

Las Positas College

Official Constitution of Las Positas College Student Government

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Mission Statement

The Las Positas College Student Government's (LPCSG) mission is to support Las Positas College in making the campus a safe, positive, and equitable space for all students. We are a nonpartisan organization passionate about facilitating and improving student life on our campus, advocating for our students at the local, state, and national level by making students' critical issues known, and relentlessly fighting to represent our diverse student population. The Student Government aims to enrich the students academically, socially, and culturally. We strive to be as transparent as possible and encourage student involvement in our affairs.

Vision Statement

The Las Positas College Student Government is committed to removing barriers to access and providing an atmosphere for better learning and personal growth. We are dedicated to representing student interests on local, state, and national levels by lobbying legislators, attending conferences, and serving on campus governance committees.

Preamble:

The Las Positas College Student Government, is a union of students formed to represent the student body's interest, 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 comprise no more than thirty-five (35) voting members with titles, functions, and duties defined within the adopted Bylaws.

Section III: Executive Board:

Members within the LPCSG and the Senate shall be governed by an elected eight (8) executive officers. This body, hereafter referred to as the Executive Board, has its titles, function, and duties defined within the adopted Bylaws.

Section IV: Committees

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

ARTICLE IV – MEETINGS

Section I: Meetings

Regular meetings of the LPCSG Senate and Executive Board must be decided on a week before the first order of business by the chair as described in the Bylaws, this excludes finals week and breaks, to discuss and represent student affairs, with at least two meetings achieving quorum each semester. The Executive Council Executive Board may call these meetings and additional meetings 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.

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 Board. The power to create, adopt, and amend the Bylaws is vested in the LPCSG Senate and Executive Board. 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 failure of an elected official to perform their duties as defined by the Constitution and Bylaws may be recommended for removal from office by the LPCSG members, Senate, or Executive Board. 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 Board 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 Board and Advisor of 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.