



ACADEMIC SENATE MINUTES

April 27, 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 2:34 pm
- 1.2 Approval of agenda: Motion to approve: moved/seconded/approved
- 1.3 Approval of minutes (April 13, 2022) attachment Motion to approve: moved/seconded/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)

- 3.1 Compressed Calendar Resolution (Dave Wagner): Motion to approve: moved/seconded: discussion: this resolution was the result of research and discussion in the subcommittee/call the question: approved
- 3.2 ZCT (Zero Cost Textbooks) definitions approval (Kali Rippel): Motion to approve: moved/seconded: discussion about supplies: required supplies should be included in the definitions/call the question: approved

3. CONSENT ITEMS (S. Thompson) Motion to approve 3.1 and 3.2: moved/seconded/approved

- 3.1 Ratifying election results (Carlos Moreno): Secretary: Collin Thormoto; Treasurer: Ashley Young.
- 3.2 Counselor/Instructor (3YCG10) Hiring Committee: Jared Howard, Michelle Zapata, Heike Gecox, Lyndale Garner

4. REPORTS

- 4.1 LPC Student Government (Kyle Johnson): A resolution from the Student Senate is coming forward later in the agenda. May 2 the new board will be sworn in. Commencement plans are moving forward.
- 4.2 CTE - (Melissa Korber): The committee met focusing on allocation of Perkins Grants funds (\$100,000 allocated from the state). There were 14 projects forwarded; nine were funded. \$103,000 was awarded (with \$3000 carry-over funds). Vicki is looking into other funding sources for the unawarded projects. Melissa's position is open; nominations go to Vicki and Sarah.

4.4 SLO Committee – (Ann Hight): She has served for seven years. During this time we went from a 100% compliance model to the new model implemented three years ago which is faculty-driven. There are three CAH for her position, so a volunteer can be requested (it is not a contractual position).

4.5 Program Review Committee – (Lucas Hasten): Discussions are along two tracks. (1) What needs to be on next year's document (with cross-campus input)? Ongoing discussion about a possible program mapping and curriculum section. (2) Bringing the document up to date; making it available online such as a Google doc, and making the documents searchable.

4.6 DE Committee – (Robert August) no report

4.7 Faculty Hiring Prioritization – (Heike Gecox): She was contacted on additional emergency replacement positions. They met and discussed; the recommendation was to move the positions forward to the president.

4.8 Accreditation Steering Committee – (Kristina Whalen) no report

4.9 Technology Committee - (Drew Patterson) no report

4.10 District Technology Committee – (Bill Komanetsky) no report

4.11 LGBTQ+ Resolution Implementation (Sarah Thompson): Meeting next week

4.11 Treasurer - (Craig Kutil): Looking into payment of the Academic Senate Scholarships (are there funds in the bank account to transfer into the Foundation scholarship account for the Academic Senate?).

4.12 President- (Sarah Thompson):

Last night's board meeting was a showcase for what the colleges' faculty and students are doing. Tracey brought her Phi Beta Lambda business club students. Dave Wagner's and Peter Kuo's student work was highlighted.

- Members of the senate described their college roles.
- Trustee Harris Mojadedi was introduced and spoke to the importance of community colleges in transforming lives.

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

5.1 Recommendations regarding LPC's response to Core Inquiry 2: Transfer of Credit (Craig Kutil): Craig discussed this with our evaluator and LPC's A & R. Tina Inzerilla spoke to the question of completion being more important than learning.

5.2 Audit Pilot Program (Sarah Thompson): This is continuing to progress toward a pilot next spring (2023). Social science, music and theater courses have submitted. A literature course would be good to add. The technical issues are being addressed.

5.3 AB1705 Update and Data Needs (Sarah Thompson): There is a debate between professors (see articles posted on the Academic Senate website). Please read the articles; Sarah will be proposing a resolution opposing AB1705. Sarah provided background information to this bill.

5.4 Academic Senate Awards (Collin Thormoto): These will be formally announced at the May Town Meeting:

- Teaching Awards: Alain Olavarrieta, Kali Rippel, Barbara Zingg
- Service Awards: Tom Orf, Michael Peterson

Reed Buffington nominations will be reviewed this summer. You can still submit these forms. Collin is available to assist in writing them.

5.5 Zero Cost Textbook Update (Kali Rippel): She has continued her research and referred to the document posted on the Academic Senate website. The document includes proposals:

- Proposal to set a threshold for what is considered an LTC class
- Proposal of clarifications to accompany ZTC and LTC definitions
- Proposal of recommendations to support the adoption of the above definitions

This will be an action item for our next meeting.

6. NEW BUSINESS (S. Thompson)

4.1 Faculty Hiring Prioritization Committee emergency replacements, comments from BSSL Division (Joanna Jen): The concern is that there is one main meeting per year; however, over the course of the year there were six emergency positions for consideration. The committee realizes there are true emergencies, but the large number of these affects the main ranking. Discussion about the process being “data driven.” Heike suggested revisiting the committee charge. There is faculty perception that the process is not conducted fairly; the process needs to be transparent and adhere to the charge.

4.2 LPC Student Government Resolution 03-2022: Resolution to Expand Student Rights when in Quarantine Due to Covid-19 (Kyle Johnson and Laura Wiedemeier) (attachment) This was brought to College Council who provided input in writing the resolution. Laura, the LPC SG president-elect, presented the resolution. Sarah noted that many of the items are contractual, not Academic Senate issues. Discussion about some points in the resolution.

4.3 Curriculum Committee Charge (Erick Bell): Tabled

4.4 District Faculty Hiring Process: Tabled

4.5 Reinstituting the FA/AS committee on Part Time Faculty Diversification: Tabled

4.6 CEMC Data and Enrollment Strategies: Tabled

7. GOOD OF THE ORDER

7.1 Announcements: Craig: Please read the draft GE Criteria posted on the Academic Senate website. There is one minor modification in the new draft, and this will be a Consent Item at the next meeting.

7.2 Next meeting: May 11, 2022; 2:30 pm via zoom

7.3 Adjournment: Motion to adjourn: moved/seconded/approved; meeting adjourned at 4:35 pm.

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