



ACADEMIC SENATE MINUTES

March 22, 2023 | 2:30 – 4:30 pm | Room 1687

LPC Mission Statement

Las Positas College is an inclusive, learning-centered, equity-focused environment that offers educational opportunities and support for completion of students' transfer, degree, and career-technical goals while promoting lifelong learning.

LPC Planning Priorities

❖ Establish a knowledge base and an appreciation for equity; create a sense of urgency about moving toward equity; institutionalize equity in decision-making, assessment, and accountability; and build capacity to resolve inequities.

❖ Increase student success and completion through change in college practices and processes: coordinating needed academic support, removing barriers, and supporting focused professional development across the campus.

LPC Academic Senate Quorum: 8

Non-Voting Members:

President: Sarah Thompson

Student Government: Lara Weidemeier

Faculty Association: Heike Gecox

Admin.: Rifka Several

Voting Members:

Vice President: Collin Thormoto

Secretary: Dave Wagner

Treasurer: Ashley Young

BSSL: Robin Roy, Daniel Cearley

A & H: John Kelly, Peter Kuo, Kisha

Quesada Turner, Katie Eagan

STEM: Michael Peterson, Ashley McHale

PATH:

Student Services: Christina Lee, Jill Oliveira

Part Time Representatives: Jeff Judd

1. **Call to Order:** meeting called to order at 2:35 pm.
2. **Review and Approval of Agenda:** Motion to approve agenda: moved/seconded/approved
3. **Review and Approval of Minutes (March 8, 2023):** Motion to approve minutes: moved/seconded/approved
4. **Public Comments (5 minutes):** *This time is reserved for members of the public to address the Academic Senate. Please limit comments to 5 minutes. In accordance with the Brown Act, the Academic Senate cannot act on these items. NONE*
5. **Action Items**
 - 5.1 Approval of AP 6625: Art, Exhibits and Displays in Public Places: Sarah shared Dean Mattern's letter. Motion to approve: moved/seconded: discussion: there needs to be more freedom for both colleges' task forces/call the question: opposed. Motion did not carry.
 - 5.2 Revising the Program Proposal Process for Degrees and Certificates: as discussed last meeting, we need to modify our program process (appearing on the Academic Senate website) to include the Guided Pathways program map template. Motion to approve: moved/seconded/approved
 - 5.3 Guided Pathways Messaging Vision: the motion will be to approve the vision/communication flow plan because this will give Guided Pathways the ability to move forward with IT as the components are being developed. Motion to approve: moved/seconded/approved
6. **Consent Items:** Motion to approve all consent items: moved/seconded/approved
 - 6.1 Director of Maintenance and Operations Hiring Committee: Natalie Kellner
 - 6.2 Vocal Music Faculty Position Hiring Committee: Cindy Rosefield, Daniel Marschak, Titian Lish, Marcus Thompson

6.3 Program Director – Childhood Development Center Hiring Committee: Lyndale Gardner, John Rosen**7. Reports**

7.1 LPC Student Government (L. Weidemier): today is the last day to sign up for 2023-24 elections; 25 students have applied. Monday is the One Love Festival, with a Boba truck and tie dying tee shirts. At the end of the month LPCSG members will attend the Senate of CA Community Colleges. They are discussing their bylaws and agreements. Kathy Buckley will speak on disability and women’s rights, with a taco truck for lunch. Please register.

7.2 UndocuAlly (Teri Ann Bengiveno): report posted on website

7.3 Curriculum Committee (Erik Bell): no report

7.4 CEMC/DEMC Committee (Sarah Thompson): DEMC met regarding the Kennedy & Associates presentation to DEMC on matriculation processes and recommendations. DEMC is not a shared governance committee without representations of senates. Major institutional changes are appropriate for shared governance committees. Kennedy & Associates did not present to PBC. They did not present to Student Senate during the process.

This will be on the next meeting agenda for new business.

7.5 Faculty Association (Heike Gecox): they had two evaluation training sessions at Flex Day. See the Faculty Focus posted on the website. They talked about having an open session in e-board meetings. Heike requests feedback.

