



# ACADEMIC SENATE MINUTES

February 26, 2025 | 2:30 pm – 4:30 pm | Room 21147 + Zoom for visitors

## Agenda Item – [Zoom information at end of agenda](#)

### 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.
- ❖ Establish a knowledge base and appreciation for health and wellness in the workplace; create a sense of urgency about wellness; prioritize wellness in decision-making, assessment and accountability; and build capacity to support wellness.

### Academic Senate Quorum: 7

#### Non-Voting Members:

President: Ashley McHale  
Student Government: Sophia Sucato  
Faculty Association: Heike Gecox

#### Voting Members:

Secretary: Collin Thormoto  
Treasurer: Catherine Suarez  
BSSL: Robin Roy, Collin Thormoto  
A&H: John Kelly, Catherine Suarez  
STEM: Anita Bhatia, David Montelongo, Jennifer Siders  
PATH: *vacant*  
Student Services: Ryan Eckles, Julie Nguyen  
Part Time Representatives: Valerie Connors, Jeff Judd

- 1. Call to Order:** 2:33 pm
- 2. Review and Approval of Agenda:** motion to approve (Jeff Judd)/seconded (John Kelly)/discussion: Change “Review and Approval of Minutes (February 26, 2025)” to “Review and Approval of Minutes (February 12, 2025)"/approved
- 3. Review and Approval of Minutes (February 12, 2025):** motion to approve (John Kelly)/seconded (David Montelongo)/discussion (none)/approved
- 4. Public Comments (3 minutes):** *This time is reserved for members of the public to address the Academic Senate. Please limit comments to 3 minutes. In accordance with the Brown Act, the Academic Senate cannot act on items not already on the agenda.* None
- 5. Consent Items:** None
- 6. Action Items:** None
- 7. Reports (5 minutes each)**
  - 7.1 LPC Student Government (Sophia Sucato): None
  - 7.2 CTE (Melissa Korber): The committee met yesterday and discussed how to complete the accreditation standard worksheet. The committee hopes to get more direction regarding which standard(s) to follow. Requests for grants are due next month.
  - 7.3 SLO (John Rosen): None
  - 7.4 Program Review (Karin Spirn): The program review reading process has finished. The Program Review Committee and SLO Committee worked with division deans to create summaries. The reviews have now been provided to the IPEC committee so they can adjust planning priorities based on noted trends.
  - 7.5 CEMC/DEMC (Ashley McHale): Collin reported on behalf of Ashley that CEMC and DEMC have not met since the last senate meeting.
  - 7.6 Faculty Association (Heike Gecox): Negotiations for the new contract begin tomorrow. The calendar committee has been meeting to finalize winter intersession dates. There is a tentative

schedule indicating that intersession will begin on the Saturday following Fall 2025 finals (December 20<sup>th</sup>) and end January 20<sup>th</sup>. The Spring 2026 semester will begin right after. It's important to note that future academic years will have a compressed calendar for fall and spring semesters which will allow more time before and after winter intersession. Another calendar meeting will take place tomorrow; attendance is suggested if there are any questions about the recent MOU.

7.7 District Technology (Jeff Judd): Coding is happening behind the scenes to prepare for 16-week semesters and intersession. An issue was discovered: Banner cannot take course numbers that are longer than five characters and the course numbers for CCN are six characters. Ellucian has been contacted.

7.8 Professional Development (David Powers): The committee met last week and confirmed that Spring 2025 flex day will be a working day geared toward the compressed calendar. It will run similarly to College Day with a morning meeting, followed by smaller division/discipline breakouts. David suggests brainstorming with your division prior to flex day so the conversations are guided and productive.

7.9 Guided Pathways (Nadiyah Taylor & Jill Carbone): None

7.10 UndocuAlly (David Montelongo): The UndocuAlly committee has been reactivated and will meet every second Monday from 2:30 pm – 4:0 pm. At the last meeting, the committee reviewed the sanctuary campus statement and provided feedback. Some questions came up, notably regarding protocol if ICE agents come to campus after hours or on weekends when the President's Office is closed. In this particular case, Campus Safety and Security would likely be the main point of contact. Any main point of contact should receive anti-bias training.

