



# ACADEMIC SENATE MINUTES

May 24, 2023 | 2:30 – 4:30 pm | Room 1687 + zoom for visitors

## 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

❖ 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.

LPC Academic Senate Quorum: 8

### Non-Voting Members:

President: Sarah Thompson  
Student Government: Brody Price  
Faculty Association: Heike Gecox  
Admin.: Rifka Several

### Voting Members:

Vice President: Collin Thormoto  
Secretary: Dave Wagner  
Treasurer: Ashley Young  
BSSL: Robin Roy, Daniel Cearley  
A & H: John Kelly, Peter Kuo, Kisha Quesada Turner, Katie Eagan  
STEM: Michael Peterson, Ashley McHale  
PATH:  
Student Services: Christina Lee, Jill Oliveira  
Part Time Representatives: Jeff Judd

1. **Call to Order:** meeting called to order at 2:36 pm
2. **Review and Approval of Agenda:** motion to approve: moved/seconded: discussion: move 9.2 to follow 7.1: motion to approve reordered agenda: moved/seconded/approved
3. **Review and Approval of Minutes (May 10, 2023):** motion to approve: moved/seconded/approved
4. **Public Comments (5 minutes):** *This time is reserved for members of the public to address the Academic Senate. Please limit comments to 5 minutes. In accordance with the Brown Act, the Academic Senate cannot act on these items.*  
NONE
5. **Action Items:** none
6. **Consent Items:** motion to approve 6.1, 6.2, and 6.3: moved/seconded/approved
  - 6.1 Biology/Chemistry Dept. Lab Technician hiring committee: Barbara Zingg and David Montelongo
  - 6.2 Curriculum Committee Shared Governance Document (presented at last meeting)
  - 6.3 Program Review Committee recommendations for revising the program review process (presented at last meeting)
7. **Reports**
  - 7.1 LPC Student Government (Brody Price): none
  - 7.2 CTE (Melissa Korber): they met informally (no quorum); Meghan Swanson presented about Credit for Prior Learning (CPL), discussion followed on how LPC should handle this.
  - 7.4 SLO Committee (John Rosen): none
  - 7.5 Program Review Committee (Nadiyah Taylor): none
  - 7.6 CEMC/DEMC (Sarah Thompson): the petition to add courses was successful; the deans were made aware. Monday the courses went online; one-third are now filled. The district decided to fund by taking money out of spring, however, if we need it back in spring, we can get the money back. CEMC numbers prior to these adds were 80% filled, up 8% from last year. Fall enrollment is up 35%.
  - 7.7 Faculty Hiring Prioritization (Heike Gecox): they met last week for two positions for emergency replacement: fire science technology and computer science. They used their criteria and recommended both positions to be filled.
  - 7.8 SEA Committee/MLEA (Michael Peterson): the college is getting \$400-500,000 for AB 705 implementation. There are set criteria. Dean Mattern is creating a task force. MLEA will collaborate with Guided Pathways on a College Day presentation.

7.10 District Technology Committee (Bill Komanetsky): Carlos Moreno will replace Bill, who has retired.

7.11 Guided Pathways (Kristy Woods): District IT met with Sierra College on supporting students through Canvas and CRM. IT can't address this until Spring. GP will continue to work on this, and set up pilot programs for students (Umoja or Puente). IEPI's plan has been approved for Student Success Teams. H.S.I. grant is being submitted, one piece is a technology consultant for the new Elucian products.

7.12 District Compressed Calendar Committee (Michael Peterson): the last meeting is tomorrow, with a vote on continuing exploring the compressed calendar. If the vote is yes, there will be more open forums in the fall. More information is needed on the 72 colleges who have switched, there is some data but not disaggregated into populations. Dr. Rowland wrote to the state, they are interested in more depth to the data.

