Los Medanos College Associated Students

Senate Meeting Minutes

Date: Monday, February 9, 2015

Place: Los Medanos College

Library Community Room L106

2700 E. Leland Rd.

Pittsburg, CA 94565

Chair: Gary Walker

1. Meeting called to order at 1:11pm

Roll Call:

**Present Absent**

President Gary Walker Vice President Candice Tidwell \* ***NE***

Officer Diona Shelbourne \*

Senator Sable Horton \*

Senator Taima Miller \*

Senator Teniesha Little \*

Senator Paola Ramirez \*

**(\* Reflects voting board members) (NE: Not Excused, E: Excused)**

Quorum has been established

1. A. Approval of Agenda

Discussion:

* Walker: Unforeseen charges for Veterans Dinner needs to be added to agenda
* Advisor Lawrence: Suggested charges can be discussed in Item #14 Update Veterans Appreciation Dinner
* Shelbourne: Ericka Shaw Memorial Scholarship not put on agenda as requested last meeting. Request for support has been filled out. (Passed out to Board during meeting).

Move to add Ericka Shaw Memorial Scholarship Support Request on Agenda by Officer Shelbourne.

2nd by Senator Horton

No Objection

Motion Passes Unanimously

Move to approve agenda for February 9, 2015 with addition of the Ericka Memorial Scholarship Support Request as Item #8 by Officer Shelbourne

2nd by Senator Horton

No Objections

Motion Passes Unanimously

B. Approval of Minutes

Move to approve minutes for February 2, 2015 by Senator Horton

2nd by Officer Shelbourne

No Objections

Motion Passes Unanimously

1. Public Comment

* Rose Johnson here to observe the meeting

Move to suspend the orders of the day to visit Item #8 by Officer Shelbourne

2nd Senator Horton

* President Walker requested information for the public to understand why suspending orders of the day.
* Officer Shelbourne explained that one of the presenters Nashira Hudson took time from her lunch break to attend meeting, it would make sense to let her present so that she can return to her place of work.

No Objections

Motion Passes Unanimously

VIII. Ericka Shaw Memorial Scholarship Support Request

* Reported information last meeting
* Asking LMCAS to donate $1000.00 to the scholarship and make it a line item for five years to allow this scholarship and cause to grow in our community.
* Invited Nashira Hudson the sister of Ericka Shaw to add more information and asking questions.
* Nashira Hudson the Coordinator the Ericka Shaw Memorial scholarship.
* This helps students coming from single parent homes that may not have the resources to attend college even with financial aid assistance.
* Scholarship opened up to more than just basketball athletes, open to all athletes, and also high school students in surrounding high schools.
* The following scholarships were given to1st year Lakisha Ward, 2nd year Two Ashley Dacampo(golfer) who transferred to Sacramento State and Jenique Mollique (track & field) transferred to UNLV
* President Walker Question if can be opened up to LMC Students, Nashira was open to that suggestion.
* Senator Teniesha question if a scholarship will be given to one high school student and a college student. Nashira answered that if the funding is there that would be possible.
* President Walker had concerns with spending student’s money on a scholarship for high school students that may go to another college other than LMC. Suggests that the student who receives scholarship come to LMC for college tour.

Move to approve $1000.00 for the Ericka Shaw Memorial Scholarship and make this a line item for the next two years with the stipulation to revisit it after two years to discuss opening it up to LMC Students; to come out of line item 4 by Officer Shelbourne

2nd by Senator Horton

No Objection

Motion Passes Unanimously

Officer Shelbourne excuses herself from the meeting

1. Officer & Senator Reports

President Walker

* Outstanding Veterans Dinner 200 in attendance, thanking senators for attending, LMCAS honored by Congressman Jerry McNereny.
* Have facebook for LMCAS
* Attended SSCCC meeting informed about upcoming events.
* Apologies for not informing the board of issues with the minute taker issue. Felt discussion surrounding hiring committee heated. Talking out of turn, not waiting for the chair to recognize. Issue to not be taken personal and no personal attacks.
* Miscommunication issues happening between him and the advisor.

Senator Horton

* Continue recruiting efforts in classes on campus for Senators for LMCAS
* Attended Veterans’ Appreciation Dinner had a positive response.

Officer Shelbourne

* Attend Student Union Research Group meeting. Discussed how departments will be linked together. Building will have two levels. Student Life & Learning Communities will be together on second floor. Large conference rooms, bookstore, café, student dining, and some storage space will be on lower level. Suggest that everyone express their opinion because this process will be over soon.
* Attended Veterans Dinner, turnout was great, received quite a few compliments about our Senate. Recognized by one of our Congressman.
* Attended the basketball game for the Ericka Shaw Memorial Scholarship and it was great turnout. Challenge for next year to be better.

