The ASLPC (Student Senate) is committed to promoting student involvement on campus, advocating for student interests, and providing an atmosphere for better learning and personal growth, thereby encouraging student success. The Student Senate has grown over the past several years, and last year had 40 active members. This has allowed us more opportunities to organize and support major LPC- and ASLPC-sponsored events, develop leadership skills while advocating for the students and LPC, and represent the study body by being an active participant in the shared governance structure.

As part of the shared governance structure, the members of the Student Senate were active and engaged members of all shared governance committees last year, including Planning & Budget, Sustainability, Facilities, Technology, Curriculum, Distance Ed, Health & Safety, Campus Change Network, Basic Skills, and College Council. In addition, students served on the VPSS Hiring Committee and District committees.

The officers and senators of the ASLPC continue to work hard for all Las Positas College students and are committed to removing barriers to access, promoting student success, and providing an atmosphere for better learning and personal growth. To that end, the Student Senate is committed to providing high-quality services to LPC students, providing opportunities for students to participate in campus activities, advocating on both state and federal levels, and donating time and/or money in support of other programs on campus.

Scholarships
In supporting LPC’s “Students First” motto, perhaps the most important service that the ASLPC (Student Senate) provides is the donation of scholarship money to deserving students. ASLPC collaborated with the ASCC, as well as College Council and the Board of Trustees, to increase the Student Activity Fee from $5.00/semester to $10.00/semester with the goal of being able to offer more scholarships. With the successful increase, this year we were able to provide 100 scholarships totaling almost $30,000, double the amount given out last year. In addition, we were able to provide scholarships for the tutors who volunteered for Prep-2-Pass, the finals tutoring event.

Services
One of the most popular services that ASLPC provides is the Textbook Loaner Program (TLP). To help alleviate costs of college, the TLP allows students to check out up to two textbooks for an entire semester at only $30 per textbook. This program has grown over 500% this year with 160 students enrolled, checking out over 200 textbooks. We anticipate and are planning for further growth next fall. Another way we help reduce student costs is by providing test forms at no charge to students. ASLPC provided over 10,500 Scantrons and 1,250 blue/green books this year. Another popular service we provide each semester is “Prep-2-Pass”. Prior to finals each semester, the Student Senate members provide individual and group tutors for any students needing extra help in studying for finals. The Tutorial Center has extended hours for this event and ASLPC provides refreshments to the students as well as pays for the tutors. As a service to LPC, the Student Senate members conducted approximately ten individual and group campus tours for prospective students, families, and local middle and high school students to introduce them to our campus community. In addition, last Fall ASLPC hosted “Explore,” an event for incoming freshmen that provided a presentation and a campus tour with the goal of reducing the anxiety many new students experience. Approximately 200 new students attended this event.

Outreach
One of the Student Senate goals each year is to increase student involvement and acknowledge the diversity of our student body. To recognize LPC evening students who may not be able to participate in Student Life, ASLPC hosts an evening event each semester offering free food, games, movies, and free drawings. This event has consistently been well received and appreciated by the evening students. Twice each semester the Student Senate, in conjunction with the Inter-Club Council, promotes student clubs and assists in recruiting new members by hosting a free lunch to students who participate in Club Day. Almost 1500 students attended the four Club Days during the 2011-12 Academic Year. ASLPC also invites vendors to participate with the purpose of introducing the students to businesses and services in our community. The vendor participation also serves to generate revenue for the ASLPC.
Each Spring, ASLPC hosts a major event to encourage student engagement and to promote a sense of community. This year, we organized “Neon Night”, a “rave” with a DJ and refreshments. Approximately 175 students attended this event which was the largest turnout ever for a major event.

One of ASLPC’s new efforts this year was campus outreach. To show support of the various LPC student activities, members of the Student Senate attended and provided small appreciation gifts to various men’s and women’s athletic events, several performances of the Performing Arts Department, Speech Night, Veterans’ events, the Express Student Newspaper, and Radio Las Positas. Kipanga, the school mascot (a senator) attended many activities and events and was a huge success with students, staff, community members and other guests.

Our entire outreach efforts and our ability and willingness to undertake and/or support LPC’s major events have grown significantly in the past years as reflected in this chart.

