



# Viticulture and Wine Technology Meeting Minutes

February 7, 2023 | 1687 & Zoom | 2:00 PM

## 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

- ❖ 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.

## Committee Name      Quorum:

Present:  
Brandi Lombardi  
Damian Bramlett  
David Everett  
David Hendrickson  
David Kent  
Inez Ayerra  
Jean O'Neil-Opipari  
Jessica Carroll  
John Kinney  
Karl Wente  
Meredith Sarboraria  
Nan Ho

## Agenda Item

### 1. Call to Order, 2:05 PM

### 2. Welcome and Introductions

Nan, Ho, David Everett, Damian Bramlett, Jean O'Neil-Opipari, Jessica Carroll, Meredith Sarboraria, David Hendrickson, David Kent, Karl Wente, Brandi Lombardi, Inez Ayerra, John Kinney

### 3. Review and Approval of Agenda

Nan moves to approve agenda, seconded by Jessica.  
Approved unanimously

### 4. Review and Approval of Minutes of December 11, 2019

David Kent moves to approve minutes, Nan Ho seconds. Approved unanimously

### 5. Industry Updates

#### • Hiring needs

- Meredith
  - Love the help, but no funds to pay interns
  - Unpaid internships – not ideal
  - Students are covered by school insurance if they are enrolled in Work Experience 94 or 95
    - Check to see how many times Work Experience can be taken
- John Kinney
  - Need people with availability – interns come and go
  - Needs a bartender
  - Can train hospitality in a day, but need availability, part-time job
  - Job shadow possibility
  - Small operation – work can be handled by paid staff
- David Kent
  - Job posted for Cellar Master, high skill, pays \$45K-60K
  - 2 seasonal workers (\$15/hour +)
- Brandi
  - Livermore Valley Wine Growers offer out for a marketing coordinator

- Interns – always looking for help, not winemaking, more admin assistant
  - Winemakers don't know how to access Handshake
  - Wine Industry, not just winemaking. Hospitality, number crunching, safety, maintenance, food safety, barrel maintenance etc.(get list from Karl Wente)
  - LPC does not certify for forklift, but does provide forklift training
  - **Internship opportunities**
  - **Emerging trends**
    - David Kent
      - Tri Valley Conservancy finished 25 year retrospective on the area plan and looked at the feasibility of grape growing in Livermore
      - Establishment of a wine heritage district. It's a 2% assessment on all the wineries in Livermore Valley – solid financial base for Wine Growers Association
      - TVC – since 2021 wine quality alliance – consulting winemaker, Julie Schreiber – purchased equipment, help smaller wineries with quality control
      - TVC sponsored sewer initiative – that passed in the city of Livermore – sewer extended into argo core to include restaurant and hotels.
    - [Measure D](#)
      - 50% cattle, 50% agriculture in Alameda County
      - Goal to have 5000 acres planted in Livermore, 2200 acres planted currently and going down
  - **New Technology**
    - Moving away from analog
    - Aeration oxidation can be done by instrument
    - Worry about numbers out of machines. It is important to know where numbers come from.
    - Calibration
    - People may have trouble interpreting the data
    - Education on how to interpret data and what to do once you have the information
    - How to fix issues
    - Next meeting, share curriculum with advisory and look at learning objectives
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  - **COVID recovery**
    - Last year was slow
    - Business is not back to pre-COVID levels, although ticking up
    - Wine Growers no longer doing fundraising, quality wine focus
    - Doing outdoor tasting
    - Use of reservations, helpful to anticipate needs
    - Walk ins allowed now
- ## 6. Faculty Update
- **Introduce Damian Bramlett**
  - **Wine sales**
    - Tapered a bit
    - Released first ever port
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  - **Bond status**
    - A little behind on compliance
    - Found out we may not need a bond
  - **Vineyard, viticulture**
  - **Winemaking, enology**

- **New facility progress (Inez Ayerra)**
    - The new VWT buildings
      - Bldg. 3600 will have a classroom, lab, prep-kitchen, restrooms, office, mechanical /IT room
      - Bldg. 3700 (Winemaking building) – 2 environmentally controlled (barrel & case) rooms, 2 roll-up doors, lab, electrical & mechanical room, crush pad with rolling fence
      - Patio between building 3600 & 3700, overlooks hills
      - Send the Advisory board the new building schematics
      - Completion date: Winter 2024
  - **Tasting class**
  - **Hospitality**
  - **Drone (Dan Cleary)**
    - Explanation of drone program
    - Bring how we will use drone info at next meeting
  - **New Career Center Coordinator**
    - **Job descriptions**
7. **Recommendations from the Board**
- **Cross list GIS**
8. **Adjournment 3:29**
9. **Next Regular Meeting:** Thursday, September 7, 2023, 2:00 PM