



Honors Program Committee Minutes

Sept 09, 2026

Recorder: Jennifer Siders

LPC Mission Statement		LPC Planning Priorities 2025	
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.		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.
Chair	Faculty Association (1)	SEIU (1)	
☒ Irena Keller ☒ Jennifer Siders			
Academic Senate (2)	Classified Senate (2)	Student Senate (2)	
		☐ ☒ Susana Andrea Ibanez Terrazas	
Vice Presidents	Deans	Faculty	
		☒ A&H Marty Nash ☒ Student Services: Rafael Valle ☒ STEM: Alain Olavarrieta ☒ PATH: Paul Sapsford ☐ BSSL: Dan Cearley	
Classified Professionals	Guests		

☒ Jean O'Neil Opiari	☒ Dovgal Milena ☒ Apurva Agrawal ☒ Shyam Balasubramanian ☒ Kilian Charron ☒ Mila Dovgal	☒ Robin Roy
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Attendance (Quorum = 5)

Agenda Item	Information/ Discussion	Action/Assigned To
1.	Call to Order <i>2:49pm</i>	
2.	Review & Approve Agenda <i>Motion approve (Alain Olavarrieta)/seconded (Rafael Valle)/discussion (none)/approved.</i>	
3.	Review & Approve Prior Minutes <i>May minutes: Motion to approve as amended (date correction, Oct 14th not 21st on list of future meetings) (Andrea Ibanez Terrazas)/seconded (Alain Olavarrieta)/discussion (none)/approved.</i>	
4.	Action Items	
5.	Old Business	

6.	New Business • <i>Membership updates</i>, Titian Lish will be attending future meetings. Jean O’Neil Opiari will be the classified member of the committee and Susana Andrea Ibanez Terrazas is the student government representative. • <i>Committee Charge Overview</i> - no changes • Getting information about honors to incoming students • sending email to new students not that successful • New Hawk Day, get on the program instead of just a table • Discover LPC night • Outreach takes materials to all the high schools • <i>2026-2027 Committee Assignments</i> • Discipline Expert for Honors Contracts and Papers Math (Olavarrieta), Physics/Chem (Siders), English (Nash). Contracts deadline Sept 11. • Honors Community Service point person - Calendar/volunteer opportunities (Jean, Shyam, Mila), Alain will reach out to Karen (Smart Shops) would be useful if people could tag events with ‘volunteer’ when adding to LPC calendar to let students know they need volunteers. People requesting volunteers for events need to give a contact person. • Journal of Honors Support - Nash • LPC Student Symposium organization - Keller, Siders, Roy, O’Neil Opiari. • Certificate of Achievement/Transfer Agreement support - Rafael Valle, counselors approve certificates. Students must meet with a counselor to apply for a certificate. Irena and Rafael will meet to go discuss. • End of Year celebration planning (spring) • Fundraising/Fieldtrips • Students Internships Liaison - opportunities for students to do honors work at LLNL or other local labs/ companies?? Would be difficult with LLNL but there are regular internship opportunities.	Alain will reach out to Karen (Smart Shops) Jean/Shyam/Mila talk to Tim about using Trumba.
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7.	Updates/Information Items • <i>Brochures, fliers, reference cards passed out for faculty to hand out at division meetings.</i> • <i>Journal of Honors - now online, working on getting it printed, bi annual. Working on work-flow, getting team together next Tuesday. Promote first issue, and request submissions. 'Banquet' night to celebrate first issue - Independent paper - advertises program</i> - discussion of having an event to celebrate the first issue, promote the journal and LPC - talk to Chip? - Board meeting? Nov 17th is at LPC. - Discover LPC Night • <i>Sections, Contracts/embedded components/Honor seminars - Irena will email faculty about teaching spring honor sections.</i>	Apurva Agrawal will talk to Chip about promoting the journal.
8.	Good of the Order None	

Meeting adjourned at 4:12pm

Next meeting: October 14th 2026 2:45pm