

LAS POSITAS COLLEGE STUDENT GOVERNMENT

RESOLUTION 03-2022

RESOLUTION TO EXPAND STUDENT RIGHTS WHEN IN QUARANTINE DUE TO COVID-19

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic has affected us all in a significant way, including a student's academic experience here at Las Positas College; and

WHEREAS, students exposed to COVID-19, and any of its variants, are required by college policy to enter into a quarantine period; and

WHEREAS, students in quarantine do not have access to in-person instruction, testing, or experiments/labs; which impedes a student's opportunity to have access to an equitable education; and

WHEREAS, faculty policies on making up attendance, assignments, quizzes, tests, midterms, and labs all vary, even within departments; and

WHEREAS, the Las Positas College Student Government acknowledges a faculty member's right to have academic freedom within their course to a certain extent as determined by the United States Supreme Court; and

WHEREAS, Las Positas College provides 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, per Las Positas College's [Mission Statement](#); and

WHEREAS, the Las Positas College Student Government's (LPCSG) mission is to support Las Positas College in making the campus a safe, positive, and equitable space for all students, per the LPCSG [Mission Statement](#);

RESOLVED, The Student Government of Las Positas Community College finds, determines, requests, or orders, by a majority vote, the following:

1. That the Dean of each department ensure that full-time and part-time faculty are aware and knowledgeable on protocols surrounding COVID-19 exposure
2. That the Dean of each department strongly urge full-time and part-time faculty to align their policies regarding COVID-19 quarantine procedures for students, within alike courses.
3. That the Las Positas College Student Government formally requests additional rights for students be granted as follows. Students shall:
 - a. Not be immediately penalized for missing or late assignments with assigned start and due dates that fall within the student's quarantine period.
 - b. Not be dropped from classes due to absences and missing assignments, pending the proof of a positive COVID-19 test
 - i. In the case that a student faces a financial or equity barrier, preventing them from receiving or completing this medical test, the Dean of the

department experiencing this case, or a designee, may make the final decision

- c. Be allowed an opportunity to complete missing assignments, quizzes, and tests that require in-person attendance.
 - d. Be given a reasonable time, two weeks per missed instruction week, to complete: assignments, labs, presentations, essays, projects, quizzes, and exams.
 - i. Students with DSPS accommodations on file are allotted additional time based on their needs and recommendations by the Disability Resource Center
 - e. At the discretion of the faculty member, a student has the right to request hybrid modalities if they need or wish for remote instruction during their quarantine period.
4. That this resolution shall go into effect immediately upon approval.