



# Las Positas College Student Government

Senate Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, October 18th, 2023 | 4:00 PM

## I. CALL TO ORDER CLOSED SESSION

- Called to order at 4:00pm with a recess of 3 minutes. Back to order at 4:03

## II. ROLL CALL (CLOSED SESSION)

### EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

Brody Price – President (Chair)	-P
Alexa Sumitra – Vice President	-P
Jai Puli – Director of Legislation	-P
(Vacant) – Director of Communications	-
Mehrsa Gholikhamseh – Director of Events	-P
Ayaan Ahmad – Director of Programs and Services	-P
Nada Ibrahim – Director of Finance	-P
Shreshth Sarin – Director of Club Outreach	-P

### STUDENT TRUSTEE

Omar Au – Student Trustee Las Positas College	-P
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### SENATORS

Omar Au	-P
Yuna Karpelevitch	-Excused
Evren Yuncuoglu	-P

Eric Xu	-P
Mahi Bath	-P
Britney Hernandez	-P
Isabella Qiu	-P
Delaney Roehrs	-P
Jazel Algazzali	-P
Gurshan Brar	-P

#### **CLUB REPRESENTATIVES**

A2MEND Club	-
Art & Design Club	-
Las Positas Computer Science Club	-
Christ In Action Club	-
Asian Pacific Islander Association Club	-
Vand Chakna Club	-
Chemistry Club	-
Psychology Club	-P
Women In STEM Association Club	-
Game Lounge Club	-
Math Club	-
LPC Student Ambassador Club	-
History Club	-

Muslim Student Association Club	-
Puente Club	-
Anthropology Club	-
Business Club	<b>-P</b>
Honors Program Club	-
Las Positas College Chess Club	-
Physics Club (Society of Physics Students)	-
Queer Straight Alliance Club (Sexuality and Gender Alliance)	-
<b>ADVISORS</b>	
Shawn Taylor – Director of Student Equity and Success	<b>-A</b>
Josué Hernández - Program Coordinator of Student Life & Leadership	<b>-P</b>

### **III. CLOSED SESSION BUSINESS**

No closed session business was discussed.

### **IV. ADJOURNMENT (CLOSED SESSION)**

Closed session adjourned at 4:03 PM.

### **V. CALL TO ORDER (1 min)**

Open Session called to order at 4:03 PM.

### **VI. ROLL CALL (1 min)**

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Ayaan Ahmad – Director of Programs and Services	-P
Nada Ibrahim – Director of Finance	-P
Shreshth Sarin – Director of Club Outreach	-P

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Evren Yuncuoglu	-P
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## VII. QUORUM (1 min)

Quorum is established with 17/18 voting members present

**VIII. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

O. Au moves to approve the agenda. M. Gholikhamseh seconded. The motion passes with no objections.

**IX. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

O. Au moves to approve the minutes from the 10/04/23 Senate meeting. I. Qiu seconded. The motion passes with no objection.

**X. GUEST SPEAKER(S)**

<p><b>Caring Campus (Discussion/Presentation)</b> - Aubrie Ross</p>	<p>Classified Senate President Ross and former President O’Neil - Opipari will represent the Classified Senate and present on Caring Campus.  Classified Senate President Ross and former President O’Neil - Opipari presented the Classified Senate and on Caring Campus.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Helps to create a more caring and supportive campus environment</li> <li>- Provide emphasis on behavioral commitments</li> <li>- Students offered their perspective on Caring Campus. Many students expressed gratitude for the initiative.</li> </ul>	<p>20 minutes</p>
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**XI. PUBLIC COMMENT** (3 minutes per person) *Students and members of the public are encouraged to speak on any topic during public comment. Each individual is limited to three minutes. If students or members of the public wish to address an item on the agenda during the meeting or ask questions during the meeting, they need to be recognized by the Chairperson by both raising their hand and speaking out their name. Their comment is limited to three minutes. (CA Education Code 72121.5 and Government Code 54954.3)*

No public comments were made.

B. Price yielded his Office Report time to President Foster at 4:24 PM.

**XII. OLD BUSINESS**

<p><b>Senator Recognition (Action)</b> - Alexa Sumitra</p>	<p>A. Sumitra will recommend new Senator Candidates to be recognized by LPCSG Student Senate.</p> <p>The following candidates will be recommended:</p> <p>Heba Munad Hadia Ashfaq</p> <p>Omar Au. Moved to approve the following senators. Delaney seconded. The motion passes with no objections made.</p>	<p>1 minute</p>
<p><b>Club Recognition (Action)</b> - Shreshth Sarin</p>	<p>S. Sarin will recommend new Club Candidates, with a representative present, to be recognized by LPCSG Student Senate.</p> <p>The following candidates will be recommended:</p> <p><del>Administration of Justice Club</del> <del>KPOP Club</del> <del>BIONIC Club</del> Robotics Club Armina Arhman Journalism Club Daya Sanchez</p> <p>Shreshth Sarin moved to recognize the clubs with their representatives present. Britney seconded. Motion passed with no objection.</p>	<p>1 minute</p>
<p><b>Club Budget Transfers (Action)</b> - Shreshth Sarin</p>	<p>S. Sarin will recommend that new Clubs, pending their recognition, receive \$500 through a budget transfer from the Inter-Club Council Account to each of the respective Clubs' accounts</p> <p>The following clubs will be recommended for a budget transfer:</p>	<p>1 minute</p>

