

**Office of Student Life
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The Las Positas College Student Government (LPCSG) is an organization committed to improving the lives of students, promoting student equity, advocating for student interests, and promoting student involvement on campus. The LPCSG for the 2018-2019 academic year was comprised of thirty (30) Senators and seven (7) Executive Board members, including the CLPCCD Student Trustee. This organization made several advances concerning events and activities on campus, as well as having advocated for local, regional, and statewide legislation to better the lives of students not only at Las Positas, but also at community colleges throughout the state of California.

As is their duty, all active senators attended various governance committees, relaying necessary information back to the LPCSG so that possible action could be taken. Topics such as Proctorio, discussed in the Technology Committee, were considered among the Senators, who then worked to better inform the students of this new program that will affect the online classes offered at Las Positas College. Senators ensured that student voice was heard on various levels of the college, advocating for student representation on several issues as participation and efficacy patterns in college governance committees greatly increased.

Advocacy

The LPCSG works hard to represent and advocate for student interests on a local, regional, and state level. Within the CLPCCD district, the student governments from both Las Positas and Chabot community colleges worked collaboratively on their "Resolution 1801 In Support of Parking and Traffic Needs Study." In the early months of the academic year, members of the Facilities and Sustainability Committee presented the proposed Facilities Master Plan (FMP) to the LPCSG. The plan detailed various changes affecting the college's campus, primarily with the additions of new buildings and additions to existing buildings. One primary issue which students feel greatly affect their experience at Las Positas is the lack of parking during peak times of the day, and the proposed FMP did not create any additional parking to accommodate the increased prospective amount of students in the future. The representatives of the LPCSG expressed their concerns regarding this issue, and advocated that parking be of paramount importance for the Facilities and Sustainability Committee when drafting the FMP.

In the fall and spring semesters, four student representatives of the LPCSG attended the semi-annual Student Senate for California Community Colleges (SSCCC) General Assembly where the LPCSG Director of Legislation voted on resolutions submitted by several of the one hundred and fourteen community colleges in the state of California. The LPCSG delegates voted on an advisory basis of both the other student senators in the LPCSG as well as from an understanding of the concerns of the student body of Las Positas. The LPCSG sponsored an Air Quality Resolution to be considered at the Spring General Assembly in response to the wildfires that raged through California in late fall of 2018 to be voted on at the assembly. The resolution passed, and encourages student governments to purchase N-95 respirator masks to be provided to the students in the case of future wildfires which could potentially obstruct the respiratory health of students on campus.

Also in the spring 2019 semester, four student representatives attended the ASACC national conference in Washington D.C. Students attended various workshops focused on leadership, knowledge of civil rights, community collaboration, and other valuable skills. Multiple motivational speakers were present throughout the conference, and presented their experiences to the students in attendance. The primary event of the conference came on the third day, where the student representatives met with the legislative correspondents of multiple California congressional representatives. Students utilized these opportunities to advocate and lobby for issues pertaining to community colleges as well as to all citizens of the United States. Topics discussed included funding for textbooks, subsidized loans, and increased spending on education, as well as support for the New Green Deal and humane immigration reform. ASACC provided our student representatives with a platform to advocate for salient issues, as well as an opportunity to engage with the people and institutions that are formulating public policy.

Legislation

As with any governing body, the Bylaws and Constitution are of the utmost importance as they provide the guidelines by which the organization must function. In the 2018 Fall semester, the Constitution and Bylaws Review Committee (CBRC) began a complete overhaul of the Bylaws and Constitution. The entire drafting process took three months, and a special election was held from November 5 - November 11 to approve the changes. The revised documents were then sent to the CLPCCD Board of Trustees for final approval, which was granted on the fifteenth of January, 2019. The Bylaws were continuously updated and amended in the CBRC as final edits and preparations for the 2019-2020 academic year were implemented. Amendments included, but were not limited to, the addition of a table of contents, guidelines for the CLPCCD Student Trustee, the implementation of Members at Large within the LPCSG, and a complete restructuring and reorganization of the contents of the Bylaws.

Programs and Services

The LPCSG is committed to providing services for not only the students of Las Positas, but also for the local community, as student equity is one of the main goals for this student government. One of the highlight services the LPCSG provides is the Market, a monthly food pantry that provides free food (both dry goods and fresh produce) to students and community members at no cost to them. This service has provided hundreds of individuals with food, and the service has been able to permanently expand to the Veterans Center, with future expansion planned in the Child Development Center.

Aside from the daily handout of free Scantrons and Green Books to the students in the Student Life Office, the Textbook Loaner Program is another service which the LPCSG offers. This service provides textbooks to students at no cost, which greatly aids to offset the cost of being a college student. The LPCSG began to sell outdated textbooks to outside vendors, and with the revenue generated from this transaction, will be able to purchase relevant textbooks in the future that will be available for students to rent.

The Equality and Safety Taskforce was hard at work in the 2019 Spring semester implementing the Interfaith and Meditation Space into the Las Positas campus. This space allows for people of faith to pray safely and securely, as well as allow for a designated area where individuals can relax and meditate to ease the stress of school and life. The space is temporarily located in room 1643E, but will be relocated to the 2400 building in

the Fall 2019 semester, complete with necessary furnishings and commodities to make our students feel as comfortable as possible.

Events

LPCSG works hard to put on a variety of events to promote student involvement and engagement on campus. Aside from the usual events such as Welcome Week, Prep-2-Pass, and many others, the many senators and internal committees dedicated to the LPCSG added a number of events to the usual roster. The first of many was Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week, with efforts focused on aiding students who face housing insecurity. In coordination with Black Student Union, Las Positas hosted its first Black History Month in three years, with an entire month full of different events dedicated to the culture and achievements made by black and african american individuals. In the closing weeks of the spring semester, LPCSG hosted its first ever Intercultural Fair. This one day event celebrated five cultures from around the globe, with students representing their respective cultures and heritage.

Naturally, attendance to these events would not be possible without an established social media platform. LPCSG made great advancements on their Instagram, Snapchat, and Twitter account, posting nearly every day. While LPCSG-sponsored events were the priority, club events, SmartShops, scholarship opportunities, and many other supplemental college resources were provided to the followers of these social media accounts.

ICC

The Las Positas Inter-Club Council (ICC) worked hard to organize the thirty-four (34) active clubs on campus for the 2018-2019 academic year. The ICC met every first and third Friday of the month, with a Constitution and Bylaws committee meeting every Friday. The Constitution and Bylaws of the ICC experienced a vast amount of amendments and changes over the year in an effort to make the future ICC run more smoothly when considering the rules and regulations to which they must abide by. One of the best ways for students to get involved on campus is through joining a club, and the ICC worked to promote just that. Every semester, the LPCSG hosts both Club Rush and Club Day to draw students in to both new and pre-established clubs. Club Rush offers students a quick peek at the clubs they can join. Club Day is a more in-depth event where each club shows their best self, providing free snacks and information to potential new members. More club collaboration than ever took place this year as clubs put on collaborative event such as an inter-club dodgeball tournament. The ICC remains a key opportunity for students to voice their opinions when comes to their participation on campus.

The LPCSG remains committed to serving the student body of Las Positas Community College by breaking down barriers preventing student equity, promoting student achievement and success, and providing a better atmosphere for better learning and personal growth.