



Facilities and Sustainability Minutes

January 26, 2026 at 2:30pm

Recorder: Andrea Anderson

LPC Mission Statement	LPC Planning Priorities 2025-2026		
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 life-long learning.	Affirm LPC's unwavering commitment to equity by deepening campus-wide engagement, enhancing professional development, embedding equity-minded practices in decision-making, assessment, and accountability processes; and building capacity to resolve inequities.	Increase student success and completion through sustainable college practices, processes, academic support, removal of barriers, and focused professional development.	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.
Chairs	Administrator	Classified Professionals	Dean, Academic
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dan Cearley (Non-Voting Member) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jean O'Neil-Opipari (Non-Voting Member) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sean Brooks (Non-Voting Member)	<input type="checkbox"/> Paul Simpson	<input type="checkbox"/> Hermina Sarkis-Kelly <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jackie Hill <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jennifer Farber <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lina Chea	<input type="checkbox"/> Paula Checchi
Faculty Member	LPCSG Student Representative	District Facilities	Climate Fellows
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> John Kelly (A&H) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Andrew Cumbo (PATH) <input type="checkbox"/> John Ruys (BSSL) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gina Webster (BSSL) <input type="checkbox"/> Vacant (STEM)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rameen Ahmad	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Owen Letcher (Non-Voting Member) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ann Kroll (Non-Voting Member) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> John Seybert (Non-Voting Member)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Niki Mai (Non-Voting Member) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ariel Reynolds (Non-Voting Member) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Halleigh MacPherson (Non-Voting Member) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Linh Le (Non-Voting Member)
Guests	Guests	Guests	Guests
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kiley Zieker <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Laura Cornett <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Betty Castano	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> William Tandongfor <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ellie Hirstein		

Attendance (Quorum = 8)

Agenda Item	Information/Discussion	Action/Assigned To
1.	<p>Call to Order <i>For information</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting called to order by Dan Cearley at 2:32pm. 	None
2.	<p>Review & Approve Agenda <i>For action</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agenda Approved by Committee 	
3.	<p>Review & Approve November Minutes <i>For action</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agenda Approved by Committee 	
4.	<p>Action Items <i>For action</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None 	
5.	<p>Old Business <i>For discussion</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Zero Waste Program (Tandongfor and Climate Fellows) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Introductions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Welcomed Linh (Lynn) Le, a new Climate Action Fellow. ▪ Recent UC Davis graduate in Environmental Science. ▪ Recently toured the newly acquired farm property and expressed excitement about future use. ○ 3-Stream Waste Bin Deployment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Waste bin rollout in progress: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 89 new bins at Chabot • 81 new bins at Las Positas College 	None