	<p><del>Administration of Justice Club</del> <del>KPOP Club</del> <del>BIONIC Club</del> Robotics Club Armina Arhman Journalism Club Daya Sanchez</p> <p>Shresth Sarin moves to transfer \$500 from the ICC Account to the Robotics Club and Journalism Club. Delaney seconded. Roll call vote took place and favored approval of the motion unanimously.</p>	
<p><b>Current and Upcoming Events (Discussion)</b> - Mehrsa Gholikhamseh</p>	<p>M. Gholikhamseh will conduct a focused discussion on current and upcoming events and open the floor to executive officers to speak about their events.</p> <p>M. Gholikhamseh (trunk or treat), S. Sarin (club fair), and Ayaan (the market), and Brody (Dia de Loss Muertos) conducted a focused discussion on current and upcoming events.</p>	10 minutes

### XIII. NEW BUSINESS

<p><b>Current Resolutions (Action/Discussion)</b> - Jai Puli</p>	<p>J. Puli will explain current resolutions from Las Positas College Student Government and a vote will be held deciding the approval of each resolution. Current resolutions will be read out by J. Puli. J. Puli read out the DACA Resolution in support of the DACA recipients.</p> <p><a href="#">DACA Resolution.docx</a></p> <p>J. Puli moves to approve the DACA Resolution. O. Au seconded. Roll call vote took place and favored</p>	5 minutes
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	<p>approval of the motion unanimously.</p> <p>B. Price read out the Stipend Resolution regarding stipends that the student government gives out and informed the Senate that the Las Positas College Office of Business and Administrative Services agreed to pay out the stipends as listed in the resolution.</p> <p><a href="#">Stipend Resolution.docx</a></p> <p>O. Au moved to approve and J. Algazzali seconded. Roll call vote took place and favored approval of the motion unanimously.</p> <p>At 5:20 PM Vice President Sumitra and Senator Qiu were excused from the meeting.</p>	
<p><b>Dia De Los Muertos Budget Allocation (Action)</b></p> <p>-</p> <p>Mehrsa Gholikhamseh</p>	<p>M. Gholikhamseh will propose an amendment to the LPCSG 2023-2024 Budget to allocate \$4000 for the Dia De Los Muertos Event being held on November 1<sup>st</sup>.</p> <p>M. Gholikhamseh moved to allocate \$4000 for the Dis De Los Muertos. J. Algazzali seconded. Roll call vote took place and favored approval of the motion unanimously.</p>	<p>1 minute</p>
<p><b>Moonlight Movies Budget Allocation (Action)</b></p> <p>-</p> <p>Brody Price</p>	<p>B. Price will propose an amendment to the LPCSG 2023-2024 Budget to allocate funds for the recurring Moonlight Movies event held on the dates of 11/8/23 and 12/7/23. The amendment will add the allocation of \$1000 (\$500 per semester) for the Moonlight movies events for the 2023-2024 Academic year.</p> <p>O. Au moved, and G. Brar seconded. Roll call vote took place and favored approval of the motion unanimously.</p>	<p>1 minute</p>

<p><b>Policy Readouts (Discussion)</b></p> <p>-</p> <p>Mehrsa Gholikhamseh Nada Ibrahim</p>	<p>M. Gholikhamseh and N. Ibrahim will explain the policies read out at the recent Chancellor’s Council meeting held on October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023. They will open the floor to discussion amongst the LPCSG Student Senate on these policies.</p> <p><b>B. Price reviewed the policies read out at the recent Chancellor’s Council meeting held on October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023. There were no questions or comments. Mehrsa Gholikhamseh and Nada Ibrahim will go to the next Council Meeting and inform them that there were no comments or questions from us.</b></p>	<p>15 minutes</p>
<p><b>Formal Resignation of Director of Communications (Discussion)</b></p> <p>-</p> <p>Brody Price</p>	<p>B. Price will inform the LPCSG Student Senate and General Public that the former Director of Communications, Lena Munad, has chosen to resign from her position via email. B. Price will recommend that those with questions refer to LPCSG Director of Legislation, Jai Pui, on the matter.</p> <p><b>B. Price informed the LPCSG Senate that the Director of Communications, Lena Munad, has resigned.</b></p>	<p>1 minute</p>
<p><b>Internal Election for Director of Communications (Discussion)</b></p> <p>-</p> <p>Jai Puli</p>	<p>J. Puli will inform the LPCSG Student Senate and General Public of the process for an internal election. A rough timeline will be presented with further information distributed as the process moves forward.</p> <p><b>J. Puli explained the process of electing a director of communications. Announcement of Senate Meeting where voting will take place will be announced in about 2 weeks. The voting will take place on the day of the next senate meeting.</b></p>	<p>5 minutes</p>

#### **XIV. OFFICER REPORTS**

##### **EXECUTIVE OFFICERS**

Brody Price – President (Chair)

Brody informed the Student Senate that the health center is open to drop-in appointments, or they allow for students to schedule one. Open from 9-5 on Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday, and Tuesdays 9-7pm, and Fridays 9-1 PM. Yesterday he attended the Board of Trustees meeting and gave a report of upcoming LPCSG events and recognitions of senators/clubs. The market will be next week; help is needed. He reminds student government members to fill out the committee template during our committee meetings. Brody met with President Foster, VP Wilson, and Director Taylor on 10/11. They discussed working on adding more food options and later closing time for the cafeteria. Next Fall the cafeteria might be open later for evening classes. They discussed a Student Center and a larger area for students to work together, socialize, and to have senate meetings and club meetings. He also informed them of the possibility of a cultural events resolution coming forth.

