



STUDENTS ADVOCATING FOR STUDENTS

LOS MEDANOS COLLEGE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS MINUTES

DATE: 9/11/17 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: Tammy Smith, Jessica Wilson

Student Representatives: *None*

Advisor: John Nguyen

Absent: Dale Satre, Jessica Havelhorst, Philip Tripp, Jonathan Pantino

Minute Taker: Amata Abatcha

Guests: George Luis Diaz, Erin Geegan, Janice Townsend, Eric Sanchez, Marco Mendez, Serena Neal, Teresea Archaga

ITEM #	TOPIC/ACTIVITY	OUTCOME
1	Call to order	I. <i>Failed to meet quorum</i>
2	Approve: I. Agenda II. Minutes from the 8/28/17 meeting	I. <i>Failed to meet quorum</i> II. <i>Failed to meet quorum</i>
BUSINESS: REPORTS		
3	Public Comment	I. From Teresea Archaga: A. Announced “Know Your Rights” talk regarding DACA open to public in which an attorney with the International Institute of the Bay Area, Juan Ortiz, will be facilitating on Friday, September 15 from 1:30pm-5:30pm in room CC1-103 II. From Senator Smith: A. Announced National Suicide Prevention Week B. “As a suicide survivor, I know that there are many students who have a lot that they have to



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		<p>deal with on the daily,” she stated. “Sometimes when you’re depressed you need someone to talk to. If you see someone who does not look well, talk to them. Provide them with resources.”</p> <p>C. From 2007 until now, Senator Smith continued, the suicide rate for girls has doubled. “For males it has risen from 30%. 19 out of 20 people who attempt suicide will fail, however, if they try a second time they may succeed.” Ended with her hopes on how the campus could possibly do something in order to address this epidemic</p> <p>D. President McMullen said the board should brainstorm how we can publicize this, whether through posting flyers around campus or through office hours</p> <p>E. Guest Geegan said she just goes from class to home, not looking around. Suggested providing an incentive</p> <p>F. Guest Diaz said if you handed out flyers, people would understand the message better “because you can verbally tell them.” Finds that this would be much more effective</p> <p>G. Senator Smith then added how she knows a young woman on campus starting a cause for victims of sexual assault. If interested, talk to her and she will provide further information</p>
4	Officer and Senator Reports/Updates	<p>I. From Senator Smith:</p> <p>A. Was elected as chair of the Inter-Club Council (ICC). Held the first meeting of the year last week.</p> <p>B. Announced that “Latinx History Month starts on September 15 and listed the following events:</p> <p>C. September 15-October 15: Bulletin board display/Library display</p> <p>D. September 19: Club Day from 11:00am-2:00pm</p> <p>E. September 21: Music and Art Festival from 11:00am-2:00pm at the Outdoor Quad</p> <p>F. September 26: Dolores Huerta Documentary from 5:00pm-8:00pm at Maya Cinema in Antioch (Ticket required at Office of Student Life)</p> <p>G. September 27: Movie Night (Details on Item 4, point 2)</p>



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		<ul style="list-style-type: none">H. October 6: IMPACT Conference Student Activism from 9:00am-3:00pm in room L-109I. October 9: Columbus Day Conversation with Joshua Bearden from 11:00am-12:20pm in room L-109J. October 11: Loteria with Ballet Folklorico Show from 5:30pm-8:00pm in room L-109K. Announced “Human” documentary showing on September 12 from 11:00am-2:00pm in room L-109II. From Senator Wilson:<ul style="list-style-type: none">A. No reportIII. From President McMullen:<ul style="list-style-type: none">A. Just came back from Honors Club Retreat in Yosemite the past weekend and shared his insights from the trip in which he learned about working with others and leadership skills as well as how to tackle issues regarding equity
5	Advisor Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none">I. From Advisor Nguyen:<ul style="list-style-type: none">A. Announced upcoming Blood Drive on September 20. Those interested must register online at bloodheroes.com using the code ‘LOSMC’B. Spoke out to those interested in becoming a senator, reminding everyone that it requires commitment, tying this into the fact that today’s meeting could not reach quorum because there were not enough senators presentC. Recognized Tammy Smith for her new position as Chair of ICC. The board applauded her
6	Committee Reports	<ul style="list-style-type: none">I. From Senator Smith:<ul style="list-style-type: none">A. No reportII. From Senator Wilson:<ul style="list-style-type: none">A. No reportIII. From President McMullen:<ul style="list-style-type: none">A. No report