7.6 Professional Development Committee (David Powers): report on website

7.7 DE Committee (Barbara Zingg): no report

7.8 Planning and Effectiveness Committee (Rajinder Samra): no report

7.9 LGBTQ+ Presidential Task Force (Robin Roy): they will meet on Friday this week.

7.10 MLEA (Katie Eagan): if you have good writers or math students, refer them to the Tutoring Center/Jin Tsubota to be peer tutors. You can request an “embedded tutor” in your classroom. They have funds for equity training. Contact Shawn Taylor with your requests. Share this with divisions. They have been working on data for students who have dropped English, so they can be contacted. ESL received reassigned time.

7.11 Treasurer (Ashley Young): need BSSL scholarship readers - Dan Cearley and Robin Roy volunteered.

7.12 President (Sarah Thompson):

Two issues are coming up (1) part time advocacy to create parity, (2) a new movement by California Federation of Teachers (K-12 and Community Colleges) – “One Faculty” (“the Toronto model”). The

model has no full or part time designation; everyone is potentially on tenure track assuming all faculty responsibilities. Faculty are paid on how much they teach. *This will be on the agenda for the next meeting.*

State-wide discussions on budget: looking at SCFF, which will be discussed later in the agenda.

8. Old Business

8.1 Local Degrees and the Integration of Ethnic Studies and the Fall 2024 Requirements:

Division Feedback:

- STEM: use Craig's recommendations.
- Counseling: if critical thinking is removed, transfer students have to do it anyway. Add oral communications for the future.
- A & H: raise the pattern to 28 units.
- BSSL: Concern about getting rid of American Studies.

This will be an action item for the next meeting.

8.2 Updates from Academic Senate Advisory Committees:

Ashley: for the Classified Appreciation Day, she will put out boxes for donations for the opportunity drawing. Jim Ott will perform a ventriloquist show. Let Ashley know if you have talents you'd like to share. Kelly will see if students can entertain. Ashley will juggle. Theme: Vaudeville.

8.3 Academic Senate Response to Trustee Reynoso's continued comments:

At last night's board meeting, Trustee Reynoso talked about his community work in his report, such as protesting abortion and the rent moratorium. He does not have a lot of influence on our board, but reduces the dignity of the board and is not focused on the mission and values of the CLPCCD.

FACC has a PAC that funds and organizes political campaigns, if our Faculty Union supports the candidate. We would need to request our union to take a position on an opposing candidate. There is a potential candidate, Genevieve Randolph (a former trustee).

Division Feedback:

- Disengage with the matter, not refer to him specifically, don't give any more attention to his views, stand firm in support of LGBTQ+/
 - Is this sexual harassment? Is this a teaching moment?
 - The board is working on revising their code of ethics to address this matter.
 - What can be done? What would be examples of students that couldn't "access services" due to feeling unsafe due to his comments?

- As we stood behind the senates' resolution, what is the follow-up?

8.4 Math Non-Success Retention Update (Craig Kutil): *tabled for next meeting*

9. New Business

9.1 LPC Course Comparisons to C-ID and Bay Area Consortium of Community Colleges (27 colleges with semesters). (Craig Kutil): *this will be on the next meeting agenda*. Moving toward a compressed calendar, high unit classes will be scheduled longer affecting the "block schedule." We need to create an evaluation system/process for evaluating for the ideal unit load.

9.2 Legislative Update (Sarah Thompson): these can be revised until May. See attachment.

9.3 State Budget Update - State Auditor and LAO Reports (Sarah Thompson): FACC and CCCI requested an audit of the full-time faculty funds. In 2018 and 2021 the state gave funds to the community colleges to hire full time faculty (to achieve the 75/25 idea split full/part time) and to diversify the faculty. See the Faculty Focus on the website. With Los Rios, Kern, Foothill-De Anza and San Diego; none were compliant. Sarah researched the CLPCCD funds and found that financially we were to the letter of the law in terms of funds allocation. \$1.7 million in total was received and 18 faculty were hired. Most were replacements, not additions. In terms of diversification, there is no change in the percentage of our diverse faculty.

The legislative analyst looked at SCFF state funding; only 2 districts will receive SCFF funding; the rest will be on "hold harmless." The request is to extend this.

9.4 Recommendations from Chancellor's Office AB1705 (MLEA): *tabled for next meeting*

10. Announcements/Information Items

11. **Adjourn:** Motion to adjourn: moved/seconded/approved

12. **Next Meeting:** APRIL 12, 2023 at 2:30 pm