- Delivery expected within the first quarter of the semester.
- Goal is to improve landfill waste diversion at both campuses.
- Zero-Waste Education & Training
 - Prior composting and recycling training in campus kitchens showed significant improvement in correct waste sorting.
 - Adjustments made to landfill bin placement improved overall waste management.
 - Student ambassador training conducted at Chabot to support zero-waste guidance in high-traffic areas (student center, cafeteria).
 - Climate Action Fellows asked whether Las Positas College could support a similar student ambassador program to sustain efforts long-term.
- Faculty, Staff & Student Engagement
 - Strong support for expanding zero-waste training beyond students to include faculty, staff, and administrators.
 - Suggestions included:
 - Integrating zero-waste training into new employee professional development.
 - Engaging Student Government as training liaisons.
 - Partnering with environmental studies, horticulture, biology, and environmental clubs.
 - Student Government offered to host training during an upcoming Senate meeting and assist with campus-wide outreach.
- Earth Week Planning
 - Earth Week planned for the week of April 20.
 - Horticulture program will lead planning.
 - Daily activities expected throughout the week.
 - Main event will not be held on Earth Day due to a conflicting internship and job fair.
 - Events likely centered near the Horticulture Building, including possible plant sale.
 - Earth Week will be added as an agenda item at a future meeting for further planning.
- Waste Audit
 - Climate Action Fellows are partnering with Race to Zero Waste.
 - Waste audit walkthrough completed in high-traffic areas.
 - Full waste data collection planned within the next month, with results to be shared.
- Morphright Property Update
 - Received keys to the 8-acre Morphright property adjacent to Chabot.
 - Plans underway for a community harvest event (citrus, apples, avocados, etc.).
 - Produce to be distributed to the community.
 - Future composting and volunteer events planned.
 - Interest expressed in cross-department collaboration.
- Program-Specific Waste Reduction
 - Request to schedule waste-reduction walkthroughs for programs with unique waste streams (e.g., Theater scene shop, welding, automotive).
 - Climate Action Fellows agreed to coordinate site visits this semester.
- Next Steps
 - Share zero-waste training presentation with Student Government.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Explore funding options (including LPC Foundation) for student ambassadors and training support. ▪ Coordinate Earth Week planning with faculty leads. ▪ Schedule waste audits and program-specific consultations. 	
6.	<p>New Business <i>For discussion</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Horticulture Improvements (Cornett) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Recent Improvements (Horticulture Area) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Climate Fellows installed a native plant garden on the east side of the orchard to support fruit trees and attract pollinators. ▪ Drip irrigation was added (installed by Eric, who teaches irrigation). ▪ Ongoing work includes raised beds, composting efforts, and use of the Earth Tub (in-vessel composting). ○ Cafeteria Organics Stream / Compost Feedstock <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Laura noted she has not been receiving cafeteria scraps recently and asked whether the cafeteria now has a dedicated organics waste stream handled through standard waste services. ▪ Climate Fellows said collection slowed during the break and they want to restart the “circular economy” flow (kitchen scraps → campus gardens/compost). ▪ Plan: Climate Fellows will talk with Allan when they’re on campus and coordinate next steps. ○ New Sustainability Practice <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Laura is building a “dead hedge” (dead fencing) using tree trimmings to create rustic fencing near the native plant garden, reducing waste sent to M&O. ○ Facilities Needs Identified <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Shade House Doors: Needs solid doors to prevent raccoon intrusion (past damage to pots/plants; even tadpoles were lost). Current shade-cloth/carabiner setup is too loose. Laura provided rough doorway dimensions (115" tall x 122" wide, two doors). ▪ Greenhouse Retractable Shade Cloth: Shade cloth is coming apart (especially on the east end) and shedding pieces; facility is ~3 years old, and Laura wants help identifying replacement/repair options and preventing recurrence. ○ Next Steps <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ M&O noted a work order isn’t the best starting point for this type of request (more for repairs). ▪ John Seybert offered to help gather info, quotes, and options; the request likely needs to move through Small Projects/Project Funding/Executive Facilities. ▪ Ann Kroll flagged that warranty books are available at M&O (and online) and they will check whether any coverage applies or if vendors can be asked to assess. 	None

- Laura will email John and Ann describing both issues; John will walk the site, assess scope, and bring back options + cost estimates for committee review.
- Parking Inventory (Cearley and Brooks)
 - Background / Review
 - Follow-up to questions raised at the November meeting regarding parking lot striping, staff vs. general parking, and overall parking inventory.
 - Campus Safety conducts an annual survey of all parking lots to confirm appropriate parking allocation.
 - Lot F (Staff Parking)
 - Increased monitoring and patrols to ensure staff-only spaces are being used appropriately.
 - Repainting/restriping scheduled for summer to improve visibility.
 - Additional entry signage will be added if needed to clearly designate the lot as staff parking.
 - Lot A (Mixed Use / Staff Parking)
 - During construction of Building 2100, many staff spaces were temporarily shifted to Lot A.
 - Now that Lot F is fully operational, the plan is to:
 - Rebalance parking, returning more spaces in Lot A to general parking.
 - Coordinate with Dean Mattern and Jackie to ensure sufficient staff spaces remain.
 - Due to active construction and fencing in Lot A, restriping/repainting may be postponed until the entire lot is available rather than only addressing a portion.
 - Start-of-Semester Parking Conditions
 - Free student parking during the first two weeks contributes to full lots at the beginning of the semester.
 - Parking demand is expected to ease as the semester progresses.
 - Overall Parking Capacity
 - The college has sufficient parking inventory, though spaces may not always be in preferred locations.
 - Next Steps
 - Continue monitoring parking usage.
 - Finalize which lots will be included in summer striping/resurfacing based on construction status.
 - Adjust signage and enforcement as needed to clarify staff vs. general parking.
- Facilities Update (Brooks)
 - Cafeteria Lighting Upgrade
 - Work completed over winter break; 90-95% complete.
 - Final punch-list items expected to be finished within 3-4 weeks.
 - Cafeteria is significantly brighter and visually improved.
 - Staircase Improvements
 - Decorative and safety painting completed on staircases at Building 1800
 - Campus Loop Road Repair
 - Speed bump/dip near Building 1600 repaired and resurfaced.

