



LAS POSITAS COLLEGE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS CODE

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I. Purpose

1. To ensure a fair, democratic, and transparent election process for the Student Government.

II. Eligibility

1. Candidates must be enrolled students with a GPA of 2.0 or higher, and be enrolled in a minimum of five (5) semester units.
2. Candidates that hold an officer position within a club will have to resign from that officer position **with the exception of Student Trustee** prior to their acceptance of a position on the Las Positas College Student Government Executive Board.
3. If the candidate wishing to run in the election is a Middle College student, they must be a senior in Las Positas Middle College at the time of the elections.

III. Applications

1. Procedure: Candidates must submit an application by the due date.
2. Deadline: Applications close on March 24th, 2025.
3. Meet Your Candidates: An opportunity to meet election candidates will be held on April 2nd, 2025.

IV. Campaigning Rules

1. Campaigning begins on Monday, April 14, 2025 at 8:00 AM, and ends on Saturday, April 19, 2025 at 11:59 PM.
2. Each individual, regardless of the number of positions they are running for, can use up to **\$200** for campaign materials, which includes flyers, banners, or giveaways provided by the student government. Each individual candidate is not allowed to do the following: use more than the budget, use their own funds for campaigning, and receive donations. Candidates must submit a request form for promotional campaigning materials.
 - a. The spending for each individual will be limited to Costco items, of which a web link will be provided to approved candidates. The LPCSG will acquire requested items and provide them for pick-up on campus.
 - b. Each individual may be a candidate for up to **three positions, including Student Trustee**.
3. No slanderous, discriminatory, or harmful content. Respect for all candidates is mandatory.
4. Candidates must campaign in a civilized manner. No harassment, intimidation, defamation, or libel of other candidates is allowed.
5. Campaigning in the library is prohibited.



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6. Candidates must run for themselves; they cannot have family members or non-students' campaign for them. Other students who are not running can help advertise the candidate's campaign only through campaign items purchased through Student Life.
7. Any students assisting a candidate in a campaign must be registered with the Elections Committee by W number, in order to ensure than candidates are responsible for any behaviors on their behalf.
8. Candidates are **not allowed to have a political affiliation** during their campaign (i.e. Democratic or Republican).
9. Candidates must run independently; no group affiliation is allowed. (i.e. grouping together with other candidates to collect votes)
10. Votes must be cast by the voters themselves. For example, candidates are not allowed to pre-fill information on the voter's behalf and the voters may not use candidates' devices.
11. Individuals may not use any funding aside from the \$200 dollars awarded by Las Positas College Student Government for campaigning efforts. Violation of this item will lead to disqualification.
12. Two violations of any of the campaign rules on the 2025 Las Positas College Elections Code will lead to the offending candidate's disqualification from the election.

V. Election Procedure

1. Voting Method: Votes are cast online and must be cast on the voter's device, not on the candidate's device. All enrolled students are eligible to vote. Votes will be released on the Tuesday following the election: April 22nd, 2025.
2. Timeline: Voting opens on April 14th, 2025, and closes at 11:59 pm on April 19th, 2025.
3. Anonymity: Votes are confidential and anonymous.

VI. Counting Votes

1. Process: Votes will be cast and recorded via Microsoft Forms. Any duplicate votes (i.e. using the same W-number) will be discarded, and only the first original vote cast will be counted.
2. Votes will be announced midway through the elections to showcase the current standing. This will occur on April 16th, 2025.
3. Personnel: Votes will be counted by the LPCSG Advisor and the LPCSG Director of Legislation. If the Director of Legislation is a candidate, then they will be replaced.

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VII. Handling Disputes

- **Committee:** A neutral Election Committee will handle disputes. The current Director of Legislation will serve on the Election Committee along with three student government members.
- **Eligibility:** If the candidate is a current member of LPCSG, then they cannot serve on the election committee.
- **Process:** Complaints can be submitted anytime during the campaign period. Candidates can contest the votes. All complaints will be submitted on a complaint form.
- **Decision:** If a candidate violates the campaigning rules, they will be issued a warning by the Election Committee. A second violation will disqualify the candidate from running. Decisions made by the committee are **final**.

VIII. Results

1. **Announcement:** Results will be announced during the Senate meeting after campaigning, taking place April 23rd, 2025.
2. **Majority Rule:** The individual with the most votes wins a position. If an individual wins multiple positions, they must choose one position from the positions they won. An **exception** exists in the case of the Student Trustee elect, who may accept one additional Executive Board position, should they win it. Once winning candidates have chosen their preferred Executive Board position, vacant positions will be offered to the runner-up candidate, who may choose to accept. In the event of a vacant position after the oath of office is held, an internal election will be held in the following Fall Semester by the Las Positas College Student Government to fill needed positions.
3. Once a candidate accepts their position on the Las Positas College Executive Board, the term of office spans three semesters: Summer, Fall, and Spring, or exactly one academic year.