



STUDENT GOVERNMENT

(Revised 2/20/14) Open Meeting Minutes

Friday November 22, 2013

I. Call meeting to order and establish of quorum 1:45 PM

Roll Call:

Victor Ramirez/President, Gilbert Garcia/Vice President, Lorenza Marcais/Secretary, Billy Ortiz/Treasurer
Senators: Evette Ulibarri, Sharon DeSanto, Dominique Archuleta, Frederick Romero, Vanessa Lucero
Advisors: Amanda Ortiz & Dawna Ortega

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Approval of Agenda 1st Gilbert 2nd Evette

IV. Reading and Approval of past minutes
• Lorenza Marcais reads 11/08/2013 1st Frederick 2nd Dominique

V. Treasurers Report
• Billy Ortiz presents report
Approved as read 1st Frederick 2nd Vanessa

Stipend checks will be available Dec 6, 2013.

Instead of purchasing office supplies immediately, it was suggested that we send out emails to LCC for supplies and equipment not being used. Michael Montoya donated a couple of binders.

VI. Club Representatives in attendance

- Automotive Technologies: Dominique Lopez
- Skills: Amber Sena
- Frank Cordova Skills VP welding

VII. Old Business

A. Skills agenda has moved up due to meeting starting late.

- Frederick Romero introduced the discussion on issues within the Trades Depts.

Open floor: Gary Martinez spoke first

- Stated that the equipment is there but the issue is money.
 - Zero money in budget because of budget cuts
 - It is the instructor's responsibility to provide Gary with quotes if something is broken, needs to be replaced, etc.
- Gary stated that enrollment has dropped but is not sure if this is due to a lack of supplies.
- Spoke about the building renovations and the Title V funding.
 - Bond money is flexible... if we don't have enough for collision building we can use bond money
 - Renovation, supplies, accreditation.
 - Within the next year will see plenty of action going on to renovate buildings

Open Floor: Students

Frank Cordova spoke regarding his disappointment with the Welding program. He described his and his son's experiences here that were negative. He went on to question why Santa Rosa has top-of-the-line equipment and Las Vegas does not.

Mr. Cordova also pointed out several safety concerns indicating that he felt Gary needed to be more of an example to the students by wearing the proper safety gear. One notable concern he mentioned was that a stick was being used to turn on electricity. Also, cleaning supplies are not being provided for students to wash their hands at the end of the classes.

Mr. Cordova listed several types of equipment that is not functional and needs to be repaired or replaced. His concern is that students will not be able to get their certification because of faulty equipment and lack of materials.

- Band saw, milling machines, drill press, welding rods, oven, plasma machine (due to lack of proper ventilation & proper ground)

Another concern was voiced that Gary M. is using the students to complete Maintenance tasks while the actual workers stand idly by talking on their cell phones.

Another concern was raised regarding the lack of planning and organization for Welding tasks making it chaotic.

Frederick spoke to Gary about his management style and how it has been brought to his attention that students feel intimidated to talk to Gary directly about their concerns.

Gary is given the opportunity to respond to the concerns:

He agrees that a lot of the equipment is down, however he states it is the instructors' responsibility to notify him. He acknowledged that he should not speak to the instructors in front of the students regarding matters that do not concern them (reprimanding, etc.).

Gary requested that concerns be brought directly to him so he can address them. He encouraged students to notify their instructors of any issues they may have so they can be relayed to Gary and resolved. He thanked everyone for voicing their concerns.

Victor mentioned that the Board of Trustees requested to do a walk-through of the facilities to look at the equipment. The BOT had also informed him that before new equipment could be ordered, the building would need to be finished as part of the Title V funding.

Student Joseph Mares mentioned that the students don't appreciate the way the instructors are treated.

Frank Cordova agreed and stated that he has witnessed Gary, on several occasions, interrupt conversations and proceed to belittle whoever is speaking.

It was pointed out that a few students completely withdrew from Luna based on equipment issues and safety concerns within the Welding Dept.

Student Ray Collins spoke regarding his concerns and made several suggestions to help improve the functionality of the Trades Departments.

- Monthly meetings
- Student/Teacher/Director evaluations
- Section in Luna Light or developing a Newsletter devoted to Trades issues
- Tools need to be provided

Victor called meeting back to order.

Frederick brought the open floor to a close and encouraged students that have a voice to speak up at the board meetings. He also referred students to Renee Maestas as a contact regarding student grievances.

- B. Skills representative spoke on what Skills is and what activities their organization would like to participate in. They are looking to promote their club more and increase enrollment. Spoke on their annual competition and how they may be able to fundraise to offset costs. Suggestions were provided to Skills. BOT may be able to help.