The committee is still working on what their goals will be but some ideas include designating a liaison for resources and campus communication. Although we do not currently have a Dream Center coordinator, refer questions to the Dream Center website, which has current information and resources.

#### Questions:

- Has the committee discussed utilizing a hotline if there are ICE agent sighted near campus? This was not discussed but David will bring this up at the next meeting.
- Has there been further discussion regarding production to red cards? Lilibeth Mata Juarez has a stockpile of red cards and has distributed them to high-traffic areas on campus. Contact her if you need any.
- What is a red card? A red card has information for undocumented individuals and can be used to assert the right to not provide information to an agent.
- Has the committee considered utilizing ACILEP (Alameda County Immigration Legal and Education Partnership) hotline services, which offers legal aid depending on availability? David will provide this information to the committee at the next meeting.

7.11 A.I. Honesty (Catherine Suarez): None (not in attendance)

7.12 Treasurer (Catherine Suarez): None

7.13 President (Ashley McHale): None (not in attendance)

7.14 Divisions

- BSSL (Robin Roy, Collin Thormoto): None
- A&H (John Kelly, Catherine Suarez): A&H faculty were confused about last senate meeting's FTES/zero-unit lab discussion. Question if we could set up a Q&A session with Craig at a future senate meeting? This is likely possible. Heike Gecox added that any changes in curriculum need to go to the Curriculum Committee by this coming fall so it's important that individual faculty members with questions get them answered soon.
- STEM (Anita Bhatia, David Montelongo, Jennifer Siders): STEM faculty were in agreement with the part-time faculty vote change in the bylaws.
- PATH: None
- Student Services (Ryan Eckles, Julie Nguyen): Student Services is preparing for New Hawk Day, which will be held on Saturday, April 19<sup>th</sup>. They are anticipating approximately 500 high school seniors to attend.
- Part Time Representatives (Valerie Connors, Jeff Judd): None

## **8. Old Business**

9.1 Bylaws and Constitution: The final vote on changes will likely not take place until election time. Collin would still appreciate feedback, especially regarding the part-time faculty vote change and ability to serve as Academic Senate President or other executive roles.

Melissa Korber provided feedback regarding part-time faculty serving as president. It is a good idea but there are times when the president must take a stance on controversial issues, like votes of no confidence. It may be prudent for part-time faculty to be limited to positions other than president or vice president. Valerie Connors echoed this concern. Collin recommends that the part-time representative speak with their PT colleagues to gauge interest in other executive roles. Melissa also suggested gauging interest in serving as co-chair or chair of committees.

**9. Wellness Break** (5 minutes): Wellness Break moved from Item 8 to Item 9.

## **10. New Business**

10.1 AB 1705 Resolution (second reading): Michael Peterson asked if feedback was provided in division meetings. Julie Nguyen reported that Student Services took an anonymous vote and 100% of the division was in agreement to support the resolution. Collin reported that BSSL is also in support. Michael plans to meet with Classified Senate and Student Government soon. Chabot is also receiving feedback. The plan is to present the resolution to the district.

## **11. Good of the Order/Announcements**

Robin Roy: Reminder of the Student Symposium on April 24<sup>th</sup>; see Irena Keller's recent email for more information. Completed project submissions are due Monday, March 10<sup>th</sup>. They are hoping to get volunteers for planning and event efforts. Question if the submitted project can be a project from this semester? It should be fine as long as it is fully completed in time. It's important to note that posters can take several weeks to print so it may be best to limit in-progress projects to talks.

Julie: Reminder of the Third Annual One Love Festival on April 23<sup>th</sup> 11:00 am – 12:30 pm. It is important to note that this will be different from club fairs and participating clubs should focus on interactive activities. Contact Celeste or Julie if you are interested in your club participating.

Melissa Korber: Reminder that research papers must be submitted by Friday. Only a few have been received. The first-place winner gets an award and will be published in HAVIK.

Collin Thormoto: Narratives for tenured faculty under evaluation are due Saturday, March 1<sup>st</sup>.

**12. Adjournment:** 3:24 pm

**13. Next Regular Meeting:** March 12, 2025

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