



Horticulture Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

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Agenda Item

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.

Horticulture Advisory Board

Members:

Tyler	Coen
Laura	Cornett
Tom	Fuller
Nan	Ho
Sarah	Holtzclaw
Abby	Lourenco
Lynn	Monica
Jean	O'Neil-Opipari
Victor	Ruesga
Eric	Santos
Vicki	Shipman
Michael	Soares
Jacquie	Williams- Courtright

1. Call to Order

Laura Cornett

2. Welcome and Introductions Tom Fuller, Eric Santos, Laura Cornett, Tyler Coen, Beth McCormick, Tom Orf, Abby Lourenco

3. Review of Agenda Laura motions, Eric 2nds motion carries

4. Review and Approval of Minutes, May 4, 2023 Laura motions, 2nd by Tyler, mtion Caries Tom O abstains

5. Industry Updates

- Training and Hiring Needs
 - Tyler has opening, Jean will contact him for postings
 - Trend: Continue discussions on digital design
 - Construction, installation, materials, nursery – good portal for people to enter on
 - Software 3D format, all different concept to build sometimes a problem
 - Client goes to online portal – all design online, may be less expensive than in person design
 - General feeling is there needs to be cross reference from design to install (Shrub Hub)
 - Overall positive because clients already created the design
 - Bridging gap between design and install
 - Bringing more people into the pool
- Emerging Trends
- Internship Opportunities
 - Brightview internship opportunities, EBMUD has internships
 - Incorporate internship into curriculum somehow – Recommendation from the board Tyler moves to explore adding internship to the curriculum. Laura 2ND, motion carries
 - Beth – possible reimbursement opportunity for qualified students

6. College Update

- Fall 2023 Enrollments
 - Enrollment up in all classes
 - Offered 4 classes this fall
 - Spring classes a few look pretty good, a few may need help, as long as the classes are in double digits they are safe
 - Interior plant scapes under enrolled so far, lots of potential
 - Instuctor for aquaponics/hydroponics

- Eric is going to take on Sustainable Landscape
- Instructor interested in IPM (cross listed with VWT)
- No summer Horticulture classes this year
 - Interest in Hort 62 for the summer- CA Native and Dry Landscapes?
- Spring 2024 Classes – Share flyer with your spheres of influence
 - **Hort 53 – Landscape/Vineyard Pest Management 19**
 - **Hort 63 – Sustainable Landscapes (Eric) 15**
 - **Hort 67 -Interior Plantscapes (Laura) 7**
 - **Hort 71 – Hydroponics / Aquaponics 9**
 - **Market Spring classes - Independent, Tri Valley Career Center, Chip**
- Olive Harvest, Saturday, December 2, 2023 at 9:00 AM
 - Less fruit fly damage than last year
 - Milled at Olivenia on Sunday
 - \$385 fall plant sale at 3200
 - Pop-up sale in December on the main campus
 - Club is not active now
 - Which students would be good leaders for club?
 - Approach Josue to talk about starting talking about starting a club
 - Make real-time POV video, google photo share, do digital newsletter
 - Event once VWT building comes online
 - Food and wine pairing
 - Donate excess produce to food pantries (Abby)
 - Community garden for students and staff?
- Abby taking a break this Spring
 - Soils class, 5 groups doing plots in growing ground, Laura's class did raised beds using lumber from faculty village
 - Doing a lot of propagating
- Laura contacted stop waste, Lori might be interested in helping with Earth Tub. Might put Earth Tub in its original location. Funding is an issue
 - Accessible to Hort and M7O
- Trevor from stop waste gave lecture on composting to Abby's class
- VWT facility to go online in the fall
- Open space on campus appropriate for Miwok forest?
- Open up facility to people who want to propagate
- Sustainable Landscape might be good place to have a few lectures on Miwoki Forest (local news)

7. Advice from the Board

- Need an instructor for IPM

8. Recommendations from the Board

9. Next Regular Meeting: Thurs. May 9, 2024 4:00 – 5:30 PM

10. Adjournment

Zoom Info:

Topic: LPC Horticulture Advisory Board Meeting

Time: Nov 29, 2023 04:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

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