



Honors Program Committee Minutes

October 20, 2025

Recorder: Jennifer Siders

LPC Mission Statement	LPC Planning Priorities 2024		
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.	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.	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/s	Faculty Association (1)	SEIU (1)	
☒ Jennifer Siders ☒ Irena Keller			
Academic Senate (2)	Classified Senate (2)	Student Senate (2)	
		☒ Sidhant Parashar ☐	
Vice Presidents	Deans	Faculty	
	☐ Michelle Simotas	☐ A&H: Marty Nash ☒ Student Services: Rafael Valle ☒ STEM: Alain Olavarrieta ☒ PATH: Paul Sapsford ☐ BSSL: Dan Cearley	
Classified Professionals	Guests		
☐ Aubrie Ross	☐ Jason Maxwell ☒ Rifa Sipai ☐ Cheryl Cheung ☒ Chip Warner Amy Brown, Kloe Situ	☒ Elizabeth Wings Brooks ☐ Robin Roy ☐ Jean O'Neil -Opipari	

Attendance (Quorum = 5)

Agenda Item	Information/Discussion	Action/Assigned To
1.	Call to Order 2:38pm. We did not have quorum so had informal discussion with Amy Brown about Middle College students and the Honors program.	
2.	Review & Approve Agenda . Did not have quorum. Motion to approve ()/seconded (.)/ discussion (none)/approved	
3.	Review & Approve Prior Minutes. Did not have quorum. Motion to approve () /seconded ()/ discussion (none)/approved	
4.	Action Items • Middle college/dual enrollment students policy: Middle College students are a diverse population with a wide range of GPA's from 2.0 to 4.5. 65% of MC students continue at LPC after getting their high school degree. They can take up to 11 units while in MC program. If they go on to a 4 year university after graduating from MC they apply as freshman, but if they continue at LPC for 1 year as LPC student they can then transfer to 4 year school. • It was discussed that MC students should not be taking honors classes their first semester, but should wait till their second semester. MC students should have Amy Brown's approval to take honors classes. • Having a hard cut off for GPAs was discussed: LPC students 3.0 to 3.5 need a letter of rec, but have to be 3.0 or above. High school students need a letter of rec with GPA 3.25-3.75. • Dual enrollment – GPA & transcripts and at least 12 LPC units.	

	• Chip mentioned we need to encourage students to apply for degrees. Mission Statement and SAOs: (next time) • Flex Day Session Prep: The first session certification (Irena and Jenny). The second section: share tips and help people build their embedded honors canvas shells by division (Alain, Jenny, Dan, Marty, Paul and Elizabeth). Alain has another commitment and won't be able to attend. Student Sidhant will attend workshop.	
5.	Old Business • Honors Degree Curriculum - switch to certificate – 15 units? ◦ One seminar or two? Need to submit before November. • Conferences participation (Faculty and Students) • BHC Symposium/Fieldtrip to Stanford on May 2 ▪ Vans? Driver volunteers? 12-person vans will be available, Paul volunteered to drive one.	
6.	New Business • Ali Fund for National Conference in STEM – how to proceed? This fund is to help ONE student attend a STEM conference annually. Is it an endowment? • A Capstone Project idea – Honors independent Study?	
7.	Information Items	
8.	Updates • Honors Courses for Spring 2026: English: Critical Thinking, Calc 2, PHYS 1B, ANTH 1, HIST 7 • Honors Statistics for FALL – 336 active students, 90 waitlisted. 96 approved contracts, 163 embedded components, 3 Honors sections (approximately 36, 32, 20) • Publication subcommittee meeting went well, next will meet on Monday 27nd 2:30-3:30. • Fundraising Updates • Outreach reports	

9.	Good of the Order	
10.	Future Agenda Items Picking date for LPC Symposium	

Meeting adjourned at 4:00pm

Next meeting: Nov. 17th, 2025