



# ACADEMIC SENATE MINUTES

March 9, 2022 | 2:30 – 4:30 pm | VIA ZOOM

## 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: 9

### Non-Voting Members:

President: Sarah Thompson  
Past President: Melissa Korber  
Student Government: Kyle Johnson  
Faculty Association: Heike Gecox  
Admin.: Rifka Several

### Voting Members:

Vice President/President-Elect: Tracey Coleman  
Secretary: Collin Thormoto  
Treasurer: Craig Kutil  
BSSL: Robin Roy, Daniel Cearley  
A & H: John Kelly, Peter Kuo, Kisha Quesada Turner  
STEM: Carlos Moreno, Jeffrey Weichert  
PATH: Scott Miner  
Student Services: Christina Lee, Jill Oliveira  
Part Time Representatives: Jeff Judd

## 1. GENERAL BUSINESS (S. Thompson)

1.1 Call to order/establish quorum: Meeting called to order at 2:31 pm

1.2 Approval of agenda: Motion to approve: moved/seconded: the agenda will progress to 5.3 at 3:30 pm/approved

1.3 Approval of minutes (February 23, 2022): Motion to approve: moved/seconded: spelling of Collin Thormoto will be updated/approved

1.4 Public Comments (5 minutes) This time is reserved for members of the public to address the Academic Senate. Please limit comments to five minutes. In accordance with the Brown Act, the Academic Senate cannot act on these items. NONE

## 2. ACTION ITEMS (S. Thompson) None

## 3. CONSENT ITEMS (S. Thompson)

3.1 Second English Instructional Assistant search committee member: Richard Dry: Motion to approve: moved/seconded/approved

3.2 Commencement Faculty Name Readers: Erick Bell, Tracey Coleman. Need to add Bill Komanetsky and Joanna Jen: *Tabled until next meeting*

## 4. REPORTS

4.1 UndocuAlly (Alain Olavarrieta): none

4.2 CTE Committee (Melissa Korber): The CTE Perkins Funding applications are available and the committee will consider these soon. The CTE Flex Day session was a discussion on what is – and is not - not working in CTE. The drone program was reviewed. The CTE liaison position will be opening this semester, with some reassigned time.

4.3 Curriculum Committee (Erick Bell): Craig: a draft of GE criteria “clean up” will be sent to divisions. The format is updated, including the ethnic studies criteria.

4.4 CEMC/DEMC Committee (Kristina Whalen): Sarah will give an update during her President's Report.

4.5 Faculty Association (Heike Gecox): Our contract sunsets in June so preparations and scheduling are being worked on.

4.6 Professional Development Committee (David Powers): Emailed report:

PDC reviewed the accreditation standards it provides evidence for and discussed if a change was warranted. No changes were made.

PDC approved funding for five conference requests, both online and in person.

PDC reviewed the results of the flex day global survey. Results were generally positive. David Rodriguez will compile his data, which will be reviewed at the next meeting.

PDC discussed possible flex days for 2022-23. Chabot had already chosen theirs and seemed open to doing another joint flex day. The committee felt Chabot's fall date was too late (November) but liked their choice for spring. The flex days chosen for next year will be on **Thursday October 20 for fall** and **Thursday March 16 for spring**. The fall flex day will be LPC only. We will try to have a joint flex day in spring with Chabot, but details need to be worked out.

The committee felt that flex days should return to being on campus with the possibility of making some sessions HyFlex pending the training staff would receive in the spring and summer.

Conference expense claim forms are due by July 5<sup>th</sup>.

Variable flex part 2 is due to Rifka by May 15<sup>th</sup>.

The current unallocated budget is approximately \$7,118.

Matthew Jewett is our new fire service technology instructor.

PATH division and LPC SG have no members for PDC.

4.7 Planning and Effectiveness Committee (Rajinder Samra): At tomorrow's meeting they will discuss Program Review, and any potential new issues that may arise.

4.8 SEA Committee (Shawn Taylor): The new guidelines for DI students will be shared at the next SEA meeting. Contact Shawn by April 1 for any budget items, including for next fall.

4.9 Guided Pathways (Kristy Woods): In March and April there will be continuing communities of practice meetings.

4.10 Enrollment Strategies (John Kelly): A template is being developed in the drama program for high school attendance of events. This can be applied to other departments.