- Area is now smooth and fully reopened.
- Building 600 (JAMS – Journalism & Media)
 - Interior renovations completed and space is fully occupied.
 - Includes:
 - New carpet
 - Large classroom (former proctoring area)
 - New custodial and film studies storage
 - Exterior work to be completed by end of next week; fencing to be removed once landscaping is finished.
- Buildings 500 & 600 – Roofing & HVAC
 - Roofing and HVAC replacements completed for both buildings.
- Amphitheater Renovation
 - Stage demolition underway.
 - New truss system for lighting and sound being installed.
 - New storage structure (east side of stage) and control room planned.
 - Construction equipment currently staged in Parking Lot G.
- Restroom Improvements (Building 4000)
 - Men’s and women’s restrooms (first floor) updated over winter break.
 - Minor remaining work to be completed on a Friday or Saturday to avoid event conflicts.
- Building 2500 (Gym)
 - Old acoustical panels replaced.
 - Egress lighting upgraded.
- Mesa (Building 1000)
 - Furniture refresh completed.
 - Original Mesa furniture relocated to the open lobby area.
- Music Department Renovations (Building 500)
 - Three classrooms to be renovated after this semester.
 - Will become:
 - Keyboard lab
 - Recording studio
 - Control room
 - Project currently under DSA review.
- Guided Pathways – Building 1600
 - Project heading to DSA in February.
 - Construction anticipated late summer / early fall.
- Campus-Wide Wayfinding
 - Exterior and interior signage project out to bid.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Planned for March Board approval. ▪ Construction expected late spring / early summer. ○ New STEAM Building (Building 1500) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Project under DSA review. ▪ Construction start projected for June 2026. ▪ Estimated completion and opening for classes: Summer/Fall 2028 (subject to DSA timeline). ○ Large Lecture / Multipurpose Space (Building 1300) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Construction documents still being adjusted. ▪ Estimated timeline: approximately one year out. 	
7.	<p>Updates <i>For information</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No Updates 	None
8.	<p>Good of the Order <i>For information</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Events <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Las Positas Event Calendar <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ February 4-5 – LPCSG: Club & Resource Fair (Quad) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Time: Approximately 11:00am–2:00pm • Clubs and teams are encouraged to table. • Sign-ups: First-come, first-served via form sent by Josue. • Opportunity to support Student Government and promote organizations. ▪ April 18 – New Hawk Day <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Designed for incoming freshmen. • Students can complete education plans, meet with counselors, register, and enroll in one day. • Participants receive priority registration. • Staff encouraged to share with local high school contacts. ▪ April 25 – Run for Higher Education <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proceeds benefit - 10 local nonprofits (e.g., Tri-Valley Haven). • Morning run followed by a community barbecue (approx. until 1:00pm). • Run itself expected to conclude around 11:00am. ▪ Science on Saturday (LLNL) ▪ Occurs every Saturday in February. ▪ Hosted by LLNL scientists and high school teachers. ▪ Open to middle and high school students; LPC students may earn extra credit. 	None

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Includes campus tours; strong networking opportunity—past participation led to student internships. ○ Athletics Schedule ○ Theater Arts Schedule <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Spring tickets for music and theater events are now on sale via the LPC website. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • February 6: Best of the Best Applied Music Concert - Gala-style fundraiser with wine (Campus Winery) and food. • Spring Play: Sense and Sensibility in the Black Box Theater - Limited seating; tickets already selling, March performances. ○ 	
9.	<p>Future Agenda Items <i>For discussion</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Earth Week 	

Meeting adjourned at 3:28pm

Next meeting: February 23, 2026