Board Report

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LEASE LEAVES LPC WITH A LASTING IMPRESSION

“A leader is one who knows the way, goes the way, and shows the way.”
— John C. Maxwell

Las Positas College has a long history and strong tradition of outstanding leaders: CEOs — each with their own style and strengths — who have put the institution on the map, promoted a culture of collegiality, pushed the campus community to grow and stretch, and paved the way for future success. As we say farewell to 2010-11, we add another notable name to that list: Dr. Guy Lease.

When he arrived at LPC almost one year ago — just weeks before the start of Fall semester — Dr. Lease hit the ground running and, ever since, has been maintaining momentum to move the College forward. He quickly proved that his experience and knowledge made him a fantastic fit for LPC and the role of Interim President. Within the first few days of his tenure, Dr. Lease kicked things off by welcoming students at EXPO in the new Amphitheater; he presented local school district representatives with an overview and tour of the College; and he delivered personal, pertinent remarks to the campus community during the afternoon session of Convocation.

Not only did he show that he had the skills to serve as the “face of the College,” but he also demonstrated his talents for tackling the day-to-day duties of the job: working closely with the Vice Presidents and the administrative team; collaborating and communicating with constituency groups and Senate leaders; addressing budget scenarios and shortfalls; advancing efforts to implement the Strategic Plan; supporting faculty and staff in their efforts to serve students; taking an active role in institutional initiatives such as accreditation, governance, and program review; and navigating the tide of transition to prepare Las Positas College for a new permanent President.

During his time at LPC, Dr. Lease has embraced and embodied the values and spirit for which the College is known. He has shared his own lifelong learning, has thought creatively about solving problems, has adapted to change at every turn, and has made a difference for the institution during an important time in its evolution. Thank you, Guy — and best wishes from your LPC family!

KUDOS: STUDENT, FACULTY & STAFF RECOGNITIONS

New faces in new places at Las Positas College:

- Sarah Aubert, as the new Curriculum & Scheduling Specialist
- Marge Maloney, as Interim Vice President of Academic Services
- Sean Prather, as the new Security Supervisor for Campus Safety
- Rajinder Samra, as the new Director of Research & Planning
- John Ruys, as Interim Dean of Arts & Communication
2010 - 2011 At Las Positas College: By The Numbers...

283,775 dollars raised by the LPC Foundation for the Osher Scholarship Endowment

5,777 students assisted at the Welcome Center during the Fall and Spring semesters

1,775 megawatt hours of electricity produced by the solar panels on campus

650 attendees at High School Senior & Parent Night: “Seniors Shifting Gears”

500 students at EXPO orientation in new Amphitheater

400 machines moved by campus IT team to upgrade PCs in Computer Center

350 student veterans supported while seeking educational opportunities

300 attendees at the outreach event Aprendiendo a Triunfar IV

182 graduates celebrating a milestone moment at the Commencement Ceremony

175 scholarships awarded at the annual Student Scholarship Ceremony

159 students participated in International Student Program

113 external facility rentals from community members and local organizations

83 awards earned by the talented Talk Hawks

51 nominees for the “What’s Right at LPC” award

50 awards won by students on the Express newspaper and Naked Magazine

46 college performances and exhibits held in the Mertes Center for the Arts

45 competitors participated in the Inter-Constituency Olympics

29 honorees acknowledged at the 10-20-30 Awards celebration

17 conference and regional honors earned for stellar scholar-athletes

13 student life activities presented by the ASLPC

8 people hired into permanent positions, becoming new members of the LPC family

4 seminars presented as part of the LLNL/LPC Lecture Series

2 students named to the Phi Theta Kappa All-California Academic Team

1 college made an astonishing difference for students and the Tri-Valley community