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NEW BUSINESS		
7	Equity Core Team	<ul style="list-style-type: none">I. From Janice Townsend and Eric Sanchez:<ul style="list-style-type: none">A. Guest Townsend introduced herself as the Professional Learning FacilitatorB. Guest Sanchez introduced himself as the Student Equity Planning CoordinatorC. Was a goal to have people from all walks of life, managers, faculty, studentsD. It was a goal of theirs to include managers, faculty, and students in attempting to make action happen. “Last year was a funky year politically with Trump; [it] seemed like everywhere we turned, there were issues such as undocumented students or Black Lives Matter.” Ended this point by stating how 6 students who were a part of their group have graduated last year with only 2 students left.E. Needs to figure out how to recruit more student members, as 2 students are not enough. Their question is how to recruit more, but the bigger issue is “more closely linked to what students want for equity.”F. Guest Townsend continued that for instance, they never solved the holiday policy in which they debated how they should decorate the college during the holiday season. Reported that “people noticed that we stopped decorating,” when she stated that they ultimately decided not to do anything at allG. Used De Anza College as an example of a “great model” for this. “You see equity everywhere.” Thinking of doing an equity walk where every space is intentional. Gave the example of “pull up a blanket and have a lunch with friends” designated sectionH. Continued that they are not sure how to map things out, but one idea is to have a student group then have equity representatives come visitI. Guest Townsend reiterated that, “we are here today to pose the question: how do we make systemic change?”J. Will be holding a meeting this Wednesday, September 12 in room L215, the professional development room, from 12:00pm-1:00pm. Posted their contact information on the



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		<p>whiteboard:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. dtownsend@losmedanos.edu2. esanchez@losmedanos.edu3. skwist@losmedanos.edu <p>K. President McMullen responded that they are running a campaign on cultural awareness, which he feels touches upon the issue brought up. “It tackles how we can make the environment a safer place for all cultures, celebrating multiple holidays each month. Also setting up office hours in the quad where students can come up and talk to us one on one about personal issues they are having, not just academically.”</p> <p>L. Guest Townsend responded that she worked closely with the former LMCAS president, Israel Cortez, last year with issues but there was some conflict with his schedule. In her opinion, she “definitely thinks” that after visiting to De Anza College, “you see how institutionalized and sterile we are here.” Also thinks “we need to take on something more concrete rather than going with something too broad.”</p> <p>M. Guest Townsend mentioned another initiative being started called “Guided Pathways” where they try to group like-minded majors where someone can take courses either way for a student undecided in a general field. “The goal is to ensure they do not take courses they do not need,” she reported. “It reads that for many students, choosing the right major can be challenging, or that students have much access to support but may not be aware of them, and that students prefer to see the same counselor who can specialize their needs.” Believes the current system of counseling is “silly” and ineffective as counselors cannot set up their own appointments, making for a system that is “too centralized.” Looking to recruit a few students toward this as well</p> <p>N. President McMullen responded in conjunction with her, agreeing that it would be an excellent fit to partner with LMCAS</p>
8	Senator Interviews	I. From Marco Mendez:



