



ACADEMIC SENATE MINUTES

March 25, 2026 | 2:30 pm – 4:30 pm | Room 21147 + Zoom for visitors

Agenda Item – Zoom information at end of agenda

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

- ❖ 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.
- ❖ Increase student success and completion through sustainable college practices, processes, academic support, removal of barriers, and focused professional development.
- ❖ 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.

Academic Senate Quorum: 8

Non-Voting Members:

President: Ashley Young
Student Government: TBD
Faculty Association: Heike Gecox

Voting Members:

Vice President: Ashley McHale
Secretary: Collin Thormoto
Treasurer: Catherine Suarez
A&H: Justin Garoupa, Catherine Suarez
BSSL: Joanna Jen, Felipe Ponce, Collin Thormoto
PATH: Susan deFuniak
STEM: Anita Bhatia, Moh Daoud, David Montelongo,
Student Services: Kimberly Burks, Ryan Eckles
Part Time Representatives: Jeff Judd, Peter Zimmer

- 1. Call to Order:** 2:30 pm
- 2. Review and Approval of Agenda:** Motion to approve (Joanna Jen)/seconded (Peter Zimmer)/approved unanimously
- 3. Review and Approval of Minutes (March 11, 2026):** Motion to approve (Joanna Jen)/seconded (Peter Zimmer)/approved with two abstentions
- 4. Public Comments (3 minutes):** *This time is reserved for members of the public to address the Academic Senate. Please limit comments to 3 minutes. In accordance with the Brown Act, the Academic Senate cannot act on items not already on the agenda. None*
- 5. Consent Items:** None
- 6. Action Items:** None
- 7. New Business**
 - 7.1 Election Slate**

Clarification that serving on Academic Senate is not a paid position but it does count towards professional responsibility. Individuals may rerun for the same position they currently hold.
 - 7.2 26-27 Shared Governance Worksheet**

Completed tasks to include on the form:

 - Passed an ethical investment policy resolution
 - Established AI workgroups to provide clearer guidelines and provide AI education to faculty
 - Promoted accessibility and universal design and disseminated information regarding deadlines
 - Fundraised and awarded four scholarships
 - Planned classified appreciation day
 - 7.3 AI Assignment Numbering**

Feedback from division meetings showed that clarity on district and college expectations are still needed. Some guidelines included in the new FA contract were intentionally left broad since this topic is constantly evolving. Clarification was provided that faculty must cite any AI used in their materials; additionally, faculty are responsible

for ensuring accuracy of AI-created content. Clarity is also needed regarding the level of policing expected of faculty when unauthorized student usage is suspected and determining when usage crosses the line into cheating. The proposed AI usage rubric was well-received in division meetings although several divisions recommended changing the color coding.

Wanda Butterly and Catherine Suarez created different rubrics that meet universal design and accessibility requirements. A few options were shown and feedback was given for improvements.

7.4 Playlab Bot Workshop

Wanda is willing to provide Playlab Bot creation tutorials to cohorts in the fall. She estimates individuals need approximately 10 hours of training in order to learn how to create their own customized bot.

8. Old Business

8.1 Classified Appreciation Day

A Hawaiian theme was chosen. Food will be partially catered with supplemental potluck items. LPCSG will be asked if they can provide and set up decorations.

8.2 Resolution in Support of an Ethical Investment Policy

LPCSG's edited resolution was shared. The majority of Chabot College's verbiage was kept but Collin's final resolution statements were incorporated. The general consensus from the group was to maintain Collin's drafted resolution.

8.3 Academic Senate Elections

Covered in item 7.1

9. Wellness Break (5 minutes)

10. Reports (5 minutes each)

10.1 LPC Student Government (TBD): None

10.2 A.I. Honesty (Catherine Suarez): None

10.3 CEMC/DEMC (Ashley Young): Enrollment is up 4.8% from this time last year. Additional FTEF was given to the colleges. VP Ho is working with deans and coordinators to determine allocation. A small amount of FTEF is typically put aside in case of emergency needs. Ashley hopes Chancellor Gerhard will join a future senate meeting to discuss FTEF and apprenticeships.

10.4 Curriculum (Craig Kutil): Some people are experiencing errors in CurriQunet, which will be fixed soon. 30 courses are affected with a hanging hour but many instructors attended Craig's flex day session and updated their curriculum. The committee will discuss items on the sunset list at their next meeting, which includes courses that have not been offered for three or more years (unless a reason has been noted). Cal-GETC will meet to work towards aligning standards with UC transferability for Areas 1 and 2 and updating Area 6.

10.5 Distance Education (Kat King): Angelo Bummer spoke on behalf of Kat. Reminder to register for the April 17th Reclaiming Joy event. Instructure, the parent company of Canvas, sent a cease-and-desist letter to Einstein AI; Einstein AI appears to be complying. CCC Digital Center will offer interactive series regarding

AI in education in April and May. The committee is in the process of revamping DE training materials.

10.6 District Technology (Jeff Judd): The district will send out a technology survey in April to gauge needs. Work is being done district-wide to ensure textbook publishers clearly indicate accessibility in their contractual language. The district is working on an AI policy, which is currently in review by Chancellor's Council. As more AI software and applications release, there are growing concerns regarding student information privacy. Question if student information entered on a shared platform (like Google sheets) is compliant? It is not compliant if a shared link is provided to anyone, since that may be shared and accessed with individuals outside of the district but it may be compliant to share access without generating a shared link. Compliance testing is taking place for SSB9 since students using readers may have difficulty navigating and registering for classes. The full conversion to SSB9 has been delayed for this reason.

10.7 Faculty Hiring Prioritization (Heike Gecox): None

10.8 Guided Pathways (Nadiyah Taylor & Jill Carbone): None

10.9 Honors (Irena Keller): The program continues to grow. Six sections of honors courses are schedule for fall, plus an honors seminar for honors contracts. An honors journal has been created for students to submit content and get published. Question if journal entries could be published and stored within our library's database? Yes. The honors symposium will take place April 29th. There is still availability for students interested in submitting posters, although presentation proposals will no longer be accepted due to having reached maximum capacity.

10.10 Professional Development (David Powers): Reminder that variable flex is due May 15th. Flex day received mostly positive responses and the student panel was well received. Session responses are being collected and results will go out to presenters after spring break.

10.11 Treasurer (Catherine Suarez): The PATH scholarship was not listed separately from the general scholarships. Multiple attempts at clarification via email went unanswered. A decision was made to pull one of the scholarships and let PATH determine the recipient.

10.12 President (Ashley Young): Relay feedback using the provided feedback form regarding the college's midterm report. Speak with division colleagues about SLOs and clarify that the provided data is disaggregated; make note of this data to determine meaningful information that can be used to better meet student needs. The proposed plenary resolutions were shared with the group. Felipe Ponce shared concern for some of the verbiage used in "XXX.03 S26 Defending Brown, Black, Asian..."

10.13 Divisions

- A&H (Justin Garoupa, Catherine Suarez): None
- BSSL (Joanna Jen, Felipe Ponce, Collin Thormoto): None
- PATH (Susan deFuniak): None
- STEM (Anita Bhatia, Moh Daoud, David Montelongo): None
- Student Services (Kimberly Burks, Ryan Eckles): None

- Part Time Representatives (Jeff Judd, Peter Zimmer): None

11. Good of the Order/Announcements: None

12. Adjourned: 4:32 pm

13. Next Regular Meeting: April 8, 2026

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