

# Las Positas College Student Government (LPCSG) Constitution

## **Preamble:**

The Las Positas College Student Government, a union of students formed to represent the interest of the student body, seeks to provide means for student representation by maintaining well-established lines of communication throughout the many areas of the community college environment. We hereby establish this Constitution under the authority of the Board of Trustees of the Chabot – Las Positas Community College District.

## **ARTICLE I – NAME**

### **Section I:**

The name of this organization shall be the Las Positas College Student Government, hereafter referred to as the LPCSG.

## **ARTICLE II – PURPOSE**

### **Section I:**

The LPCSG holds the primary responsibility for the leadership and management of the student body in meeting the purpose and responsibility established for it by the Board of Trustees of Chabot – Las Positas Community College District, in accordance with *California Education Code 76060, Las Positas Board Policy 5400*, and by this Constitution.

## **ARTICLE III – ORGANIZATION**

### **Section I: Membership**

Membership within the LPCSG shall be granted, upon the establishment of student status to all enrolled students of Las Positas College, in accordance with this Constitution and the adopted Bylaws.

Membership entitles the holder to all privileges granted by the Constitution and adopted Bylaws, including the right to vote, hold office, and participate in LPCSG.

## **Section II: Senate**

Members within the LPCSG shall be represented by a governing body known as and hereafter referred to as the LPCSG Senate. This body will be comprised of no more than thirty-five (35) voting members with titles, functions, and duties defined within the adopted Bylaws.

## **Section III: Executive Council:**

Members within the LPCSG and the Senate shall be governed by an elected six (6) executive officers. This body, hereafter referred to as the Executive Council, has its titles, function, and duties defined within the adopted Bylaws.

## **Section IV: Committees**

The LPCSG Senate and Executive Council shall have authority to establish committees with their respective rules and procedures in accordance with the adopted Bylaws.

# **ARTICLE IV – MEETINGS**

## **Section I: Meetings**

Regular meeting of the LPCSG Senate and Executive Council must take place once a week during the Fall and Spring semesters, excluding finals week and breaks, to discuss and represent student affairs, with at least two meetings achieving quorum each semester. These meetings and additional meetings may be called by the Executive Council in abeyance with the adopted Bylaws.

# **ARTICLE V – AMENDMENTS**

## **Section I: Procedure**

Amendments to this constitution may be proposed by a petition delivered to the LPCSG Senate signed by one-tenth (1/10) of the LPCSG members or by recommendation of the LPCSG Student Senate by a two-thirds (2/3) majority. The proposed amendment must then be voted on at a special election held no later than four (4) weeks after the reception of the proposed amendment.

## **Section II: Approval**

Upon approval of a majority of participating students in the special election, the amended Constitution shall be brought to the next scheduled Board of Trustees meeting. The amendment shall become effective upon approval by the Board of Trustees of the Chabot-Las Positas

Community College District.

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## **ARTICLE VI – BYLAWS**

### **Section I: Bylaws**

LPCSG Bylaws shall be adopted with this Constitution as necessary to enable and promote the functions of the LPCSG Senate and Executive Council. The power to create, adopt, and amend the Bylaws is vested in the LPCSG Senate and Executive Council. Amendments to the Bylaws require a two--thirds (2/3) favorable majority vote of the LPCSG Senate to be made law.

## **ARTICLE VII – REMOVAL FROM OFFICE**

### **Section I: Removal From Office**

Any failures of an elected official to perform his or her duties as defined by the Constitution and Bylaws may be recommended for removal from office by the LPCSG members, Senate, or Executive Council. Appropriate action for removal will then be carried out in accordance with the adopted Bylaws.

## **ARTICLE VIII - BUDGET**

### **Section 1: Budget**

The LPCSG Senate and Executive Council shall have authority to establish and manage their budget, in accordance with *California Education Code 76063 and 76064, Las Positas College Board Policy 5420*, and the adopted Bylaws and Budget Code.

## **ARTICLE IX - ELECTIONS**

### **Section I: Elections**

LPCSG elections shall be held in accordance with *Las Positas College Board Policy 5410* the adopted Bylaws, and the adopted Elections Code, under direction and supervision of the Executive Council of the LPCSG.

## **- ARTICLE X – RULES OF ORDER**

### **Section I: Rules of Order**

*Robert's Rules of Orders Newly Revised* (current edition) shall be the governing parliamentary procedures of the LPCSG, except when in contradiction with the LPCSG

Constitution and Bylaws, which shall supersede such procedures.

## **ARTICLE XI – RATIFICATION**

### **Section I:**

Upon receiving approval from the Board of Trustees, this Constitution is ratified and shall supersede any previous Constitutions, Bylaws, and regulations put forth by the LPCSG.

### **Dates Constitution Amended and Approved:**

Amended: April 2001 Amended: October 2003 Amended: April 2009 Amended: April 2010

Board Approved: November 2001 Board Approved: November 2003 Board Approved: August 2009 Board Approved: April 2010

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