4.11 Awards (Collin Thormoto): He sent out an email, but there are no submissions. The next email will ask for "intend to nominate" and Rifka will contact the candidates for the complete application.

4.12 Homecoming (Sarah Thompson): She submitted last meeting's brainstorming ideas to LPC SG, and is meeting with Dr. Foster.

4.13 LBGTQ+ Resolution Implementation (Sarah Thompson): There is a change in committee membership. The next opportunities for professional development are College Day and Convocation; Kyle will return to assist with these events.

4.14 Compressed Calendar (Dave Wagner): see attachment

This was discussed since last year. The reason for this work was Dave's experience with a 15-week semester at his last college. There is burn out of staff and students at the end of semesters. We are missing enrollment opportunities due to our "early" start date. Our calendar results in one additional month of classes that affect student's income opportunities. Compressed calendar colleges have a winter session, more potential courses for adjuncts. See the attachment for research and details. Highlights:

- Survey taken: for some courses, a "higher intensity" of learning results in better success
- There is increased faculty contact per day
- Semester ends early June; classified positions need to be adjusted
- Sports may be affected

Suggestion to look at the LPC history with this issue.

Next steps: the subcommittee develops a recommendation proposal for the next meeting including the documentation. Craig will help Dave with the proposal.

4.14 Treasurer (Craig Kutil): no updates.

4.15 President (Sarah Thompson):

Statewide advocacy is becoming very active. Sarah presented to the SCFF equity coalition of 15 districts and at the FACCC advocacy and policy meeting. She will travel to College of the Redwoods, Los Rios, and other colleges; and present to our board of trustees. The presentation is posted on the Academic Senate website as an attachment to the meeting.

Tracey and Sarah brought resolutions to the chancellor's council.

Sarah will bring the FA resolution to FA on March 25.

DEMC/CEMC: a key question is summarized by the loss of the sheriff's academy accruing additional budget coverage. For LPC the academy was expensive, and data is being compiled.

4.16 LPC Student Government (Kyle Johnson): They have been busy with planning activities:

- Blood Drive – you will get donuts for your donation
- Elections are open – promote this with your students (an email will be sent out with more information)
- Commencement – there will be a “grad central” event. Kyle will be one of the Commencement speakers.

## **5. OLD BUSINESS (S. Thompson)**

5.1 State Advocacy Update (Sarah Thompson): see attached presentation. Discussion and further presentation from Rajinder Samra on AAPI students.

Motion to proceed to 5.3: moved/seconded/approved

5.2 Audit Pilot Program (Sarah Thompson): *tabled until next meeting*

5.3 Envisioning an LPC 2030 – First Step (Identifying Populations): review of Miguel Colon's 2030 presentation from last meeting. The presentation is posted on the Academic Senate website.

## **6. NEW BUSINESS (S. Thompson)**

6.1 Staff Appreciation Event (Daniel Cearley): The date is set for Wednesday, April 27. Remind your divisions to contribute to the appreciation gifts.

6.2 Academic Senate Election Advisory Committee (Carlos Moreno): There is one nomination each for secretary and treasurer; Carlos will send a reminder. The goal is to present the candidates at the next Academic Senate meeting.

6.3 Resolution to Support FACCC Proposed Modifications of the SCFF (Sarah Thompson): *tabled for next meeting*

6.4 Community Gathering (Scott Miner): There is activity around getting students together for “homecoming” and Scott would like a faculty get together after the last division meeting on May 18. It will be off campus, with light snacks, bring your own refreshments. He will send out more details. This is an optional social activity focused on reconnection. Scott will distribute a sign-up sheet for volunteers.

6.5 Plenary and Leadership Conferences: Tracey Coleman will attend Leadership; Sarah recommends our incoming treasurer or secretary also attend. Sarah will attend Plenary in April with Tracey. This is a hybrid event. Let Sarah know by March 21 if you are interested.

## 7. GOOD OF THE ORDER

7.1 Announcements: none

7.2 Next meeting: **Wednesday, March 23, 2:30 – 4:30 pm via zoom**

7.3 Adjournment: Motion to adjourn: moved/seconded/meeting adjourned at 4:37 pm.

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