Minutes of the Los Medanos College

Associated Student

Senate Meeting

Date: Monday, January 12, 2015

Place: Los Medanos College- Library Community Room 106

2700 East Leland Road

Pittsburg, CA 94565-5107

Chair: President Gary Walker

Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 1:08 pm

Roll Call: Present Absent/Excused

President Gary Walker

Vice President Candice Tidwell\* Excused

Treasurer G. Lopez-Thomas\*

Seantor: Diona Shelbourne\*

Senator: Justin Simon\* Absent

Senator: Sable Horton\*

Advisor D. Lawrence Absent

Advisor J. Stewart

\*Voting board members

Quorum: Those present constitute a quorum.

**1. Opening:**

President Walker opened the meeting by welcoming everyone back to LMC for the Spring Semester. This will be a “jammed packed” semester of advocacy and building a strong Associated Student Senate. There has been turnover, which is to be expected to class scheduled changes, but expressed he is glad to see new students at the table ready to step up to be student leaders and give voice to the LMC student body.

**2. Approve Agenda Monday, January 12, 2015**

Move to approve agenda for January 12, 2015

Motion: Officer Shelbourne

Second: Senator Horton

Unanimous

**3.** **Approve Minutes from Monday, December 8, 2014**

Tabled due to no submission of minutes from last semesters minute taker.

**3. Public Comment**

Introduction of Members of the public:

James: Veteran Student at LMC

Claudia: Theatre Student at LMC

Taima Miller: Student at LMC running for senate- First meeting

Professor Nick Garcia: Thanks the Senate for their support for a successful run of RENT in Pittsburg. He received the best response thus far from the Mayors (both Pittsburg and Antioch) and from the Chancellor herself. He would like to donate the Art Work and the “Film” size posters to the Senate as a token of appreciation and gratitude. President Walker accepted his tokens of appreciation on behalf of the senate.

**4.Officers and Senators Reports/Updates**

President Walker:

* Attended the 2 day meeting of the SSCCC in Sacramento.
* Chaired the Veterans Advocacy Task Force today- planning for the Appreciation Dinner for Feb. 6 at 6pm. Assemblymember Jim Frazier will be the Keynote speaker.
* Voted onto the SSCCC Equity & Diversity Committee & SSCCC External Affairs Committee.

Officer Shelbourne

* Glad to be back, but was busy over break taking care of her Grandmother.
* Preparing for the BC3C conference in February. 10 students can apply.

Senator Horton

* Attended the “JIM CROW” Event and was part of the student panel. Expressed that it was a great event.

Treasurer Lopez -Thomas

* Starting to work on projects like blood drive.

**5. Advisor Report**

In the absence of an advisor, President Walker read the report submitted:

* Welcome back and Happy New Year.
* Jamila has to handle enrollment in various English courses today and cannot make the meeting. (She did come in for a good portion of the meeting)
* Parking Permits will be available next week. Parking is free for one week. It is OK to park in STAFF PARKING this week.
* The college is closed on MLK day- Monday January, 29, 2015. No AS meeting next week.
* The business cards are being processed (Demetria has more information on this when she returns).

**6. Budget Report by Treasurer Lopez-Thomas**

Update was a estimate and treasurer expressed he needs to partner with advisor for accurate budget.

* $12,626- events
* $811- Conference Account
* $12,888- Campus Sponsored Events
* Total budget bottom line: $97,868

President Walker inquired about the loan payback from Student Life in the amount of $2,500 for the Brian Copland event and Treasurer said he would need to confirm with Advisor on this matter.

