

Proposal to Revise the Low Textbook Cost (LTC) Threshold at Las Positas College

Recommendation

It is proposed that Las Positas College revise its Low Textbook Cost (LTC) designation threshold from \$50 to \$30 in required instructional material costs.

Background

Las Positas College currently uses a local LTC threshold of \$50 or less in required instructional material costs. The California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office has established a standardized Low Textbook Cost threshold of \$30 or less for statewide reporting purposes beginning Summer 2027.

Adopting the \$30 threshold locally would align the college's LTC designation with the statewide standard.

Rationale

- Aligns Las Positas College's LTC designation with the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office definition.
- Creates consistency between local course designations and state reporting requirements.
- Simplifies communication of textbook affordability information to students, faculty, and staff.
- Supports statewide efforts to standardize Low Textbook Cost reporting and identification of affordable courses.

Proposed Action

Effective Summer 2027, Las Positas College will define a Low Textbook Cost (LTC) course as one in which required instructional material costs do not exceed \$30.

Recommendation for Approval

Approve the revision of the Las Positas College Low Textbook Cost (LTC) threshold from \$50 to \$30 to align local practice with the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office standard, starting Summer 2027.