C. Senator Vanessa Lucero is sworn in.

D. Thanksgiving (Report): Served 450 plates. It was very successful. Thanks to everyone!

E. Coat Drive-Update:

- Over 150 coats were collected to distribute.
- Victor is going to come in tonight and set coats up according to size etc.
- We can ask Skills to come and help us and then mention them in the Luna Light
- Distribution of coats Saturday 12:00 to 2:00; be here at 11:30
- Any leftover coats will be donated to another charity, etc.
- Good publicity over event

F. Gavel: (Frederick)

- Spoke to carpentry. They have a brand new Lathe but no blades; may make by hand. Ask trades to see if they can build Student Government a table if we give them the cost of materials. The cost to buy a table was almost \$500.
- Amanda will contact Robert Ortiz regarding table

G. Fundraiser for flood victims (Gilbert)

Spoke with Sarah and who has answers from Foundation and will talk about it December 6. However, we will be out of school. This item remains tabled.

H. Promotional Items (all)

Send suggestions to Dawna or Amanda with quotes. Try to keep them inexpensive. Ex. Jump drives.

I. Student/Teacher of the Month

–Question posed on how to proceed. No candidates for month of October. Criteria was questioned.

Discussion followed. Recommendation is made to terminate Student of the Month program.

Motion to terminate the program with intent to revisit in the Spring.

Motion made by Sharon; 2nd by Gilbert

J. Welcome Back Activity

Dominique suggested a Hot cocoa social.

Amanda will talk to Kayleen to see if any other activities are being planned.

Gilbert makes a motion to hold off on Welcome Back Activity until we get more information to see if in fact another club is going to do this activity.

2nd Dominique

K. Homecoming for Baseball/Softball

Victor would like to pursue this as it had a lot of positive remarks from the trustees; they wanted to know how the Student Government is progressing on this. Proposition of the dates: April week of April 15 through the 19. Parade Wednesday the 17 both teams play on the 18 at noon.

Ron Gonzales stated that those are the only two dates that we have both teams home. Unfortunately it falls on Easter weekend. The guys are playing Thursday and Friday.

Suggestions were made regarding having the parade on the 16th; festivities concluding on Good Friday. Sharon pointed out that Good Friday may not be such a good idea. Also concerns that Good Friday is the biggest day of no meat... big in our community.

Several suggestions follow and continued discussion. Victor calls for volunteers to spearhead committee.

Yvette voiced that Senators would do it. All agreed. Enthusiasm for this activity is expressed.

Dawna suggested that they should get with Highlands for ideas and how they do it.

Victor announced the committee will be the senators and it will be chaired by Dominique

Frederick makes a Motion to table any information on homecoming until next meeting.

2nd Yvette

L. Light Parade (Skills)

IX. New Business

A. Report from Victor - Scholarship Coalition Summit

Victor passed around resolution that will be presented to the Governor. He attended a meeting last week to make sure that the Lottery scholarship is here for years to come. There is only enough money in the Lottery scholarship for another 2 years.

Suggestions that were presented to preserve the Lottery at the Summit were:

- Flat rate given to each school. Or a percentage.
- Paying a portion of the tuition.
- Implementing additional criteria (ex. Higher GPA, application process, etc.)

There is another meeting this Saturday. It will be over Skype. Governor is in charge of agenda. During the financial session, the coalition will be asking for this to be considered.

Question posed regarding use of a school vehicle to attend additional meetings. This is not allowed because he is a student.

Gilbert made a Motion to accept resolution and send to Governor. Dominique 2nd

B. Ron Gonzales (luminarias/canned food drive)

- Ron informed SG of the annual Luminaria & Food drive here on campus. He stated that last year, Luna did not have any volunteer on-campus and was approached by a local organization, the LV Dollies, who requested to do the food drive.
- Ron posed the question if this is an activity that SG would like to take on or would like to do it in conjunction with the Dollies.
- Ron provided further details. Dec. 7 at 6:00

Discussion followed.

Yvette: Motion to assist with the Float, Luminarias, and Food Drive and to set up an emergency meeting next Tuesday to finalize everything. Fred. 2nd

C. Collegiality Lorenza spoke briefly.

X. Open Floor

Phi Theta Kappa meeting for tonight is cancelled.

Andy Duran sent out an email encouraging students, Staff, Faculty to logon to the LCC website & sign-up for the RAVE alert system. It can be used for meeting reminders or emergency alerts on-campus.

Fredrick motioned to adjourn meeting. Sharon 2nd

Meeting Adjournment 4:15PM