



LAS POSITAS COLLEGE VITICULTURE AND ENOLOGY FOUNDATION (LPCVEF) MINUTES

December 11, 2019 | 11am – 12pm | Room 1687

LPC Mission Statement

Las Positas College is an inclusive learning-centered institution providing educational opportunities and support for completion of students' transfer, degree, basic skills, career-technical, and retraining goals.

LPC Planning Priorities

- ❖ Implement the integration of all ACCJC standards throughout campus structure and processes.
- ❖ 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.

LPCVEF Board of Directors

David Everett, President (President term expires 4/18/21; ex-officio Director)

Meredith Saboraria, Vice President (term expires 4/18/22)

Norman Petermeier, Treasurer (term expires 4/18/20)

Neal Ely, Secretary (term expires 4/18/21)

Nan Ho (term expires 4/18/21)

Diane Brady (term expires 4/18/20)

Roanna Bennie, College President (ex-officio)

Call to Order - David Everett, 11:00

Introductions

Board Directors present: David Everett, Meredith Sarboraria, Norm

Petermeier, Neal Ely, Nan Ho, Diane Brady, Roanna Bennie

Guests present: Tommy Vanhoutte, Eduardo Salaz, Kristina Whalen, Jean

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Review and Approval of Agenda

Add: Vacancies, TVC, why we are here, contract changes, and collective bargaining

Motion to approve agenda: 1) Diane Brady, 2) Nan Ho, motion carries

Review and Approval of Minutes, August 22, 2019

1) Nan Ho, 2) Neal Ely, motion carries

Updates

Fall Harvest and Wine production – Tommy Vanhoutte and Meredith Sarboraria

- Quality good Syrah and Grenache going through aging, second fermentation; 120 liters
- 60 gallons very good quality white – Albarino
- Tempranillo grapes sold (about 3500lbs)
 - Neal – will sold grapes get credit if sold to a winery?
 - \$.50 per pound for grapes, \$1000 a ton
 - Buyers picked grapes themselves
 - Mostly sold to home wine makers
- Some equipment failure this semester, business office has been very supportive
 - Bladder in press broke from being kept outside (breakdown), most impactful to program. Now have custom covers for all equipment that is kept outside. Need to order new bladder

Budget Updates – Diane Brady

- \$2200 in the bank
- Work needs to be done, quarterly tax return also includes wine grower and shippers tax.

- New board CA Dept. of tax and fee Administration
- Need Apply for 501c3 for Feds, need to file a FDA report

Faculty Agreement new language – Roanna Bennie

- Programs with external accreditation such as Paramedic, Fire, VWT now have contractual language about minimum Reassigned Time.
 - *10C.2(6) Reassign Time for Faculty in Programs with External Accreditation and/or Regulations. If either Chabot or Las Positas assigns Faculty to the following positions, those positions will be assigned reassign time at no less than six (6) Calculated A Hours (CAHs) per Academic Year. If the Faculty member assigned to a position listed below is compensated above six (6) Calculated A Hours (CAHs) annually, they will be held harmless at their current compensation, based on Academic Year 2018-19.*
- Point person in business office will be Roanna during Dec/Jan.
- After January LPCVEF can get help from Barb Yesnosky at district.
- Natasha's replacement can also help.
- All mail will go to David.
- Need to get new check signers
- Will need to replace Diane and Roanna as Directors
- Vineyard Labor contractor has left the area. Currently courting a new vineyard company. Meeting today with candidate.
- Additional help in vineyard is why we were able to make wine
- Shea Homes neighbors were happy; they expect the vineyard to be neat and tidy. During olive harvest neighbors seemed happy

Teaching Winery Updates – David Everett

- Optimistic after meeting of 12/10/19. Programing, how space should be built for instruction and production, not at the point of artist rendering, just logistics (what should be near what), TBP architect has a winery consultant
- People involved in design of building creating extra touches to make a great space. The place where different dept. will want to hold events. Also place for community to come. Kristina W. found TBP to be very responsive and good to work with during another project at another school.
- Getting industry feedback from advisory board on facility.
- Things going smoothly

LPC Foundation – Lori Souza

- Ms. Souza welcomed the Campus Hill Winery Foundation, will help when needed, will share knowledge of fundraising. Ideas of how to build up an endowment.
- Eduardo – look at other winery foundations

Tri-Valley Conservancy – David Everett

- Working with Karl Wente, David Kent. They are exploring the possibility / potential need for a custom crush facility, with goal of improving overall quality of wines from Livermore. Custom crush facility would give small winemakers space to enhance quality. Not available to smaller producers because of cost. Economic viability of wine industry of the valley tense now. Labor costs high.
- Partner with UCD to look at industry viability. TVC studying plots of land, water. South Livermore Valley plan needs to be re-evaluated (25 years). Land use falling short. Custom crush co-op. Jeff Bitters (President of CA grape growers) coming to talk about co-ops. Survey with wine growers. TVC hire an enologist to help develop the custom crush facility.
- Interns from LPC will help run facility. Exploring the custom crush to be here at LPC. Is it possible to add to that, funded privately? May be able to build a space behind solar panels, using existing equipment and TVC enologist. Start small, slow. If quality rises possibility to expand. How to keep product separate? Exit strategy for TVC? Natural for students to intern in custom crush facility, but also great gateway for hiring new employees for wineries.

Other

- How do we fill a vacancy on the board, a successor may be selected if the resigning board member is resigning in the future?
- Diane expressed interest in continuing on Board

Next Meeting

- February 12, 2020, 11 – 12

Good of the Order

- Welcome back David
- Thank you to Tommy and Meredith for all their work this semester