



AUTOMOTIVE TECH ADVISORY BOARD

MEETING MINUTES

November 30, 2022 | 6:00 PM | Zoom

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

- ❖ Implement the integration of all ACCJC standards throughout campus structure and processes.
- ❖ 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.

Automotive Technology Advisory

Sam Balanon, Livermore Auto Mall
 Anthony Bertucci, Subaru
 Patrick Chand, CCC Foundation
 Al Crispin, America's Tire
 Don Danner, Granada High School
 Scott Farabee, Subaru
 Jim Franz, FH Dailey
 Jeff Gil, Gil's Body Works
 Brian Hagopian, Las Positas College
 Kevin Kramer, Las Positas College
 Carl Kuo, R&C Auto Service
 Tom Lajoie, Subaru
 Matt Levin, Dublin VW
 Juan Maldonado, Ford Motor Co.
 Brian McKee, Hunter Engineering
 Heather Morelli, Tri-Valley ROP
 Jeff Pawlowski, Allen's Auto & Towing
 Skot Randall, Tri-Valley ROP
 Darren Rees, Castro Valley Adult School
 Louis Rodriguez, Dublin Hyundai
 George Romero, Tri-Valley Auto Body
 Ray Smit, Subaru
 Vicki Shipman, Las Positas College
 Larry Weiss, Castro Valley Adult School
 James Weston, Las Positas College
 Eric Wong, Subaru
 Scott Jefferis, Subaru

Meeting Agenda

1. Welcome and Introductions

Present: Brian Hagopian, Delbert Wimmer, James Weston, Vicki Shipman, Ray Smit, Scott Jefferis, Vince Gregory, Kevin Kramer, Brian McKee, Ellie Hirstein, Mitchell May, John Dunn

2. Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes

- Brian McKee motioned to approve, and Ray Smit seconded
- Kevin Kramer abstained
- Motion passed – Minutes approved

3. Industry Update (Emerging Trends, Technology, Job Market)

- **Ray Smit, Subaru**
 - New facility for Subaru is breaking ground in Livermore, and new technicians will be in demand summer of 2023.
 - Need technicians are needed.
 - We want to keep the Subaru tuition reimbursement program front and center.
 - Encouraging ASE technician partnerships to help with completion goals.
 - Faculty member, Brian Hagopian, plans to write short-term noncredit classes to help Subaru technicians pass ASEs.
 - Requests exploring a possible apprenticeship partnership.
 - Ray Smit mentioned tools/assets available if needed. Brian Hagopian would prefer to have Subaru deliver these to the new automotive building for the hybrid and EV engines and transmissions classes beginning in August. Brian Hagopian to provide John Dunn with an email prior.
- **Brian McKee, Hunter Engineering**
 - Increased focus with an ADAS unit in Mission Regional Occupational Program at Fremont and Union City High Schools.
- **Scott Jefferis –**
 - Subaru hosts automotive instructor workshops in the summertime. New class material will be on an EV Solterra – a 4-day, 32-hour course. The invitation will be sent. This is a no-cost course for students.

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4. ROP Report

• Brian Hagopian

- TriValley Regional Occupational Program is trying to figure out a pipeline from high school to college. The best pipeline is to have LPC students give the high school students a tour with lunch provided. This format is well received by high school students.

• Vicki Shipman –

- TriValley Regional Occupational Program is having trouble recruiting for its own classes. She suggested outreach beginning at the elementary and middle school level too.

5. Faculty Report

• College Updates

- New building for automotive with plans to move in the summer of 2023.
- Enrollment – As of 12/1, Spring 2023 fill rate is at 42%. The Covid drop hit us last spring, and in Fall 2022, our fill rate is 73%—ongoing heavy push for enrollment from faculty. Dean Kevin Kramer mentioned that enrollment is down from a statewide and college perspective.
- Catalytic Converter Etching event review – Very successful, with approximately 150 cars served and tons of media coverage from East Bay news stations.

6. Curriculum

- Faculty member, Brian Hagopian, stated that curriculum discussion will need to be recommended by the Advisory Board, move to #7 on the agenda.

7. Recommendations to the Advisory Board

- Recommendation of apprenticeship curriculum for the Northern California District Council of Laborers J.A.T.C.– Faculty member, Brian Hagopian, presented the Construction Laborer’s curriculum to the advisory board. No discussion nor questions asked. Brian McKee motioned to approve first, and James Weston seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
- Approval of continuation with NATEF midyear report. With current standards from the original NATEF accreditation. – We need to do a midyear review, bring this to the Advisory Board, and continue with current standards in our classes. Brian Hagopian asked for a motion to approve. Ray motioned to approve first, and Del seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- Write noncredit classes for ASE and explore noncredit or community ed possibilities. Ray motioned to approve first, and John Dunn seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
- To start discussing a formal apprenticeship with CA State and Subaru. Ray motioned to approve first, and John Dunn seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

8. Next Regular Meeting (Date), Wednesday, May 3 from 6 pm to 7 pm. Zoom

9. Adjournment