**7. Request for Support from the Student Veterans: Veterans Advocacy Task Force**

* Veteran Students Stuart and James presented their case for funding to support LMC’s student body of Veterans, their families, and those whom support them to attend a Veterans Appreciation Dinner on February 6, 2015 at 6pm. Both Stuart and James shared their personal stories about serving in the US Military and now being students at LMC.
* Motion to support the LMC Veterans Appreciation Dinner with funding up to $1,500 was made by Officer Shelbourne. The motion was seconded by Officer Lopez-Thomas with no objections.
* Motion Passed

**8. Request for Support from the Debate Team**

* Debate students returned to LMCAS to express their gratitude on the funding from last semester of $15,000; however, they requested $20,000 and would like the LMCAS to fund them the additional $5,000 this semester. They presented their case to the board.
* Officer Shelbourne unpacked a time line for them on the previous Request for Support forms and determined that if they want to seek the additional $5,000 from the board they would need to submit a new Request for Support Form and come back to the AS.
* There was no vote for support for the Debate Team.

**9. Request for Support from the Theatre Department**

* The Theater Department presented their case with a great power point presentation for funding to attend the Kennedy Center American College Theater Festival. Asking for $33,306, but Professor Garcia stated, “we don’t need the AS to pay it all.” He shared the great success of FENCES and results of scholarships and jobs that were direct outcomes of attending last year.
* Debate was had on the floor: President Walker expressed a dilemma due to the fact that the board does not have an accurate budget update and this is a large amount of money. He also purposed that the Theatre Department partner with SGJ and seek funding through the RAP proposal- He stated that it is in the works!
* Officer Shelbourne asked great questions and stated specific requests from the theatre department: How much were the profits from RENT? How many students went last year that are trying to go this year?
* Outcome: No vote, but the board agreed that they will call a “Special Meeting” for next week (when Professor Garcia has the requested information ready). President Walker will be out of town and expressed that one of the Officers will have to follow Browns Act to enact a “Special Meeting” to discuss the Theatre Request for Support only.

**10. March in March Update**

* President Walker updated the board on March in March in Sacramento: They have voted to send students to the FACCC Advocacy & Policy Conference.
* Will get a better gage for how many students will be going after all new students are sworn in.
* Will be a standing line item until March.

**11. Cesar Chavez Event & Committee**

* Treasurer Lopez-Thomas presented his vision for a Committee to support events around Cesar Chavez; in particular a blood drive.
* Advisor Stewart informed the board that there is a group on campus that facilitates this event… Lead by Carla Rosas and others and would be willing to put the committee in contact with them for a partnership opportunity.
* The committee was formed with: Treasurer Lopez-Thomas, Officer Shelbourne and Senator Horton.

**12. Secretary Nominations and Appointments**

* No nominations at this time, but there may be interest next week after new Senators are sworn in.
* Lively discussion on whether or not the senate needs a paid minute taker. The topic of debate was: Does the Senate need to pay, with student money, a minute taker if there is a student to volunteer to do the job while achieving the student outcomes?

**13. Office Hours for Officers and Senators**

* Senator Horton asked if we were doing office hours this semester.
* President Walker read the bylaws out load to the board which states in VI. Student Senate C 1.:

“…Senators and Officers: Must complete 2 office hours each week during the term in which they serve.”

* Senator Horton clarified her question if they have to be “set” hours for the convince of the students and can she perform one hour on one day and the second on the other.
* President Walker stated that it would be ideal to keep them the same for convince; however, we are a body that adheres to bylaws and the bylaws do not require it.

**14. Motion on the floor to extend time by 10 minutes**

* Motion by Officer Shelbourne to extend time by 10 minutes.
* Second by Senator Horton.
* No objections.

**15. Elevating Diversity: Asian & Pacific Island Identity**

* President Walker introduced an idea to reach out to our Asian & Pacific Islander population and elevate our campus diversity. This event reaches out to our communities in which will highlight our diverse campus to entice more diversity at our college!
* Private screening of a documentary on World Famous: Kumu Hina (Kumuhina.com)
* Kumu Hina speaks from a multi-ethnic Asian & Pacific Island Identity.
* Committee is being formed with students and community partners.
* Showing would be at Maya Cinemas in Pittsburg.
* President Walker has the presentation and will have this standing item on the agenda.
* Target month is March. (Cheapest rates for the Cinema and travel for guest speaker).

**16. Social Change Scholorship**

* Table until next meeting

**Adjournment**

President Walker adjourned the meeting at 3:11pm