



Administration of Justice Advisory Board Meeting Draft Minutes

February 16, 2021 / 4:00pm-5:30pm / Via Zoom

Meeting Agenda

LPC Mission Statement

Las Positas College is an inclusive learning-centered institution providing educational opportunities and support for completion of students' transfer, degree, basic skills, career-technical, and retraining goals.

LPC Planning Priorities

- ❖ Establish regular and ongoing processes to implement best practices to meet ACCJC standards.
- ❖ Provide necessary institutional support for curriculum development and maintenance.
- ❖ Expand tutoring services to meet demand and support student success in Basic Skills, CTE, and Transfer courses.
- ❖ Coordinate available resources to address current and future professional development needs of faculty, classified professionals, and administrators in support of educational master plan goals.

AJ Advisory Board Members

Erick Bell/Las Positas College
Tamika Bennett/Las Positas College
John Geissberger/Albany Police Dept.
Garrett Holmes/ACSO Dublin Police
De Andre Lewis/ALACO Probation
Darryl McAllister/Las Positas College
Chad McMullen/Las Positas College
Mike McQuiston/Las Positas College
Jim Meehan/ALACO DA's Office
Timothy Rien/ Rien, Adams & Cox
Kathy Ryals/ALACO Public Defender's Office
David Spiller/Las Positas College
Gena Steward/Las Positas College
David Swing/Pleasanton Police Dept.
Jeremy Young/Livermore Police Dept.

1. Welcome & Introductions

All

Members present: Tamika Bennet (LPC), John Geissberger (Albany Policy Department, Garret Holmes (ACSO Dublin Police), De Andre Lewis/ALACO Probation, James Meehan (ALACO DA's Office), David Swing (Pleasanton Police Department), Jeramy Young (Livermore Police Department), Mike McQuiston (Las Positas College), Erick Bell (Las Positas College), Chad McMullen (Las Positas College).

2. Public Safety Complex Update

Mike McQuiston/Chad McMullen

Mike McQuiston: Finalizing the plans for the Public Safety, and Advanced Manufacturing & Transportation Complex. The Public Safety programs (AJ, Fire & EMS/Paramedic) will co-locate with the Advanced Manufacturing & Transportation programs (Auto & Welding). After two years of planning, the design phase has been completed with the plans at the Division of State Architecture (DSA) for approval. The goal is to break ground this summer or fall. The complex will consist of training and classroom space for the programs being housed in the complete. One highlight to mention for our program is the Forced Options Simulator room dedicated for students to practice critical decision making. There will be more information shared about the complex at future meetings.

Garrett Holmes: Glad to hear that Auto and Welding trades are continuing to offer programs at LPC.

Erick Bell: The investment of \$40million in the complex demonstrates the level of commitment the college is making for these programs.

3. Faculty Report

Mike McQuiston

Enrollment

Mike McQuiston: Provided a quick update on the program enrollment and curriculum. Last spring, due to the pandemic, the college swiftly thrust into an online learning environment. All coursework was converted into an online format for delivery via Zoom technology. Adjunct faculty also kicked in gear to convert their courses. Jim Meehan did a great job of making the transition – truly appreciated. Unfortunately, the program did lose a handful of students as they did not

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care to learn in an online environment. In the fall, the college remained online, causing declining enrollment for the term. Enrollment numbers for the fall were not available/provided for this meeting.

Curriculum Update

Moving forward, the AJ program will undergo transformation to not only bring the curriculum to focus more on developing critical thinking skills but address the important curricular needs that face us now: Ethics and Characteristics in Policing. The 21st Century Policing presentation was shared. The presentation is included in Attachment A.

The Advisory Board was asked for feedback and a recommendation to move forward or to not move forward.

James Meehan: In favor of recommendation. His office has Officer Wiley leading a newly created entity entitled: Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion. The new curriculum pairs well with their endeavors. Asked if this will be totally new coursework.

Mike McQuiston: With the curriculum process at the college, the new degree will be a combination of existing and minimal new coursework. This will alleviate the cumbersome approval process. The existing coursework will be updated to meet our 21st Century Policing objectives as outlined in the presentation. A primary goal with the new curriculum will be to entice current law enforcement to continue their education through achievement of the certificate and/or degree.

Garrett Holmes: The presentation is well done. You are providing the tools needed in order to fulfill the obligations that the community expects of us, especially during these trying times.

Tamika Bennett: During the presentation, the first thing that came to mind was the inclusion of social justice within the curriculum. Would like to see more social justice in the curriculum and cultural competencies. Looks forward to reviewing the curriculum as it is developed.

Mike McQuiston: Agreed with and thanked Tamika Bennett and Garrett for their comments as this movement is a paradigm shift. This project is a legacy career move.

David Swing: Program looks great. Knows of at least three officers that are in different associate degree programs. With the need, if you set up the curriculum to earn units through the ACS Academy, this will be a great nexus to bring officers in. Affirming that there is a definite need for this curriculum. A challenge may be the 24/7 shift work, if you are able to develop a cohort that may work however will take a commitment by the agency.

Mike McQuiston: The college is seeking a cohort-model for this curriculum.

Deandre Lewis: Presentation was good on the probation side. It may be prudent to education officers on new legislative bills on the table now and that will be in the future. It may be important to also education law officers the role of Community Correction professionals as those occupations become more in demand.

Garrett Holmes: Agrees that officers need to understand what these changes are, why they came about, and how they are going to work together.

Jeremy Young: The program as a whole looks really good. Would like to know if there is a mental health component for officers that will be included. Mental health for the officers themselves – how they deal with the stress, and how it relates to their family life and everything else going on.

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Mike McQuiston: Agreed - Officer Wellness.

Erick Bell: Stressed how important this program is to the community, and that having Mike McQuiston lead the charge is paramount in its success. Learning from you all what will make this program work is equally paramount. Will the program warrant partnering with your agencies?

Jeremy Young: Yes, however scheduling may be an issue that needs to be addressed. The program will need to be designed to meet the rigorous scheduling of the various shifts.

James Meehan: It seems that an asynchronous format for the core classes would be beneficial.

Mike McQuiston: Agreed, the approach may be hybrid with asynchronous and synchronous coursework.

James Meehan: Agreed that a hybrid program may be the best course of action.

Mike McQuiston: Asked the Advisory Board for a recommendation to move forward with the 21st Century Policing curriculum.

4. Advisory Board Recommendations Advisory Board Members

Recommendation for LPC Administration of Justice Department to move forward with developing the 21st Century Policing Curriculum.

1st: James Meeham

2nd: John Geissburger

Unanimous Vote of Recommendation for LPC Administration of Justice Department to move forward with developing the 21st Century Policing Curriculum.

5. Good of the Order

None

6. Next Steps

Mike McQuiston: Next steps will be to present the curriculum at an Advisory meeting in late May.

7. Next Regular Meeting

TBD: Late May 2021