



**Email to all LPC**

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Dear Las Positas College Family,

I am hoping that everyone had a wonderful 2015 and that you are expecting an even better 2016. I know that I have a very positive outlook for Las Positas College for 2016. There are so many things that are happening around the campus that provide an air of excitement and energy.

Since we do not have a formal Town Meeting this month, I thought I would push out a few announcements and some general information. If you have any questions or want further information on any of these topics, please feel free to contact me or any of the Vice Presidents, directly. Replying to "ALL" might clog everyone's email here at the beginning of the semester.

- Enrollment for the Spring 2016 semester seems to still be doing well. We are approximately 5% above the enrollment from Spring 2015.
- Please note that **February 16** will be our Spring Flex Day. The campus will be closed from 8 am to 4 pm so that all faculty and staff can join in the professional development. All classes that begin after 4 pm will be held as scheduled.
- I am attending the meeting of **ACCJC**, our accreditor, in Sacramento on January 7. I will be meeting with them in closed session to answer any last minute questions they may have before they make a decision on our accreditation status. We should know of their decision by the end of the month.
- We are expecting around 240 participants in our Spring **Math Jam** at LPC. This is our largest group ever. Thanks to the Math faculty and a host of others around the campus who help make this happen for our students.
- You will notice that a rather large fence barricade is now encircling the **Building 700** work area. This is a good sign – a brand new photography and visual communications environment will be coming soon.
- There is now a **new crosswalk** from the Shea Homes to the campus. Hopefully, this will allow greater access to and from the walking path and keep folks from having to climb the fence to get to campus.
- Pending Board approval on January 19, **Jim Wright**, who recently served as our Interim VP of Academic Services, will be re-joining the administrative team as the Interim Vice President of Administrative Services. We are currently in the search for the new Vice President so Jim will be with us, working 20 hours per week, through March.
- The LPC Foundation and the Livermore Valley Opera will be joining forces to host a major event on February 6. World renowned opera singer, **Frederica von Stade** will be on the main stage of the Mertes Performing Arts Center. There will be two parts of the evening, a more social fundraiser for the opera as well as a performance that will be open to the public at very reasonable costs.



- We have added one new full-time faculty member to our staff. **Peter Kuo** will be joining LPC as a faculty member in the Visual Communications area. He comes to the campus with a wealth of knowledge and experience in the field.
- All faculty position announcements are out and on the [District web page](#). Please help us forward the information to interested candidates.

That's it for now. I look forward to seeing you at the first Town Meeting of 2016 on February 3.

**Barry A. Russell, Ph.D.**

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