorst</p> <p>C. Motion approved unanimously <b>3-0-1</b></p>
12	Display Board	<p>I. From President McMullen:</p> <p>A. Thought of upgrading a new display board. Trying to revamp LMCAS by getting more equipment with the aim of looking more attractive/approachable</p> <p>B. For the next two weeks could fund \$300 for this item</p> <p>C. Jessica asked what line it should come out of, suggesting "LMCAS Accessories."</p> <p>D. Senator Williams asked whether this was a necessity</p> <p>E. Advisor Nguyen responded the old board has been up for 10 years and is in deep need of reform</p>
13	Name Badges	<p>I. From President McMullen:</p> <p>A. Introduced idea of name tags for senators</p> <p>B. President McMullen said this goes into making LMCAS senators more approachable</p> <p>C. Senator Havelhorst said that sometimes she wears her employee badge in between classes and gets a lot of people coming up to ask her questions</p> <p>D. Advisor Nguyen said they will cost roughly \$9.00-\$10.00 each, so whoever is on the senate gets a name tag</p> <p>E. Senator Havelhorst asked whether student representatives can also receive name tags. Advisor Nguyen said that is up to the senate to decide</p> <p>F. President McMullen and Advisor Nguyen confirmed this would come out of "Accessories"</p>



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		G. President McMullen said the board may need to allocate more money into equipment funds
<b>14</b>	Adjournment	I. Senator Alvarado motions to adjourn meeting at 2:42pm