



HONORS PROGRAM COMMITTEE AGENDA

September 15| 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**
 - Finalize Mission Statement and SAOs
 - Approve Honors Program Requirements for Students
 - Should at least one honors course per year be required to stay in the program?
 - Should at least one Honors section be required out of the 5 for Honors Scholar/transfer agreements?
 - Middle college/dual enrollment students (if spots are limited, should transfer students at least have priority?)
 - Change the cap, give priority to learning communities?
 - Choose Flex Day Session Mode and Presenters (due September 23rd)
5. **Old Business**
 - Honors Courses for Spring 2026
6. **New Business**
 - Honors Degree Curriculum
 - Total 18 Honors Units
 - At least one (or two?) Honors seminars – Honors Research Seminar I, and Honors Research Seminar II (1.5 or 2 units each)
 - Five transferable honors courses (a minimum of 15 units). Honors seminars are not included in the 15-unit requirement)
 - At least 1 in English
 - At least 1 in stem or in social/behavioral science
7. **Updates/Informational Items**
 - Report on Contracts Approvals (not too many contacts!)
 - Publication subcommittee will meet on Monday 29nd 2:30-3:30.
 - Fundraising Updates
 - Outreach report
 - Division Report Preparation for September 17th.
 - Slides to share
 - Transfer Fair (specific for Student Services)
8. **For the Good of the Order**
9. **Adjournment**
10. **Next Regular Meeting: October 20**

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