



HONORS PROGRAM COMMITTEE AGENDA

October 20| 2:30-4pm|21247

Agenda Item

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.
- ❖ Establish a knowledge base and appreciation for health and wellness in the workplace; create a sense of urgency about wellness; prioritize wellness in decision-making, assessment and accountability; and build capacity to support wellness.

Honors Program Committee

Non-Voting Members:

Co-Chairs
Jennifer Siders
Irena Keller

Voting Members:

Michelle Simotas
Aubrie Ross
Alain Olavarrieta
Dan Cearley
Marty Nash
Rafael Valle
Paul Sapsford
Sidhant Parashar

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Review and Approval of Agenda**
3. **Review and Approval of Minutes**
4. **Action Items**
 - **Middle college involvement/policy**
 - **Invited guest: Amy Brown from middle college**
 - Finalize the Mission Statement and SAOs
 - Flex Day Session Prep for October 23rd
5. **Old Business**
 - Honors Degree (18 units) or Certificate (15 units)
 - One seminar or two
 - Conferences participation (Faculty and Students)
 - BHC Symposium/Fieldtrip to Stanford on May 2
 - Vans? Driver volunteers?
6. **New Business**
 - Ali Fund for National Conference in STEM – how to proceed?
 - A Capstone Project idea – Honors independent Study?
7. **Updates/Informational Items**
 - Honors Courses for Spring 2026 – 5?
 - Honors Statistics for FALL – 336 active students, 90 waitlisted. 96 approved contracts, 163 embedded components, 3 Honors sections (approximately 36, 32, 20)
 - Publication subcommittee (will meet on Monday 27nd)
Fundraising Updates
 - Outreach report
8. **For the Good of the Order**
9. **Adjournment**
10. **Next Regular Meeting: November 17**

Fall meetings: August 18th, September 15th, October 20th, November 17th
Spring meetings: March 16th, April 20th, May 18th