



## Viticulture & Winery Technology Advisory Board Meeting Meeting Minutes

April 30, 2025 | 4:00 PM | L3600, Room 3601

### 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

- ❖ 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.

#### Viticulture & Winery Technology Advisory Board Members

Damian Bramlett  
Jessica Carroll  
Paula Checchi  
Neal Ely  
David Everett  
Lisa Everett  
David Hendrickson  
David Kent  
John Kinney  
Brandi Lombardi  
Phil Long  
Beth McCormick  
Jean O'Neil-Opipari  
Meredith Sarboraria  
Vicki Shipman  
Karl Wente  
Nicki Wente

#### 1. Call to Order

#### 2. Welcome and Introductions: Jessica Carroll, David Everett, Damian Bramlett, Lisa Everett, Paula Checchi, Brandi Lombardi, Jean O'Neil-Opipari

#### 3. Tour of Viticulture & Winery Technology Facilities

#### 4. Review and Approval of Agenda, 4/30/25

#### 5. Review and Approval of Minutes, 10/8/24

#### 6. Industry Updates - Input from the Board Members

- Hiring Needs
  - Always looking for tasting room staff
- Skills in Demand
  - Gregarious, enthusiastic, and personable; acts as a winery ambassador with wine knowledge
- Emerging Trends/Technologies
  - Tariffs – wait and see, unsure of the extent of the tariffs, avoid panic; each winery will be affected differently based on size and scope, with those having a global reach more likely to be impacted.
  - Observing price increases from one vendor so far.
  - Preparing to launch an initiative to target Gen Z. This generation prefers staying at Airbnb over Marriott, with Portal to that LVWine will share out
- Internship Opportunities
  - LPC Career Center Coordinator Kristi Vanderhoof, [KVanderhoof@laspositascollege.edu](mailto:KVanderhoof@laspositascollege.edu)
  - Internships local, part time for students
  - 4 X \$5K scholarships through the wine growers association. no due date, open all year
  - March, 26 job and internship fair (tasting room, harvest, all opportunities)

#### 7. Program Report - Provided by Faculty

- Future Hiring
  - Full-Time Faculty – in process of hiring – starting in Fall
  - Winery Operations Manager - take care of vineyard, winery, compliance – may hire on a contract basis for now
- Curriculum Updates
  - 18 VWT course outlines updated in Fall
  - 4 classes were updated this spring
  - All courses are current
  - Program maps also updated
- Enrollments – Spring 2025
  - Strong enrollment in 3 Spring classes
    - Wine of Americas and Beyond

- Soils
- Spring Winery Operation
  - The department always advocated for more FTEF so we can offer more classes
- Fall offerings
  - Intro to Vit
  - Intro to Enology
  - Sensory Analysis of Wine
  - Fall Winery Operation
- Campus Hill Vineyard
- Vineyard was pruned in early February
  - Mowing in the middle and perimeter
    - We had to pause in the middle of mowing to replace a "spun" driveshaft between the flail mower and our steel treaded crawler due to metal fatigue. A replacement was located in Stockton and installed. The original shaft has been repaired and will serve as an emergency backup
    - Vine rows are in the process of being cleared and will undergo a more thorough manual clearing within the next month.
    - The irrigation will be turned on as soon as the vineyard floor management has concluded, and any seasonal irrigation repairs will follow
  - It has always been our preference to lay down as little herbicide as possible to pursue sustainable practices
- Campus Hill Winery at Las Positas College
  - Spring Wine Week (May 13-15, 2 – 6 pm)
    - Paperwork (ABC and TTB license) completed for wine tasting and sales. Spread the word. Will provide a flyer to the advisory board. Post on Vibe, Patch
    - Wine tasting, wine sales, and live music. Students will do service and sales. Manager will onsite
    - Wines available: 2022 Albarino; 2024 Rose. See Tech Sheets. All other wines are sold out.
    - Wines in process:
      - 22 Port Style Touriga in barrel; coming along nicely
      - 23 Port Style Touriga in barrel; needs more time in barrel
      - 23 Syrah/Graciano in barrel; Plan to bottle soon since we are sold out of all red wines.
      - 24 Alberino in SS tank; Plan to bottle with Winery Operations students in 2 weeks.
      - 24 Malbec in barrel
      - 24 Syrah/Grenache in barrel
      - 24 Grenache/Syrah/Malbec (our very own "GSM") in barrel

## **8. Recommendations from the Advisory Board**

## **9. Other Business**

- Membership for college to the Wine Group, have a discussion with the Wine Growers Association
- Wine in process
- Working with David Haubert's office on Global ADA, 1<sup>st</sup> half of PD here in Livermore at the Campus Hill Winery on Friday, June 20. Saturday's event at the Martinelli Center
- 3 cases of wine stored onsite at LPC
- Providing their own stemware

- Regions pour their own wine.

**10. Next Regular Meeting, Fall 2025, tentatively Tuesday, December 9, 2025, at 4:00 pm**

**11. Adjournment 4:48 pm**

**Zoom:**

Topic: VWT Advisory Meeting

Time: Apr 30, 2025 04:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

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