



LOS MEDANOS COLLEGE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS MINUTES

DATE: 09/26/16 TIME: 1:00 pm – 3:00pm LOCATION: L-106

Present:

President: Israel Cortez

Vice-President: Natasha Garcia

Treasurer: *Not appointed*

Commissioner of Campus Events: Angela Lee

Publicity and Outreach: *Not appointed*

Senators: Eliacin Velazquez, Nilton Serva, Jessica Havelhorst (*newly appointed*)

Tardy Senators: Tabitha Romero-Bothi

Advisor: John Nguyen

Minute Taker: Amata Abatcha

Guests: Yazmyn Rahimi, Jonathan Ramos, Justin Rocha, RC Kubota, Lucas C., Jean Carlos

ITEM #	TOPIC/ACTIVITY	OUTCOME
1	Call to order	I. President Cortez called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm
2	Approve: I. Agenda II. Minutes from 9/21/16 meeting	I. Motion to approve the agenda A. Motion: Senator Velazquez B. Second: Commissioner Lee Motion approved unanimously 4-0-0 II. Motion to approve the amended minutes of 9/19/16 meeting A. Motion: Commissioner Lee B. Second: Senator Velazquez Motion approved unanimously 4-0-0
BUSINESS: REPORTS		



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3	Public Comment	I. From Senator Velazquez: Inquiry about voting campaigns outside library lobby
4	Officers and Senators Reports/Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I. From Vice President Garcia: No report II. From Senator Serva: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Creating events for business club in Concord B. A part of 'That is So Funny' upcoming comedy event on October 19 III. From Senator Velazquez: No report IV. From Commissioner Lee: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Soccer Club meets at the soccer field on Fridays from 9:00am-11:00am B. Student Life Debate Watch Party on September 26 in room L-109 between presidential candidates C. Upcoming Hip Hop Conference on September 28 from 12:00pm-4:00pm in room L-109 D. Upcoming Kaiser Health Fair and rock climbing wall on Club Day V. From President Cortez: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Spotlight and equity meeting on September 26 from 3:00pm-4:00pm if not mistaken B. Will be visiting Pittsburg High C. Will be visiting the Brentwood campus D. Mentioned that this is not just for the debate but inclusive of everything else
5	Advisor Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I. From Advisor Nguyen: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Debate Watch Party on September 26 from 6:00pm-8:00pm. Free popcorn provided courtesy of Student Life. B. Club Day on Wednesday, October 5 from 10:00am-2:00pm; Senator Lee will have a sheet for registration C. Kaiser Health Fair; Includes rock climbing wall



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		<p>D. LMC After Dark Halloween Event on October 28 from 7:00pm-9:00pm. Justin Rocha, Student Life ambassador, is managing the event. Production of halloween event mature so only ages 13+ permitted</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Question from President Cortez: Can adults and 12 year olds attend? - Response from Advisor Nguyen: We will await from Justin Rocha for more information.
<p>6</p>	<p>Committee Reports</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I. Vice President Garcia: No report II. Senator Serva: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Helping to manage “That is so Funny” comedy event on Wednesday, October 19 from 1:00-2:00pm at the LMC Recital Hall B. Hip Hop Conference on September 28 from 12:00pm-4:00pm in room L-109 C. New mathematics course, Math 40, approved for Spring 2017 as well as new counseling course III. Senator Velazquez: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Still pending information from TLC Committee IV. Commissioner Lee: No report V. President Cortez: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Will be attending events on October 31, November 1st and 2nd regarding finalists for chancellor position. Will go to LMC, DVC, and CCC
<p>7</p>	<p>Senator Interview</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I. From prospective senator John Carlos: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Wants to transfer to UC Davis in Fall 2018 B. Interested in Animal Science and currently involved in business club C. Wants to open his own practice in the future - <u>Question from President Cortez:</u> “You stated that you want to provide students with mental