Advocacy
Advocacy continued to be a major priority for the Student Senate this year. On March 5th, over 50 LPC students traveled to Sacramento for the statewide March-in-March under the coordination of the Student Senate. Two additional trips to Sacramento were attended by a small group of senators and officers to personally meet with legislators or their aides to discuss important issues in higher education. A total of 7 Advocacy/Information Days were held on campus to educate students about local, state and federal issues. Multiple resolutions were written and distributed both internally and externally on a wide range of issues. Local campus resolutions included support of the Health Center fee increase and bringing Planned Parenthood on campus. State resolutions included support for the Oil Extraction Tax Initiative and Governor Brown’s Tax Initiative. On the federal level, resolutions were sent supporting the Student Loan Forgiveness Act and against Pell Grant changes among others.

Leadership
Members of the Student Senate volunteer countless hours because of their commitment to students and Las Positas. They each spend an average of 40-50 hours per semester, while carrying full academic loads and in many cases working part-time. In an effort to improve their leadership skills and better serve students, they regularly engage in capacity building by attending conferences and retreats. This academic year, students attended the American Student Association of Community College (ASACC) in Nashville; the American Student Government Association (ASGA) in Boston; the California Diversity Conference at U.C. Berkeley; the Student Senate of California Community Colleges (SSCCC) Spring 2012 General Assembly in Ontario, CA; and an Advocacy Trip to Washington, D.C.

Donations
In an effort to support all students and other Student Services programs, the Student Senate donated money and/or volunteered their time to the Major/Employment Fair, Transfer Day, Seniors Switching Gears, Mega Day, Welcome Week, EXPO, CalWORKS, the Health Center, Distance Ed tutoring, the LPC Foundation Gala, and Graduation. ASLPC assisted in the purchase of Kipanga, the LPC mascot to help promote school spirit. And in this spirit, ASLPC also purchased a piano to replace the old one in the Student Center.
Inter-Club Council
One may observe school spirit in any one of over 30 of the very active clubs in the Inter-Club Council (ICC). The diversity of the student population and their many different interests are reflected in the types of clubs found in the ICC.

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While each club is unique and has its own mission, they all have at least one common goal – to make a difference to an LPC student, to the college, to the community, or even to the world. Club members have spent countless hours fundraising to make donations to Open Heart Kitchen, Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, Cantabella Children’s Chorus, March of Dimes, New Hope Orphanage in Africa, Colorado’s Children’s Hospital, Livermore Homeless Shelter, Kiva, Handicap International for the Prosthetic Limbs Project, Livermore Educational Foundation, Taylor Family Foundation, Rowan Carel Foundation, The Exceptional Needs Network, Moment by Moment Photography, LPC Music Department, Livermore Rodeo Parade 2011 Color Guard, “Water Project” Wells in Africa, and CalWORKS. Clubs have also organized coat drives, canned food drives, toy drives, and pajama drives. In addition to donating money, some clubs have volunteered at community organizations such as Open Heart Kitchen, Livermore Read Project, and Livermore Homeless Shelter.

Clubs have had guest speakers from LLNL, U.C. Davis, JFK University, Stanford University, nCircle Network Security, Solano Community College, among others and have covered topics including brain awareness, sleep disorders, mental health awareness, treatment of women in the Mid East, Israeli-Palestinian strife, calculating and estimating cash flow, and grand mal-type seizures. Clubs have gone on field trips to the Federal Reserve Bank, LLNL, Monterey Bay Aquarium, Regional Parks Botanic Garden, Filoli Gardens or attended conferences, such as the Business Leadership Conference, the American Philosophical Association Conference, and the Music Conference of Community Colleges.

Clubs have sponsored a variety of events, including Annual Teacher Appreciation dinner, self-defense seminars, film festivals, martial arts training, star gazing events, walk-a-thon, LGBT History Month, National Coming Out Day, “Be Smart with Body Art” Hepatitis C Awareness Campaign, Clothesline Project to bring awareness to sexual violence, American Red Cross Blood Drive, International Nights, Sexual Assault Awareness Day, Magic Show, Resume Building Workshop, Virtual Stock Exchange, Earth Day, Livermore High School Writing Contest, Poetry Slam, Wake the Dead, Drum Circle, and the Art Contest Gallery Opening Exhibit. Many clubs have also provided one-on-one student mentorship, tutoring, and even scholarships to their members.

Like the ASLPC (Student Senate), the Inter-Club Council, individual clubs and their members are committed to promoting student engagement and success, and providing an atmosphere for better learning and personal growth.