



Occupational Safety & Health Advisory AGENDA

May 6, 2025 | 5:30 PM | Building 2100, Room 21147 & Zoom

Agenda Item

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 lifelong 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.

Committee Name Quorum:

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1. Call to Order

Cari Elofson, Amish Wayland, Steve McConnell, Paula Checchi, Jean O'Neil-Opipari

2. Review Agenda

3. Review of Minutes, December 4, 2024

4. Program Report

- Enrollments
 - OSH 67 – 22 students
 - No offerings this summer
- OSH instructors update
 - Sam Pogers, a new instructor, teaching OSH 67, doing a great job!
- Instructor for OSH 60 offered in the Fall (Elements of Industrial Hygiene)
 - John Cala (CIH), from LLNL; knowledgeable, outgoing, well spoken
- Spring of 26 we have funding for OSH 62 (Physical Hazards), Sam Pogers will teach it.
- Awarded 2 American Society of Safety Professionals scholarships this semester. Each scholarship was \$1000
 - One awardee is brand new to the program, but has 10 years of construction experience
 - There is a 3-member team that evaluates the scholarship; Steve is not on this team.
 - Steve thanks the local chapter for continuing to fund these scholarships
- Re: Construction
 - Looking at construction safety, based on the previous recommendation from the board.
 - Looked at schools that offer construction related classes and reached out to the 3 representatives from the construction industry who are on the Advisory Board
 - Asked for input, training materials
 - Could not find existing construction course that was offered at LPC
 - Did find the following courses offered in AutoTech program for an apprenticeship program
 - Fundamentals of Construction
 - Forklift Orientation

- Safety Certification Course
- an introduction providing trainees with an overview of practices of construction work, including safety tools, techniques, terms.
- In accordance with Cal. OSHA, CFR title 8, and then OSHA, CFR. 1926 construction standards that are applicable to courses being covered so content is practices of construction work, state work, habits, use of tools, terminology, pavement breakers, techniques for laying asphalt, concrete and pipes. And then there's lab techniques and handling grade checking, laying, asphalt and concrete
- Need to see course content to see if it can be massaged to fit OSH
 - Paula will check with Craig and the curriculum committee
 - Need to find out if these courses can be used by LPC OSH
 - Need to see the content of courses offered at other schools
 - Work construction information into existing classes
 - Need to understand priorities
 - Curriculum Development takes 12 – 18 months; for this reason, it might be faster to incorporate construction safety topics into existing classes.
 - Will need to determine how a new construction class would fit into the degree program. (Elective?). Offer opinions for subject matter emphasis? Requirement of degree?
 - Probably cannot do Construction emphasis with one class
 - Most LPC OSH students **do not** come from LLNL
 - Consider switching out one of the Bio Courses (30, 40, 50)
 - We have 4 required classes, now, one per semester. Then you add the Rads classes for 2 semesters every 2 years. If we add a Construction class in the future a Construction class and an OSH class would potentially be offered in the same semester. Where does new class fit?
 - Sub out CIS 50 (Intro to Computing Info)?
 - LPC Program fairly broad except for Rads.
 - Add Risk Management?
- Next Rads course offered Fall 26 (Rads A) – running Rads classes under enrolled, but classes are necessary. Year gap for Rads
- Next offerings: SP 26 OSH 62, Fall 25 OSH 60, Sp 27 OSH 67, Fall 26 OSH 50
 - Coverage for classes, either Sam or John will work, McConnell currently slated to teach OSH 50 in Fall 26 semester
- Marketing materials are in process. Outreach happens all the time to high schools and community. Maybe look to Outreach to advisories.
- If we propose new curriculum, we need to have strong justification
 - Need to make sure course content will work, or begin to develop new curriculum
 - Helpful to have someone from PATH on this advisory
- Links to other college programs
 - [Taft College](#)
 - [Taft College cert.](#)
 - [Bakersfield College](#)
 - [Cuyamaca Community College](#)
 - [Southwestern College: Occupational Health & Safety](#)
 - [San Juan College](#) (New Mexico)
- Maybe new curriculum is ½ semester class?
- Maybe able to massage already existing curriculum to fit our needs

5. Industry Updates

- Training and Hiring Needs
 - LPC headed in the right direction with general basics for entry-level positions
- Emerging Trends
- Internship or Entry-Level Opportunities

6. Action Items

- Paula will talk to Craig in Curriculum about the apprenticeship classes
- Can the existing curriculum be fast-tracked?
- Steve will also talk to folks on the Advisory Board who are in construction
- Would like to explore increasing the level of Construction Management Safety in existing courses
- Look at Fire curriculum

7. OSH courses in curricunet

- a. [OSH 50 - Introduction to Occupational Safety and Health](#)
- b. [OSH 67 - Comprehensive Regulatory Requirements](#)
- c. [OSH 62 Physical Hazards](#)
- d. [OSH 60 Elements of Industrial Hygiene](#)
- e. [RADS 40A](#)
- f. [RADS40B](#)
- g. [RADS 40C](#)

8. Adjournment**9. Next Regular Meeting:** Thursday, October 30, 2025, 5:30 – 7:00 PM