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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Senator Smith began by asking Guest Mendez how he proposes to change how some students don't speak up. He replied that he would ask different organizations directly B. Senator Smith then asked, "what do you think we can do to create a more welcoming senate?" Guest Mendez responded by first saying that he started to become involved with a friend of his who inspired him, and that motivated him to participate in the community. "So that direct communication with a person, that one-on-one communication, is imperative," he reported C. Senator Wilson asked, "what do you feel that you want to accomplish?" Guest Mendez responded that the reason he wanted to join the senate was to have an active voice in decision-making coming from the perspective of a student rather than faculty that come from "the other side of the table" as he put it. "They are not in our shoes." Senator Wilson reiterated, "so you really want to appeal to the students?" "Definitely," Guest Mendez confirmed. D. President McMullen asked, "what are some ideas you have about fulfilling not only basic duties but also proactive ideas that go above and beyond?" Guest Mendez said he was thinking about the proposition of Clubchella -- bringing music and art onto campus. Personally he is a guitarist and wants to incorporate a musical aspect into it to make things seem more accepting rather than "some hard approach." E. Guest Neal remarked on how she liked his comments F. Senator Smith again asked how he would reconcile making decisions with any possible bias. He responded that he would analyze what benefits that brings onto campus, then the financial costs without bringing personal subjective thoughts into consideration G. President McMullen asked, "do you think there will any scheduling conflict?" Guest Mendez said he was actually interested last semester which is why he prioritized the Monday 1:00pm-3:00pm time slot for this semester II. From Jocelyn Villalobos: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Senator Smith began with how she wants the board to become a welcoming senate. Said it
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		<p>seems like Guest Villalobos is the kind of person who should be here. Guest Villalobos responded to her first question by stating, “there’s a lot of issues going on such as DACA where many students do not know what the problems are.”</p> <p>B. Senator Smith asked, “how do you plan to support students?” Guest Villalobos replied, “To be honest, Los Medanos was not my first choice.” In high school she heard mostly bad things about the college, however, she joined the Summer Bridge program which changed her mind. Had an older sister who dropped out of LMC a few years back who then viewed this as a negative experience, which had partially influenced her previous view. “But the person themselves also must be willing to open up,” she ended</p> <p>C. Added how she saw how Los Medanos is ranked number 6 in the nation and number 2 in California</p> <p>D. President McMullen asked, “what kinds of creative things are you interested in?” Responded that many people have mental illness and wants to focus on that. Loved how Senator Smith brought up the issue of suicide during Public Comment and how many people are so silent. Said she is willing to work for creating an event for that. Senator Smith commented to make a point to talk to as many students as you can, “as that is the only way you can learn about who you’re representing.”</p> <p>E. Guest Neal wanted to mention how she has known Guest Villalobos since middle school, remembering how she was very outgoing in high school and thinks she is worthy of becoming a senator. This was met with a very positive response from the entire board</p> <p>F. Senator Wilson said reading her application made her seem very passionate and also thought she would be a great person for the position. Said she was a very shy person as a kid but has since “grown and changed so much.”</p> <p>G. Guest Villalobos also wanted to mention how she is aware of how many people are terrified at the term “student government” because students are afraid of politics. When she told someone about it LMCAS without mentioning what the organization is about specifically, the person was initially quite interested, but when she said it is the student government, the</p>
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		<p>person “freaked out.” Senator Smith said, “try saying ‘student senate’ instead, and stress how it’s student-driven.”</p> <p>H. Guest Diaz said, “you guys are here to be the middleman between the school and students. You gotta encourage students.”</p> <p>I. President McMullen asked, “how free are you besides Mondays?” Guest Villalobos reported that she is quite flexible</p>
9	LMC Athletes Pink Shirt Funding	<p>I. From Advisor Nguyen:</p> <p>A. Wanted to team up with Athletics Department to put on a rally on campus to increase school spirit. Will be asking for roughly \$600.00 for people to wear them around campus</p>
10	IMPACT Funding for Shirts	<p>I. From Advisor:</p> <p>A. Announced Leadership Conference that happens every fall known as IMPACT. Noted that it helps students develop their leadership styles. “The focus this year centers around being an effective activist.”</p> <p>B. Some of the issues that will be addressed at the conference include Black Lives Matter, Veteran’s rights, food insecurity, women’s rights/feminism, etc. Representatives of each come personally to talk</p> <p>C. Is looking to purchase t-shirts for every person who participates which will be free of charge to them. In addition, everyone will receive a free lunch</p> <p>D. Those interested can register online now at losmedanos.edu/studentlife</p>
11	Committee Appointments	<p>I. <i>Failed to meet quorum</i></p>
12	Display Board	<p>I. <i>Failed to meet quorum</i></p>
13	Name Badges	<p>I. <i>Failed to meet quorum</i></p>
14	Halloween	<p>I. From Teresea Archaga:</p>



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		<p>A. Reported how Student Life held a “phenomenal” event last year for Halloween at the bottom floor of the Core building on campus. Wants to have a theme this year called “Carnival” and needs help to make it “bigger and better” than last year. Will be held on Friday, October 27 sometime in the evening</p> <p>B. Came up with budget which she will present last week. Would like to have a match for LMC at \$700 to pay for props, scenes, and costumes they may need some from the Drama Department. “Some things may need to be built, and we will need the funds to make it happen.”</p>
15	Adjournment	I. <i>Failed to meet quorum. Meeting unofficially adjourned at 2:45pm</i>