



ACADEMIC SENATE MINUTES

September 23, 2020 | 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

- ❖ Implement the integration of all ACCJC standards throughout campus structure and processes.
- ❖ 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.
- ❖ Coordinate resources and provide professional development for effective online instruction and remote delivery of student support services and college processes to advance equitable student outcomes.

Academic Senate

Quorum: 11

Non-Voting Members:

President: Sarah Thompson
Past President: Melissa Korber
Student Government: Saba Salehifar,
Frank Polanco
Admin.: Rifka Several

Voting Members:

Vice President: Craig Kutil
Secretary: Bill Komanetsky
Treasurer: Ashley Young
BSSL: Robin Roy, Tracey Coleman, Collin Thormoto
A & H: John Kelly, Catherine Suarez,
Natalie Kellner, Cathering Eagan
STEM: Alain Olavarrieta, Carlos Moreno,
Jeffrey Weichert, Segal Boaz
PATH: Sebastian Wong
Student Services: Christina Lee, Jill Oliveira
Faculty Association: Heike Gecox
Part Time Representatives: Jeff Judd, Erin DeBakcsy

1.0 GENERAL BUSINESS (S. Thompson)

- 1.1 Call to Order/Establish Quorum: Meeting called to order at 2:30 pm
- 1.2 Approval of Agenda: Motion to approve: moved/seconded/approved
- 1.3 Approval of Minutes (9.9.20): 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 at on these items. NONE

2.0 ACTION ITEMS (S. Thompson) None

3.0 **CONSENT ITEMS (S. Thompson)** Motion to approve all consent items: moved/seconded/approved

3.1 Curriculum Committee Curriculum Changes approved for Fall 2020 and Spring 2021

3.2 Curriculum Committee Curriculum Changes, Board Approval

3.3 Approval of APs and BPs reviewed at the last meeting:

BP 2100 Board Elections; AP 4102 Career and Technical Education Programs; AP 4103 Work Experience; BP 4104 Contract Education; AP 4104 Contract Education; BP 4105 Distance Education; AP 4105 Distance Education; BP 4110 Honorary Degrees; BP 4220 Standards of Scholarship; AP 4222 Remedial Coursework; BP 4226 Multiple and Overlapping Enrollments; AP 4226 Multiple and Overlapping Enrollments; AP 4227 Repeatable Courses; AP 4228 Course Repetition – Significant Lapse of Time; AP 4229 Course Repetition – Variable Units, Credit for Experience

4.0 Special Guest Speaker – LPC Budget Update – Chancellor Gerhard (attachment)

4.0 REPORTS

4.1 UndocuAlly Task Force - (Alain Olavarrieta): There are a variety of LatinX Heritage Month activities, which can be accessed on the DREAMers website: <http://www.laspositascollege.edu/dreamers/latinxhispanicheritagemonth.php>

They are hosting a financial aid workshop for DACA, undocumented and AB540 students. Their website is updated with more information.

4.2 CTE - (Melissa Korber): The Committee is in discussion regarding the Master Plan and the role of CTE in the Plan. As we move forward, CTE will be included. They are creating a virtual job center. Melissa will attend College Council and present the Committee information.

4.3 SLO Committee – (Ann Hight): (attachment) There is a fillable planning template which will be sent out with instructions for the degree-granting programs, student service areas, non-major courses, and certificate programs. The focus is on meaningful assessment of goals.

4.4 Education Master Plan Updates – (Rajinder Samra) Work continues on the Plan.

4.5 DE Committee – (Bobby August) none

4.6 Guided Pathways – (Kristy Woods) none

4.7 Faculty Hiring Prioritization – (Heike Gecox) Deadline extended until tomorrow. There will be about ten applications. Submit requisitions even during the freeze to provide documentation.

4.8 Student Senate – (Saba Salehifar; Frank Polanco): We extended the election guidelines for vacant positions. Mass email was sent to students today. They are in the process of holding student senate interviews, and the executive committee will meeting tomorrow. Question about clubs: for interclub council, Saba will chair this until there is a representative. Club orientation is October 9, and Club rush is scheduled for the end of October.

Frank is the Student Trustee for LPC, and will attend Academic Senate meetings.

4.9 Accreditation Steering Committee – (Kristina Whalen) Kristina shared a chart of the institutional self-evaluation progress, for fall and spring semesters. They are looking at standards, with a 12-member committee. This will be ready for review beginning next fall.

4.10 Technology Committee - (Kali Rippel): none

4.11 Treasurer - (Ashley Young): Questions about creating a virtual payment account: Venmo is not possible. Ashley created a PayPal account, but it collected her personal information. We will continue to explore ways to proceed to make contributing easy. Ashley will begin working on the Senate scholarship fundraiser.

4.12 President - (Sarah Thompson):

Academic Senate/FA meetings have started on faculty diversification.

Sarah participated on the hiring committee for vice-chancellor, business services. The candidate will go to the board in October for approval.

She shared information on the “six month wall” – in any sustained crisis, how to keep moving forward. The pandemic is reasonably only 1/3 through before we have a more normal situation. We need to face another adaption phase. Focus on kindness and meeting obligations. Sarah sees more students being “partial participants.” (attachment)

5.0 OLD BUSINESS (S. Thompson) To be tabled for next meeting:

5.1 AP and BP 4225 Course Repetition (Craig Kutil)

5.2 Academic Honesty

5.3 Equity Based Curriculum Process

5.4 President Elect

5.5 Audit Option

6.0 NEW BUSINESS (S. Thompson)

6.1 New program proposal (Laura Reno) (attachment) The ECD Department is seeking approval for an Elementary Teacher Education - AA.T - Associate in Arts for Transfer degree program proposal. This is in response to data showing a

high demand for teachers, which is increasing. Craig commented that this is a high-GE unit program and that it articulates well. Chabot has this program already, and it is a successful degree. This will be an action item at the next meeting.

To be tabled for next meeting:

6.2 Issues with Biology Labs – Fees, Technology, etc.

6.3 Supporting Student Effort to Fundraise for Migrant Labor Support

6.4 Guided Pathways “Onboarding” Goals

6.5 Remote Learning Fires

6.6 AB705 Support

6.7 Enrollments – Recruitment and Retention

6.8 EMP – Values Statement

7.0 GOOD OF THE ORDER

7.1 Announcements:

7.1.1 Bill Komanetsky has accepted additional responsibilities, so will resign as secretary for the Academic Senate next semester. This will be on next meeting agenda.

7.1.2 Craig is continuing to work on the AP/BP on Course Repetition

7.1.3 Are professors cancelling class so students can vote? This will be on the next meeting agenda.

7.2 **Meetings: 2nd and 4th Wednesdays, 2:30 – 4:40 pm, via Zoom; next meeting October 14th, 2:30 – 4:30 pm.**

7.3 Adjournment: Motion to adjourn: moved/seconded/approved

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