



Honors Program Committee Minutes

April 20, 2026

Recorder: Jennifer Siders

LPC Mission Statement	LPC Planning Priorities 2025		
<p>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 life-long learning.</p>	<p>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.</p>	<p>Increase student success and completion through sustainable college practices, processes, academic support, removal of barriers, and focused professional development.</p>	<p>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.</p>
Chair	Faculty Association (1)	SEIU (1)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Irena Keller <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jennifer Siders 			
Academic Senate (2)	Classified Senate (2)	Student Senate (2)	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sidhant Parashar <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Susana Andrea Ibanez Terrazas 	
Vice Presidents	Deans	Faculty	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Michelle Simotas 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A&H Marty Nash <input type="checkbox"/> Student Services: Rafael Valle <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> STEM: Alain Olavarrieta <input type="checkbox"/> PATH: Paul Sapsford <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BSSL: Dan Cearley 	

Classified Professionals	Guests	
<input type="checkbox"/> Aubrie Ross	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rifa Sipai <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cheryl Cheung <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gabriel Banaag <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mattéa Gutierrez <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mila Dovgal	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Robin Roy

Attendance (Quorum = 5)

Agenda Item	Information/ Discussion	Action/Assigned To
1.	Call to Order <i>2:35pm</i>	
2.	Review & Approve Agenda <i>Motion approve (Dan Cearley)/seconded (Alain Olavarrieta)/discussion (none)/approved.</i>	
3.	Review & Approve Prior Minutes <i>March minutes: Motion to approve (Alain Olavarrieta)/seconded (Sidhant Parashar)/discussion (none)/approved.</i>	

<p>4.</p>	<p>Action Items</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adding Student Government Representative Member <i>Student government says we must have a student government representative on the committee. It was decided to replace our current student committee member with a student government representative. Susana Andrea Ibanez Terrazas will be the student government representative on the committee. Motion to approve (Jennifer Siders)/seconded (Alain Olavarrieta)/discussion (none)/approved.</i> • Community Service Requirements refinement <i>Students completing honors certificate must do 20 hours total. Students who are only taking one honors course and/or not interested in being certified honors student will have no minimum hours of community service but will be encouraged to do community service. This year ~80 students are graduating as certified honors students out of the 500 students currently in the honors program.</i> 	
<p>5.</p>	<p>Old Business</p> <p><i>LPC Symposium Planning</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Going well, fliers are available, schedule has been made, judges are lined up.</i> • <i>there will be faculty awards - students are being asked to nominate faculty</i> <p><i>Honors End of Year Planning, tabled for next time</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>location</i> • <i>food</i> 	
<p>6.</p>	<p>New Business</p> <p><i>Meeting time for Fall 2026 will be 2nd Wednesday of each month at same time as Town Hall/Division meetings, not sure of the exact time, probably 2:40 pm</i></p>	

<p>7.</p>	<p>Updates/Information Items</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>BHC Field trip</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>2 vans have been requested and are nearly full, one leaves at 7:30am and one at 8:30am.</i> • <i>People arriving early will volunteer to help at BHC which helps reduce the cost of LPC attending.</i> • <i>Distribute NEW LPC Symposium flier and offer extra credit</i> • <i>Student's conference travel applications</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>National Level - 3 received so far</i> • <i>State Level - 3 received so far</i> • <i>student brought up that they could only upload one image for a receipt so Irena updated the form to accept files. Should be easier now to submit receipts.</i> 	
<p>8.</p>	<p>Good of the Order <i>None</i></p>	

Meeting adjourned at 3:17pm

Next meeting: May 18th 2026