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		<p>health accommodations...what <i>changes</i> would you like to see at LMC?”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- <u>Answer from Jean Carlos:</u> Wants to bring more awareness and improve publicity. Has gone several things in his life throughout college, and because of his previous personal experience, he desires to help out other students like himself- <u>Question from President Cortez:</u> “How would you approach students; what is your strategy or method for LMCAS recruitment?”- <u>Answer from Jean Carlos:</u> It’s about making the right decisions and sitting in with people. Mentions how relating to others one-on-one brings a more personal element to the recruiting process. <p>D. Added that in business he has learned how to spend and save money efficiently</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- <u>Question from Senator Serva:</u> “How would you describe yourself as a student?”- <u>Answer from Jean Carlos:</u> Is very dedicated and has made many improvements academically. <p>II. <u>Question from Vice-President Garcia:</u> “Do you want to start anything new?”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- <u>Answer from Jean Carlos:</u> At the moment he doesn’t think he can take on more responsibilities as he has many things to tend to at the moment, but wants to expand on awareness and possibly start a new club.- <u>Question from President Cortez:</u> Within our bylaws, senators must focus on certain things. One of them is diversity and another sustainability which a senator can be appointed to. Would you be interested in any of those?”- <u>Answer from Jean Carlos:</u> Possibly.- <u>Vice-President Garcia:</u> Part of our role as members of the board is to notify you of Senator positions and concentrations. It’s fine if a prospective senator has no interest in these, but we do wish to present these titles to you. Are you okay with timing? In addition to meetings there is an outside 2 hour requirement.- <u>Answer from Jean Carlos:</u> It’s a possibility and depends on how things pan out. Will definitely
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		take it into consideration.
	NEW BUSINESS	
8	Senator Appointment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I. Jessica Havelhorst stood for the senate to present some final words regarding the prospective position as LMCAS senator II. Motion: To appoint Jessica Havelhorst as an LMCAS senator <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Motioned by: Vice-President Garcia B. Seconded by: Senator Lee <p>Motion approved unanimously 4-0-0</p>
9	Committee Appointments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I. Regarding the committees each senator is appointed to; a long discourse took place between senators concerning how to best negotiate each position according to what each person is best suited for. Important points: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Vice-President Garcia asked if there can be <i>more than one</i> senator appointed to a committee B. Advisor Nguyen responded that he is not completely clear on the protocol at the moment but last time he checked only one student representative could hold the position. C. Senators went back and forth on which position should go to which person, switching places at some points until they came to an agreement II. Motion: To adopt current list of senators to their designated committees <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Motioned by: President Cortez B. Seconded by: Vice-President Garcia <p>Motion approved unanimously 4-0-1</p>
10	SSCCC General Assembly	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I. Advisor Nguyen stated that LMCAS has \$3,350 leftover from the previous semester, Spring 2016. This statement related to whether the Senate should select a member of the board to



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		<p>attend SCCC on the weekend of November 11-13 and how affordable this will be.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">A. Advisor Nguyen stressed how the Senate should take hotel stay into account.<ul style="list-style-type: none">- “We may go over budget so it is up to the board to decide to even go this year.” He presented two scenarios:<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. To attend this year but go over budget2. The second option is to attend this semester but opt out next semesterII. Vice-President Garcia offered to attend as a delegate but not comfortable with doing so since Tabitha is a part of parliament and does not feel that it would be appropriate for her to participate.III. Advisor Nguyen brought up that it costs \$295 for the registration fee aloneIV. Senator Velazquez raised the idea of employing flexibility “We can find (financial) cuts in each department (budget).”V. Vice President Garcia clarified reallocating expenses for feesVI. President Cortez’s main concern: “What is LMCAS getting out of SCCC tangibly? Is it really necessary to attend both?”<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Response from Advisor Nguyen: “Yes that is an option,” referring to Senator Velazquez’s idea.VII. President Cortez originally put his name down but will opt out if budget does not flexibly allow for itVIII. Vice-President Garcia stressed that whoever goes should be delegate, and that a non-delegate would be a “waste of time.”IX. Senator Havelhorst asked if it would be cheaper to send one sex to share a room?<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Vice-President Garcia responded that an advisor cannot share room with another student as it would be unprofessional.X. Advisor Nguyen and President Cortez agreed that any decisions made would also have to take next semester’s location into account, and that the budget should be planned with the
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		<p>foresight that next semester’s location could be more costly than Sacramento.</p> <p>XI. Motion: To table the item of SSCCC General Assembly for next meeting</p> <p>A. Motioned by: President Cortez</p> <p>B. Seconded by: Angela Lee</p> <p>Motion approved unanimously 5-0-0</p>
<p>11</p>	<p>Debate Society Funding Approval</p>	<p>I. Last meeting Genaro Mauricio, president of Debate Society and Richard Stanfield, treasurer of Debate Society came to the senate in order to appeal for a funding request for Debate Society’s upcoming San Diego tournament</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - From Genaro Mauricio: “In terms of representation, we are a very diverse campus. We were advised to seek help from student government. It seemed like there was a predisposition not to vote for this funding request. We kindly ask not to hold us at fault for the decisions of our previous advisor.” <p>II. Motion: To set aside \$450 for Debate Society</p> <p>A. Motioned by: Vice-President Garcia</p> <p>B. Second: Senator Serva</p> <p>III. Vice-President Garcia commented that the Debate Society represents LMC very well and helps to give the college a name; that they should be rewarded for what their hard work and efforts. Although there are 1,200 other students on campus members of the Debate Society represent the few who are willing to go the “extra mile.”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Senator Velazquez inquired about the financial amount. “Why \$450?” - Vice-President Garcia responded that \$450 will pay for half of the expenses which is “a fair offer.” - President Cortez added that although it is not wise to fund the entire amount, at least helping to pay for half the amount considering LMCAS’s budget constraints seems reasonable.