President Foster spoke regarding the incident posted on social media between two individuals on the LPC campus. He is looking to engage in dialogue with the individuals and learn more about what happened. He informed the Senate and public that he is engaging with the district attorney's office and will be following administrative procedure and board policy.

A student from the public asked about the enrollment status of the student. President Foster informed everyone that due to FERPA (Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act) he is unable to reveal information on the student's enrollment status.

Shreshth asked about plans to prevent this issue in the future. President Foster said that to prevent situations like this the school will talk with students about freedom of expression more in the future and educate them.

Mahi asked if there are any concerns about being contacted about outside media outlets (not in the college). President Foster informed us that Chip Woerner will be handling all information on this situation regarding the media outlets.

Nada asked if there will be future statements about the situation from the college. President Foster said that the campus has a diverse population. He acknowledges that the statements out are not hitting the right note with everyone. He said that he had received hundreds of emails.

Omar asked about resources available to students and employees for mental health. President Foster informed that students take advantage of resources. If there are any concerns with resources reach out to President Foster. He has asked campus security to be more visible on campus. Has reached out to Livermore PD on Monday.

Mahi asked about digital safety for students. President Foster informed that they are taking precautions in the IT department and that threats have been made and the college is making sure they provide ample support and safety.

Britney asked about the best approach for being in a situation like this. President Foster said that we have the student code of conduct where you can say what happened to you and report it. You can report to campus safety. Campus safety has the penal code and other laws that they are mindful of. He encourages students to not engage in those situations. Also, if you witness it report it

Delaney asked about resources available to keep students safe. President Foster referred to campus safety for the matter.

No report was given.

Jai Puli – Director of Legislation

Jai is a delegate for the SSCCC, and they are having a conference from Dec 1-3<sup>rd</sup>. 6 members from the student government will be attending along with our advisor.

(Vacant) – Director of Communications

Mehrsa Gholikhamseh – Director of Events

We need to do our set up for the club fair starting Thursday. And set up at 8-10:30 am for the high school counselor open house. She asks that members fill out their availability for tabling at the event.

Ayaan Ahmad – Director of Programs and Services

We need more volunteers for the market.

Nada Ibrahim – Director of Finance

No report was given.

Shreshth Sarin – Director of Club Outreach

He asks that people please help set up starting Thursday for the Club Fair. Please help during office hours.

## **STUDENT TRUSTEE**

Omar Au – Student Trustee Las Positas College

He attended the board meeting and gave an update of what is happening on campus and marketing within student government and a change on our agenda.

## **SENATORS**

Omar Au

Yuna Karpelevitch

No report given.

Evren Yuncuoglu

Gave a report on his Academic Senate committee. The Technology committee is working on updates to the website. Compressed schedule reported on the presentation given at a previous senate meeting.

Working on an AI plagiarism policy.

Eric Xu

No report given.

Mahi Bath

Went to the SEA committee for Britney. She watched a presentation on the compressed calendar. LPC is trying to create an app designated for students to help find info about the college. Working on creating merch.

Britney Hernandez

Thanked Mahi for attending the last SEA committee meeting in her place.

Isabella Qiu

No report given.

Delaney Roehrs

Gave a report on District Enrollment Management committee.

Jazel Algazzali

No report given.

Gurshan Brar

No report given.

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Chemistry Club

Psychology Club

A speaker next week the week of club fair talk. Meeting Thursdays

online/zoom in the 1060 room 3:30-4:30pm

Women In STEM Association Club

Game Lounge Club

Math Club

LPC Student Ambassador Club

History Club

Muslim Student Association Club

Puente Club

Anthropology Club

Business Club

Having Moss Adams as a guest speaker on the 25<sup>th</sup> from 2-3:00pm.

Honors Program Club

Las Positas College Chess Club

Physics Club (Society of Physics Students)

Queer Straight Alliance Club (Sexuality and Gender Alliance)

#### **ADVISORS**

Shawn Taylor – Director of Student Equity and Success -

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Acknowledged the hard week that students and staff faced and thanked everyone for their recent help.

#### **XV. ANNOUNCEMENTS (3 mins)**

No announcements were made.

#### **XVI. GOOD OF THE ORDER**

Nothing was stated for the good of the order.

#### **XVII. ADJOURNMENT**

**A. Ahmad moved to adjourn the meeting and N. Ibrahim seconded. No objections were made, and the meeting adjourned at 5:55.**