



# Honors Program Committee Minutes

May 18, 2026

Recorder: Jennifer Siders

LPC Mission Statement	LPC Planning Priorities 2025		
<p>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.</p>	<p>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.</p>	<p>Increase student success and completion through sustainable college practices, processes, academic support, removal of barriers, and focused professional development.</p>	<p>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.</p>
Chair	Faculty Association (1)	SEIU (1)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Irena Keller</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jennifer Siders</li> </ul>			
Academic Senate (2)	Classified Senate (2)	Student Senate (2)	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Sidhant Parashar</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Susana Andrea Ibanez Terrazas</li> </ul>	
Vice Presidents	Deans	Faculty	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Michelle Simotas</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A&amp;H Marty Nash</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Student Services: Rafael Valle</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> STEM: Alain Olavarrieta</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> PATH: Paul Sapsford</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> BSSL: Dan Cearley</li> </ul>	

Classified Professionals	Guests	
<input type="checkbox"/> Aubrie Ross	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rifa Sipai <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kloe Situ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Shyam Balasubramanian <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kilian Charron <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mila Dovgal	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Marsha Vernoga

**Attendance (Quorum = 5)**

Agenda	Information/ Discussion	Action/Assigned To
<b>1.</b>	<b>Call to Order</b> <i>2:42pm</i>	
<b>2.</b>	<b>Review &amp; Approve Agenda</b> <i>Motion approve ( Andrea Ibanez Terrazas )/seconded ( Alain Olavarrieta )/discussion (none)/approved.</i>	
<b>3.</b>	<b>Review &amp; Approve Prior Minutes</b> <i>April minutes: Motion to approve (Alain Olavarrieta)/seconded ( Marty Nash )/discussion (none)/approved.</i>	
<b>4.</b>	<b>Action Items</b> <i>2026-2027 Committee Calendar - committee will meet the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 2:45pm-4:10pm in the fall: Sept. 9, Oct 21, (not Nov 11 - holiday), Dec. 9th and in the spring: Feb. 10, Mar. 10, Apr. 14 and May 12.</i>	
<b>5.</b>	<b>Old Business</b> <i>Honors End of Year Planning</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>location: patio by winery</i></li> <li>• <i>Wednesday - may have conflicts with finals, going to check with Honor Scholars. Might move to Thursday. 6pm</i></li> <li>• <i>We're out of funds, check with MESA to see if they can provide food? Potluck?</i></li> </ul>	<b>Irena - check with honors scholars</b>

6.	<p><b>New Business</b>  <i>Shared Governance Worksheets were submitted - committee reviewed and their no objections or corrections</i></p>	
7.	<p><b>Updates/Information Items</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>LPC Symposium and BHC at Stanford</b> - students showed a slideshow from both events. Both were successful events.</li> <li>• <b>Funds</b> - students have applied for the travel awards and some students applied for a conference where we needed to buy a membership (NHC). NHC will be in New Orleans next year.</li> <li>• Irena will be the <b>Honors Coordinator</b> again next year. There was some discussion about the position being more than 1 year. Its currently a one year appointment because the school can not guarantee that it has the funding for the position more than 1 year in advance. This committee could discuss and recommend to the Senate that they advocate for a longer contract for the Honors Coordinator.</li> <li>• <b>Honors courses for the Fall</b> - not full yet - advertise to new students, get flyers about classes to counseling. Hopefully will fill up as new students register later in the summer. Perhaps in the future fall honors classes should have more advanced classes as current honors students already had taken these intro courses. More advanced math classes would probably fill faster. Ask for a presentation at New Hawk Day/Open House instead of just a table to let new students know about honors program/classes.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Mention open seats in Honors sections at division meetings (faculty members of committee)</b></p>
8.	<p><b>Good of the Order</b>  <i>None</i></p>	

**Meeting adjourned at 3:57pm**

**Next meeting: September 9th 2026 2:45pm**