7.13 Treasurer (Ashley Young): no report

7.14 President (Sarah Thompson):

- Last board meeting Dr. Sperling again reacted to Sarah's report. A report from Trustee Reynoso was to be made on the LPC Literary Arts Festival, but there were technical problems.
- Budget workshop meeting: met with Robert Goldstone, who has worked with LPC on institutional planning in the past. He recommended a "price point" needs to be set for each area of improvement. This provides a framework for decision-making.
- Scholarship Ceremony: this was a very uplifting event for students and their families.
- ESS support system director hiring committee: there was a strong pool of candidates to bridge IT with the colleges.

## **8. Old Business**

8.1 Academic Senate Elections (Ashley Young and Michael Peterson): The elections are closed, with all office positions in place.

8.2 Travel Study (Katie Eagan): attachments on website; this will be revised for district review and be on the agenda for fall.

8.3 Part-time Faculty advocacy items from last meeting: confirm an advisory committee for next year

8.4 English Dept. noncredit certificates (Katie Eagan): they are still developing the program map. This will be on the agenda for fall.

8.5 NESL Certificate Programs (Julia McGurk): this is tabled for the next meeting.

8.6 AP 6625 Arts: updated version for first reading. This will be an action item for the fall agenda.

## **9. New Business**

9.1 Federal Prison Program (Justin Garoupa): LPC engaged in an agreement with the federal penitentiary, and received a grant to offer courses. This was a great experience for Justin with all students passing. However, there are no classes identified for summer and fall. If students do not pass a math class there is no plan. There are no DSPS assessments with a process for accommodations. LPC is not following up to make this program successful. The prison is asking for clarifications and recommending retaking classes that are not passed.

He is recommending a task force to address this. The students have a right to finish the program we started with them.

9.2 Credit for Prior Learning Oversight: tabled from last meeting (Melissa Korber): this was discussed at CTE. CPL gives LPC credit for past experience relevant to your major. Meghan Swanson is handling it this year; she will be on sabbatical next year. There is no structure or funding for CPL; currently it is housed in Academic Services. The structure needs definition. Students like this program; many have complex backgrounds. The Veterans Center is already handling student vets CPL. Palomar is a “best practices” campus for CPL with 40% reassigned time (funded by Strong Workforce). CTE was suggested as many CPL experiences will apply to certificate programs. However, math and music are also doing CPL. We need to find out what disciplines are interested in this; a committee should be assigned, connected to Curriculum Committee. Note that Chabot is not doing CPL so there is no funding associated with this work, or FA involvement. It will take a year to get it set up, then the processing and updating won’t take so long.

CPL decision points:

- Identify administrative oversight: Student Services or Academic Services
- Identify classified support
- Include some CTE oversight
- Create a pathway forward for implementation; flexible enough for math, music, welding, etc.
- Professional development time and money for faculty
- Talk to Dave Fouquet regarding FA
- Student information and petition development

Funds have been budgeted for a faculty lead. There are many organizational points. Sarah will ask Dr. Foster to assign a faculty 6 CAH (Fall) and 3 CAH (Spring) for the decision points. Meghan Swanson has set up the website and many process documents.

The job description has been developed by Meghan, and needs to go out by Friday.

9.3 Chancellor's Office Statewide DEIA Recommendations: tabled for next meeting in fall

9.4 Professional Matter - Equity in Faculty Committee Participation Proposal (Sarah Thompson): see attachment on website. There is often a discrepancy between faculty that serve on complex committees and less complex committees. Serving on committees is part of the FA contract. The Academic Senate appoints faculty to committees. Sarah recommends we adopt a structure for this to promote equity. She presented a rubric for level 1, 2 or 3 committees based on levels of outside participation required. Serve on 1 level 1, 2 level 2 or 3 level 3 committees, with chair committee positions “counting” for additional participation. Faculty evaluations are also on the matrix.

This will be an Action Item on the next meeting scheduled for Tuesday, May 30 at 2:30 – the only item on the agenda.

## **10. Announcements/Information Items**

Thank you to Sarah for stepping back up to Senate leadership.

**11. Adjourn:** motion to adjourn: moved/seconded/approved. Meeting adjourned at 4:35 pm.

## **12. Next Meeting**