Los Medanos College Associated Students

Senate Meeting Minutes

Date: Monday, March 2, 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 1:07pm

Roll Call:

**Present Absent**

Vice President Candice Tidwell \* President Gary Walker (Excused)

Officer Diona Shelbourne \*

Senator Sable Horton \*

Senator Taima Miller \*

Senator Teniesha Little \*

Senator Paola Ramirez \*

Senator Darren Meeks \*

Senator Rose Johnson \*

Senator Jesse Rosalez \*

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

Quorum has been established

1. A. Approval of Agenda

Motion: Senator Horton

Second: Senator Miller

Motion passes unanimously

B. Approval of Minutes

Minutes not submitted, tabled until next meeting

1. Public Comment
* Tamara Seward – here to observe the meeting
* Dave Belman – here to observe the meeting
* Ade Origunwa - here to present for the Transfer Center
* Yetunde Ogunleye – here to be interviewed for AS
* Karina Aguayo – here to present with AGS
* Katia Padilla – here to be interviewed for AS
* Irene O Rellana – here to present with AGS
1. **Officer & Senator Reports/Updates**

Commissioner of Campus Events Diona Shelbourne

* Attended Umoja Scholar’s Black History Month Celebration
* Invited to speak at Modesto Junior College’s Black History Month Celebration last Saturday February 28, 2015.
* Received another award at the celebration
* Had a conference call with the SSCCC Relations with Local Senate and became a non-voting member.
* Attended the SGC meeting and asked about safety. President Bob informed her that the campus is in the process of getting lights put up around the lake.

Senator Sable Horton

* Attended the Chinese New Year Celebration, enjoyed the dancing, music, and food.
* Attended the Umoja Scholar’s Black History Month Celebration and had the opportunity to present a poem.
* Gave a short speech about Student Government in a classroom, a lot of students were interested but most of them didn’t even know anything about LMCAS.
* Attended the Bylaw Meeting last Wednesday and it was extremely productive.
* Attended SGC and they are currently updating their bylaws.
* Participated in a conference call with the SSCCC Relations with Local Senates.

Senator Teniesha Little

* Attended the Black History Month Celebration and also presented a poem.

Senator Taima Miller

* Attended the Black History Month Celebration.
* Had a conference call with the SSCCC Relations with Local Senates and became a non-voting member.

Senator Paola Ramirez

* Attended the Student Union Committee meeting and they all discussed the layout and other details about the new Student Union Building.
* Attended the Student Equity Plan meeting and they discussed how to properly spend the money the college was recently granted.

Senator Darren Meeks

* No Report

Senator Jesse Rosalez

* No Report

Vice President Candice Tidwell

* No Report
1. **Advisor Report**

 Jamila Stewart

* Informed us that Advisor Lawrence was out of the office for the day
* Reminded us that the Women of Color Conference is this Saturday and the last day to sign up for this event is Wednesday March 4th.
* Reminded us that the Latino Conference is coming up and the applications are out.
1. **Academic Competition**
* Advisor Stewart informed us that the Academic Competition is celebrating its 10th anniversary since a former student and Student Government member started the annual event.
* Advisor Stewart would like this year’s event to be a little more festive since it’s the tenth anniversary.
* Some suggestions give were providing more scholarships, gifts, and prizes for participants. Not only increasing the amount of the scholarship but maybe giving out more scholarships.
* Senator Jesse Ramirez reminded us that he was a participant in this event last year and he enjoyed the Chipotle lunch.
1. **Interview Committee Update: Minute Taker**
* Committee hasn’t had the opportunity to meet yet.
* Officer Shelbourne announced that she would check with ICC to see who was selected from their group to be on the committee.
* Advisor Stewart asked for clarification about how this process was going to work. Officer Shelbourne clarified that there would be a committee set, then the committee would be contacted once there was an interview scheduled and if people on the committee is available at the time of the interview then they could sit in and ask questions. Advisor Stewart said once the time for the interviews are set then ICC will be able to appoint someone to be in the committee.
1. **New Student Union Committee**
* Discussion about the bookstore, the lighting (whether or not to have natural lighting) and, whether or not to have something to walk around when leaving the offices.
1. **Committee Appointments**
* No one had the list of committees and what time they all met.
* Dave Belman told us what the Shared Governance committees are and we went online to check the times of those committees.
* Senators Ramirez and Little appointed to the IDEA committee. Senator Horton appointed as an alternate.
* Senator Rosalez was appointed to the Planning Committee
* Senator Johnson was appointed to the PDAC Committee
* Senator Miller was appointed to the Safety and Security Committee
* Senator Meeks was appointed to the Technology Advisory Group
1. **Bylaw Committee Update**
* Met last Wednesday and discussed which sections needed to be updated the most.
* Everyone provided their schedules and as a group we decided on a meeting time

Motion to make the Bylaw Committee Meetings from 12-1pm on Wednesdays by Senator Horton. Second by Senator Miller. Motion passes unanimously

1. **AGS Funding Request**
* Brought a cleaner version of the request in.
* Continuing their fundraising
* After they give their money for the conference they’ll be left with only $264 left in their account. They give out sashes to their members and they also give out two scholarships to their members that were active this semester and last semester. They’ll need more than $1,000 and they are going to continue fundraising to get that money.
* Conference is April 17th – 19th and all the money and paperwork needs to be in by Friday, March 6th.

