



ACADEMIC SENATE MINUTES

May 30, 2023 | 2:30 – 3:00 pm | Room 1687 + zoom for visitors

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: Brody Price
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: VACANT
Student Services: Christina Lee, Jill Oliveira
Part Time Representative: Jeff Judd

1. **Call to Order:** meeting called to order at 2:35 pm
2. **Review and Approval of Agenda:** motion to approve:
moved/seconded/approved
3. **Review and Approval of Minutes (May 24, 2023):** motion to approve: 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.*
5. **Consent Items:** motion to approve 5.1 and 5.2:
moved/seconded/approved
 - 5.1 LPC Curriculum Changes – March 20 to May 15, 2023 (website attachment)
 - 5.2 STEM Full-Time/Tenure Track Computer Science Faculty member hiring committee:
 - Carlos Moreno
 - Moh Daoud
 - Jennifer Decker
 - Carrie Frates
6. **Action Items:**
 - 6.1 Professional Matter - Equity in Faculty Committee Participation Proposal (Sarah Thompson): see attachment on website. Change to part-time evaluations: 8 instead of 9. Motion to approve: moved/seconded/discussion: was this too rushed, did all divisions give input? There is a process to adjust the “levels,” with more classes in the afternoon there are conflicts with committee meeting times. Note that coordination of programs is a professional responsibility; the college is responsible for reassigned time. This could be a FA, not a Senate, solution. Can chairs who get reassigned time use their position for their participation?
Background: under contract, we need to participate in committees. But there is no method of promoting equity so everyone participates in meeting their requirements. This will go into effect Fall 2023.

Question about club advisor responsibilities: though outside 10+1, it is a labor-intensive position for faculty in terms of financial and paperwork management. However, clubs are essential for student involvement and satisfaction. We want to acknowledge this.

Senate subcommittees and district committees will be meeting in person. Other committees will continue with a zoom option, meeting the needs for people with all-remote needs.

Following this meeting, Sarah and Ashley will review division requests in terms of this equity matrix. There will be an opportunity for more discussions and petitions for changing levels. There needs to be a faculty appeals process. Sarah and Ashley will work on these issues over the summer.

Call the question: motion carries.

7. Announcements/Information Items

8. Adjourn: motion to adjourn: moved/seconded/approved. Meeting adjourned at 2:55 pm.

9. Next Meeting: August 23, 2023