



Fire Service Technology Advisory Meeting Minutes

March 8, 2024 | 10:00-11:30 | Bldg. 3400, Room 3416

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.
- ❖ Coordinate resources and provide professional development for effective online instruction and remote delivery of student support services and college processes to advance equitable student outcomes.

FST Advisory Board

Non-Voting Members:

Ellie Hirstein

Attendance

Ch. Aaron Lacey, LPFD

Ch. Joe Testa, LPFD

Ch. Chad Walker

Jeff Zolfarelli, LPC Adjunct Faculty

Anne Kennedy, LPC

Sarah Silvinson, Tracy HS

George Freelen, LPC Fire Academy

Kevin Kramer, Dean PATH, LPC Andre

Linda Vaughn- South Bay Reg. PSTC

Jeff Seaton, LPC FST Faculty/Coord.

Agenda Item

Zoom Option

1. Call to Order

2. Welcome and Introductions

Jeff Seaton

3. Review and Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve agenda - Jeff Zolfarelli; Chief Testa 2nd, approved, Ellie Hirstein abstained

4. Review and Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve minutes - Linda Vaughn; George Freelen 2nd Ellie Hirstein abstained. Motion passed unanimously.

5. Facilities Report

Public Safety Complex Tour

6. Program Updates

FST Program

- Administration supportive and open to hearing FST ideas/etc. With that support, the state of the program has been able to grow into what it is now
- Working through credit for prior learning - In December of 2023 certificates of achievement put through 45 applications in Fire Suppression

Fire Academy Update

- Spring 2024 started last Monday.
- July 13th Graduation (Saturday) with the same general set up as previous ceremonies. Will re-enroll students from Spring semester and transfer them (with a two-day lag) to Summer session.
- LPC Welding Department will help build a large vent prop that will incorporate new skills/training
- New Forcible Entry Prop through RAC/IER Process
- Beer Fest - Pay for 1st year of LPC students within the program (20-25 students). May 11th
- Income sources have been a little more stable/flexible in terms of working towards getting the college "up to date" on what the current real-world standards are
- Successful tower builders FMO/Dean meeting regarding issues/concerns about the tower
- Water supply not enough to safely work the towers
- The solution is for the Pod System with agreement that two hydrants will be bought
- Mistakes on the plans for the tower were also addressed and will be rectified by builders
- Will not be able to use the tower in May
- RAC/IER New rig next year to ensure that the Pod system won't tax the current old rigs

- ISA Updates
 - In-service course - expanding the courses
 - Goal to have the buy-in to come (back) to the college as instructors/leadership, as well as to eventually the agencies start hosting the classes so the students have more contact with the local agencies that would eventually be the ones hiring
 - Friday May 17th - Sunday May 19th entire Academy class being able to learn from North America/International Instructors. Week before (in class) topics will be gone over.
 - Other
 - Public Safety/Auto/Weld Expo - April 17th
 - LPC Open House – March 23rd
 - George – would like to broach the idea of the Advisory Board considering additional classes (FST 1,2,3, & 6, EMT) as prerequisites into the Academy

7. Action Items/ Advisory Recommendations

- Curriculum Items
 - 12 New Courses in curriculum process
 - Mike McQuiston and Jeff Zolfarelli have been working together on new courses. First 6 already through, next 6 are being worked on currently.
 - Identified Equipment Needs:
 - Roof Ventilation Prop
 - Program Growth
 - Spring Full Time FST 12/Fire Fighter I/II Academy
 - First year we have a Fall Academy
 - Staffing needs: FST 12 needs dedicated Coordinator Hours Not enough hours currently earmarked for a Coordinator that also doubles as an instructor. Idea to ask for additional Classified personnel in the form of a Lab Tech

8. Industry Update

- What's new in your organization?
- Hiring Outlook
 - Testa – Have previously had the cycle of hiring for just number of seats vacant based on the cost of the academy, which routinely ends in a personnel shortcoming. This model will assist with the ongoing staffing crisis cycle. Community Risk Assessment currently happening - may be adding companies in some cities, so there looks to be some organizational growth in the next 5-6 years. Apparent Program is currently underway in the budget planning/idea stage
 - Piedmont – getting support from staff to assist with academy

9. Next Regular Meeting

- TBA

10. Adjournment

- 12:16 PM