Motion by Officer Shelbourne to approve up to $4,160 for the AGS conference with the stipulation that they continue fundraising, that they provide information regarding their fundraising, and whatever monies are not used will be returned to the AS. Seconded by Senator Miller Motion passes unanimously

1. **HBCU Tour Request for Support**
* Ade is here to request funding for the second annual HBCU Educational Tour during Spring Break.
* Trying to increase transfer culture and they do that by providing students with the chance to visit different colleges.
* Two big tours coming up, the Southern California Tour and the HBCU tour.
* For the HBCU tour they are schedule to visit 8 colleges in a week’s time.
* Tour is March 29th-April 3rd, during LMC’s Spring break.
* The total cost needed for this tour is $16,550. HSI has agreed to pay up to $8.000. Requesting up to $10,000 from LMCAS to cover airfare, hotel prices, and anything else HSI may not cover.
* Ade informed us that students are selected through an application process. As part of the partnership with Umoja and HSI there is a committee that looks through the applications to determine which students will be going. There is no cost to students.
* Will vote on it next week because of Bylaw Procedures.
1. **Parliamentary Conference Call**
* Officer Shelbourne reminded the board that in January we all had a training but we now have a new board and there are questions/concerns about how Brown Act works. Mr. Questa gave us three months of free consultation so in order to get clarification on some things it would be nice to have a conference call with him so everyone at the table is clear on what we can and cannot do.

Motion to approve the Senate to contact Mr. Questa for a conference call made by Officer Shelbourne Second by Senator Miller Motion passes unanimously

1. **Appoint Senators to open officer postions**
* Senator Horton appointed as Commissioner of Publicity and Outreach
* Senator Little appointed as Treasurer
1. **Art Contest for Students**
* Officer Shelbourne was contacted via email by Miechelle Hwang and this person was informing her about an opportunity for our students to get involved in an art contest. The deadline passed however since Officer Shelbourne just received this information she will respond to the email asking for a time extension.
1. **SSCCC General Assembly**
* Officer Shelbourne notified the board that due to some unforeseen circumstances the General Assembly will be in Southern California again and that it would be best to cut down cost by not bringing the entire board.
* Officer Horton expressed interest in becoming the new LMCAS delegate but is concerned because she needs training for the position.
* Went around the room to see who all was interested in attending General Assembly.

Motion: to approve up to $6,000 to bring one advisor, Officer Shelbourne, Officer Horton, Senator Miller, and Senator Ramirez to the Spring 2015 General Assembly. Seconded by Senator Little Motion unanimously passed

1. **Interview New Senator**
* Yetunde Ogunleye
1. **What made you want to join LMCAS?**

 She already knew Briana, Sable, and Gary so when she came to her first meeting she saw the way the board worked and she thought it was awesome. She believes that students should be involved in out the school plans and out it should be ran and where the money should go.

1. **What are you majoring in?**

 Broadcast Journalism

1. **How well do you deal with conflict?**

 She deals with conflict really well. She doesn’t usually get that much conflict because she huge on compromises but she also feels like talking about thing in depth really helps. She thinks being blunt and honest is definitely a good way to resolve conflict.

1. **What issues do you see on the LMC campus?**

She sees a lot of students that don’t really understand all the opportunities LMC can offer them and she thinks it sucks because students have so much potential and they can really grow and progress but they’re being hindered by things like money issues. She really feels like we have the resources to help students with that and we should.

1. **Are you apart of any Learning Communities?**

 No, she’s mostly apart of Debate Society and Journalism, the newspaper.

Motion: Officer Horton moves to appoint Yetunde Ogunleye as a senator. Second: Senator Miller Motion unanimously passes

* Katia Padilla
1. **What is the biggest issue on the LMC campus?**

A lot of student aren’t aware of what goes on on campus. For example she didn’t know LMC had a student government at first. She feels like student government needs to be out in the open more. Student government needs to be out there talking to students because we’re the ones in charge of this thing so we should have our names out there in the public. If they know who we are then they can approach and tell us there problems, especially if they can’t make it to the meetings or if they’re afraid to voice their opinions.

1. **How well do you deal with conflict?**

She usually doesn’t deal with conflict because she tries to stay out of it unless it has something to do with her. If it’s someone else dealing with the conflict she loves to hear both sides of everything. She’s the type of person that will input and stop whatever is going on.

1. **Are you apart of any learning communities?**

She is the fundraising ambassador for AGS.

Motion: Officer Shelbourne moves to approve Katia Padilla as a senator. Second: Officer Horton Motion unanimously passes

1. **LMC 40th Anniversary LMCAS Proposal**
* LMC’s 40th anniversary is on March 21st and it would be a shame for LMCAS to not be present
* Officer Shelbourne has the idea to invite all the previous student government members back for this event and host a workshop with them.
* Officer Horton decided to name the workshop “All About that Gov”
* Went around the table to see who all was interested in helping to bring this workshop to life and took down everyone’s schedule.

Motion: approve the the LMC 40th anniversary proposal and to have a committee meet Fridays from 3:30-4:30 and Thursdays from 3:30-4:30 starting the week of March 2nd. Second by Senator Rosalez Motion unanimously passes

1. **Adjournment**
* Meeting adjourned at 3:00