



LPC Mission Statement

Las Positas College is an inclusive, learning-centered, equity-focused environment that offers educational opportunities and support for completion of student's 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.

ET Advisory Board

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Engineering Technology Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

April 30,2026 | 5:30-7:00pm | Room 21147 & Zoom

Agenda Item

1. Call to Order 5:36

2. Welcome and Introductions

Jen Decker, Beth McCormick., Paul Stepanek, Rhonda Boykin, Kristi Vanderhoof, Sue Swift, Jenny Siders, Paula Checchi, Jean O'Neil-Opipari, Randy Pico, Farzad Shahbodaghlou from CA State East Bay (founder of construction management/Civil Engineering at CSU East Bay)

3. Review of Agenda

4. Review of Minutes from November 2025

5. Acknowledgments

- NNSA Workshops Completed and Upcoming
 - NDE class 1st time in CA, 17 students, Vac Tech also 17 students
 - Laser Optics – June 22 – August 12, 6 people signed up, can take 24 students
 - Jenny and Jen are presenting at the Board Meeting on May 5 with 3 students
 - Rhonda – May be able to do something with WIOA to help employers pay for internships – we would need to work with Tri Valley Career Center. Employer pays a percentage, and WIOA pays a portion.
 - Talk to I Gate and the Career Center about the possibility, if not this year, for next year.
 - Students must qualify for WIOA

6. Industry Updates

- Internship Status
 - 17 students interviewed,10 students placed at LLNL for a summer internship, a record number
 - For students who didn't get internships, is there something we can do to improve their chances
 - The intern candidates were all impressive, but the internships were very competitive
 - 2 pathways to the Lab, [ACP](#) & [CCI](#) programs
- Emerging Trends
 - Hiring Needs for ET students

- LLNL actively hiring engineering technologists with 60 positions approved in the last 2 months
- Last 30 days, Randy has hired 60 techs
- Find info on the careers page
- James Campbell just converted to a full-time LLNL employee
- Engineering 50 is being offered this fall
- Inertia will be looking for techs soon
- LAM is expanding its office in Livermore
- TopCon is downsizing currently, no hiring for some time
- Active areas of Engineering is Civil and Construction, at CSU East Bay job fair Oct 16. 55 companies last year. Companies are looking to hire interns. Invitation to CSUEB Job Fair for Engineering Transfer students.
- CSUEB course AI for construction
- Big need for Civil Engineering and construction management. Not as affected by AI.
- We have 10 different employers posting 17 jobs and internships in technician or technologist roles
- Randy is interested in construction management
- Training Needs

7. Program Report

- Course Updates
 - Engineering 50, Fall 15, students enrolled so far
 - Welding 10 spring 27
- Enrollments
 - Strong enrollment, Engineering 1 pipeline to ET
 - 82 ET majors, 40ish have SEP
- Anticipated Degrees & Certificates To Be Awarded
 - 7 students are applying for graduation, some will be awarded in spring, some will be awarded in summer/fall
 - STEM is paying for Welding 10,
 - Importance of welding 63 & 79 has been discussed with PATH Dean
 - Not a lot of Veteran involvement at this point, despite reaching out at Operation Gateway
- Outreach
 - Participated in Op Gateway last year, and will again this year
 - Vets toured the lab, but not sure if any interest was sparked for ET
 - Connect with Evelyn about tours after this year's Operation Gateway
 - Operation Gate August 6 – 7
 - Friday, February 5 okay for the LLNL internship interview
 - LPC Open House this fall, moving back to Spring in 2027

- Attend high school CTE Fairs
- LHS Green Engineering visit
- End of year reception for ET May 14
- TV Innovation Fair
- Techs on Deck Saturday, November 14, 2027?

8. Recommendations from the Advisory Board

9. Good of the Order

- Jen and Jenny received 10 year award at this month's board meeting
- Sue is retiring in July

10. Next Regular Meeting:

- Tuesday, October 20, 2026 from 5:30 - 7:00pm

11. Adjournment 6:51