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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Senator Velazquez expressed positive agreement with the statements being made. - Senator Lee asked the senate to consider how other clubs on campus will come to LMCAS at least twice a semester for similar requests, so the senate should be very mindful about managing the budget carefully by taking possible requests from other clubs in the future into consideration. <p>Motion approved unanimously 5-0-0</p>
<p>12</p>	<p>Pokemon Go Funding Approval</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I. Advisor Nguyen reintroduced himself. “Hello, it’s me again.” - This was met with a warm, raucous laughter from everyone on the senate A. Advisor Nguyen calculated that the cost 6 dozen Krispy Kreme donuts would cost \$44.95. Factoring in taxes would cost approximately \$60. <p>Motion: To approve spending \$60 for Pokemon Go Event</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Motioned by: Senator Serva Seconded by: Senator Velazquez - Senator Havelhorst mentioned how Krispy Kreme Donuts has done a good job with helping colleges - Senator Velazquez mentioned that his girlfriend makes cake pops and might be willing to make some for the event in the form of ‘pokeballs.’ <p>Motion approved unanimously 5-0-0</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> II. Motion: To move item 14 to 15 (and 15 to 14) Motioned by: Vice-President Garcia Seconded by: Velazquez Motioned approved unanimously 5-0-0
<p>13</p>	<p>Shenanigan’s Movie Night @ LMC Request for Support</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I. Yasmine Rahimi of Shenanigan’s Club came in with her partner to appeal for a funding request



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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Showing Edward Scissorhands for Movie Night B. They requested \$100 from LMCAS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Vice-President Garcia mentioned that Shenanigan’s is also appealing to ICC for money but they’re also coming to LMCAS because royalty fees are the most expensive, ranging between \$200-\$300. Any money not spent on royalty will be spent on snacks - President Cortez mentioned that LMCAS gets \$6,500 per semester. After taking into account other expenses that have previously been spent, LMCAS is currently at 2,990 dollars. Will take this appeal into further consideration.
<p>14</p>	<p>LMC After Dark Request for Support</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I. Justin Rocha, ambassador for Student Life, came to the senate to appeal for \$60 plus tax to help pay for upcoming Halloween event <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Vice-President Garcia offered to motion to approve the amount but parameters were not clear enough to continue - Advisor Nguyen asked, “Could you brief us on the location and distribution?” - Justin Rocha responded that it is free for LMC students, \$1 for non-students, and club tabling will be placed at roundabout at the Child Development Center - President Cortez asked, “Where will the haunted house be?” - Justin Rocha responded that it will be set up at the bottom floor of core. Entry is only permitted for people ages 13+ due to frightening themes A. President Cortez decided to vote on the final decision for next week
<p>15</p>	<p>AMSA UC Davis Pre-Health Conference Request for Support</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I. RC Kubota of the AMSA club and her partner came to the senate to appeal for an additional funding request in order to correct mistakes made in a previous request. A. RC Kubota stated that there was an error in the amount requested. AMSA will need help in paying for a charter bus to transport students to an upcoming health conference.



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		<ul style="list-style-type: none">- RC Kubota was not clear on the exact amount of AMSA members attending. “There may be other people attending but not sure yet. We know of two students.”- She added if that they’re able to pay for the bus, the first 35 people get spotsB. Vice-President Garcia stated, “There’s a possibility that we may lose money if student turnout is low.”- RC Kubota stated that her known estimate came from Dr. Nicole Trager, MESA coordinator- After further elaborations President Cortez stated, “It would be better to be clear on amount.”C. Senator Lee suggested cheap charter bus rentals.II. RC Kubota will return after gaining further clarity from Dr. Trager.
16	Student Activist Event Request for Support	<ul style="list-style-type: none">I. Advisor Nguyen talked about the upcoming Annual Leadership Impact ConferenceA. The theme this year is student activismB. LMCAS will be in collaboration with Student Life, the Honors Club, the drama department, and science department for fundingC. Instead of funding \$50 in seed money, any group that attends IMPACT and starts a club from it can earn an additional \$200 for seed money (A total of \$250)- Vice President Garcia asked whether existing clubs are eligible for earning the additional \$200.- Advisor Nguyen clarified that the offer is only for new clubs. They will also have to fill out an application to decide who to award the money toD. The first 50 students who RSVP online will receive a free, signed book. Registration begins on Tuesday, September 27 and will be up on the front page of the LMC website- Senator Havelhorst inquired further concerning publicity- Advsiior Nguyen assured that the event will be marketed heavily



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		<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Vice-President Garcia let the senate know that LMCAS is in a budget deficit as a reminder to spend wisely
17	Adjournment	Vice-President Garcia motions to adjourn at 2:50