1. Advisor Report

* Congrats for a successful event on Friday; even with the power outage. Congrats on recognition from Congressman McNerney.
* Student Union User Group, next meeting is on February 20.
* Still vacant Officer Positions, suggests that the Senate fill these positions.
* Application deadline for Senator Applications is Feb. 17th @ 5pm she has received three applications.
* LMC 40th Anniversary Ceremony extended application for activity proposal.
* Students can still download Microsoft 2013 as long as LMC student.
* Blood Drive 2/11/15 10-3pm in L109
* AGS &ICC doing a bone marrow drive. Tabling in indoor quad Monday & Tuesday and outdoor quad Thurs. Important that if you’re a person of color that you become a donor.
* SGC Meeting happening 2/11 from 2-4pm
* Campus closed this Friday 2/13 and Monday 2/16 for Lincoln and Washington Birthdays.
* Financial Aide assisting those who are applying for Cal Grants, deadline March 2nd, need assistance filling out Financial Aid Staff will be assisting students in the assessment center. Handbills are available in Student Life.

1. Interview Applicants for AS

Applicant Taima Miller

* Smoking is issue on campus, wants to assist in removing cement smoke blocks from campus.
* As student employee on campus and a student she knows where to put herself in issues or conflicts that may arise.

Move to approve Taima Miller for Senator for LMCAS

2nd by Officer Shelbourne

No Objections

Motion Passes Unanimously

Senator Taima Miller is an official voting member of the board.

Applicant Paola Ramirez

* 3 year LMC Student
* Works at Transfer Center and Career Services
* Uses a planner in order to use her time effectively, she uses that to balance her work, school and other commitments that she has.
* She would help students with balancing schedules and other commitments by directing them to resources on campus.

Move to approve Paola Ramirez for Senator for LMCAS

2nd by Taima Miller

No Objections

Motion Passes Unanimously

Senator Paola Ramirez is an official voting member of the Board.

Applicant Teniesha Little

* She wants to assist with issued surrounding robberies around the lake. Get more lighting around lake. Possibly interested in attending the Public Safety Committee meetings.
* A current Umoja Scholar, Umoja Leadership, Student Ambassador for LMC, was student representative for the high school.
* She is on board to attend all LMCAS sponsored events.

Move to approve Teniesha Little for Senator for LMCAS

2nd by Senator Ramirez

No Objections

Motion Passes Unanimously

Teniesha Little is now a voting member of the Senate.

1. Hiring Committee for Minute Taker

* Committee is suggested to be an advisory committee
* Extend the offer to the ICC to be part of committee
* Five applicants waiting to be interviewed
* Suggestion that applicant come to senate meeting and go through interview process.
* ICC Chair Officer Shelbourne will ask ICC about being part of the board
* Suggestion to look at applicants’ application instead of meeting with them.

Move to create a committee to sit on the interviews for the applicants for the Minute Taker position, and ICC to be included in this committee if interested, with the ability to ask questions to the applicants by Officer Shelbourne

2nd by Senator Ramirez

No Objections

Motion Passes Unanimously

(Committee will include: President Walker, Senator Horton, and Senator Ramirez)

XIV. March in March Update

* Holiday Inn Hotel sold out.
* FACC Recommended Sacramento International Hostel as a back –up.
* Faculty Nick Garcia still not confirmed.
* New Budget created and supplied to senate

Move to approve up to $2100.00 for the FACC Advocacy & Policy Conference and March In March in Sacramento by Officer Shelbourne.

2nd by Senator Taima

No Objections

Motion Passes Unanimously

(President Walker, Senator Horton, Senator Miller, Senator Ramirez, Officer Shelbourne interested in attending FACC Conference)

X. Black Caucus Conference

* Dropping the essay portion of application.
* Still look for advisor or faculty to attend with students.
* Six students have stated their interest.

Move to approve up to $2000.00 to attend the Black Caucus conference by Officer Shelbourne.

2nd by Senator Horton

No Objection

Motion Passes Unanimously

Move to suspend the orders of the day to visit Item 16 and 14 by Officer Shelbourne.

2nd by Senator Horton

No Objections

Motion Passes Unanimously

Move to extend time by 6 minutes by Senator Horton.

2nd by Senator Ramirez

No Objections

Motion Passes Unanimously

XVI. Request for Support: Chinese New Year from Honors

* Asking for additional funds from LMCAS for decoration and entertainment
* Outdoor quad 11-4pm 2/25/15
* Activities included
* Fundraising committee for Honors helping with food cost.

Move to approve up to $1316.00 for the budget for the Chinese New Year Celebration for Honors by Senator Little.

2nd by Senator Miller

Discussion

* Clarification for amount for amount for request, and $1316 is what is being requested.

No Objections

Motion Passes Unanimously

XIV. Veterans Appreciation Dinner Update

* Invoice from Student Photographer fees for photos
* Printing fees unforeseen cost
* Photographer will provide all pictures taken at the event can be used for advertisement for the AS.
* Money not used for expenditures for Dinner will be returned to AS budget.

Move to amend the previous budget for Veterans Appreciation Dinner up to $2000.00 by Senator Horton.

2nd by Senator Ramirez

Discussion

* Request that updated budget and invoicing be sent to Student Life.

No Objectives

Motion Passes Unanimously

XVII. Adjournment

* Meeting adjourned at 3:08pm