



AUTOMOTIVE TECH ADVISORY BOARD

MEETING MINUTES

May 3, 2023 | 6:00 PM | Zoom

LPC Mission Statement

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.

LPC Planning Priorities

- ❖ Implement the integration of all ACCJC standards throughout campus structure and processes.
- ❖ 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.

Automotive Technology Advisory

Sam Balanon, Livermore Auto Mall
Anthony Bertucci, Subaru
Patrick Chand, CCC Foundation
Al Crispin, America's Tire
Don Danner, Granada High School
Scott Farabee, Subaru
Jim Franz, FH Dailey
Jeff Gil, Gil's Body Works
Brian Hagopian, Las Positas College
Kevin Kramer, Las Positas College
Carl Kuo, R&C Auto Service
Tom Lajoie, Subaru
Matt Levin, Dublin VW
Juan Maldonado, Ford Motor Co.
Brian McKee, Hunter Engineering
Heather Morelli, Tri-Valley ROP
Jeff Pawlowski, Allen's Auto & Towing
Skot Randall, Tri-Valley ROP
Darren Rees, Castro Valley Adult School
Louis Rodriguez, Dublin Hyundai
George Romero, Tri-Valley Auto Body
Ray Smit, Subaru
Vicki Shipman, Las Positas College
Larry Weiss, Castro Valley Adult School
James Weston, Las Positas College
Eric Wong, Subaru
Scott Jefferis, Subaru

Meeting Agenda

1. Welcome and Introductions

Brian Hagopian, Delbert Wimmer, James Weston, Helena Cruz, Andrew Weisenberger, Larry Weiss, Brian McKee, Paul Wimer, Ray Smith, Russell Rockstead, Vince Gregory.

2. Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve from Ray Smith and James Weston seconded. Minutes approved!

3. Industry Update (Emerging Trends, Technology, Job Market)

Ray Smith – a significant facility developed in Livermore, 27 stall state-of-the-art facility – wants to stay in close communication as the new facility is completed. 9 to 12 months completion date or the first of January 2024. Needs trained automotive tech students to work at Subaru.

Vince Gregory – discussed personal responsibility and integrity. Challenging with some employees at Subaru and would like help. Brian shared that integrity training is part of his curriculum. Ray mentioned "Red Zone" training as a part of customer service and teaching technicians "what not to do." Ray mentioned that sometimes technicians would keep old parts, not return them to customers, and sell them on E-bay. It was mentioned that integrity would be a good conversation to share with the students when they are attending LPC. Brian suggested adding the Red Zone to the syllabus and on Canvas. Subaru will provide examples to help with the curriculum. Ray will provide a list of suggestions for class training and provide this to Brian. Subaru has a "Heart Principle" training and will provide bullet points and content for Brian, including Red Zone training. This training can be included in week one of the syllabus. Russell would also like to teach this at Granada High School as well – Brian will send this to him.

Andrew Weisenberger, SOA – suggests students be taught to develop skills in technical writing and documentation.

Ray Smith – the brand is based on customer experience and how important tire sales will be as they go into electrification – why tire sales are important and how to upsell. Building relationships between the technician, care, and the retailer – making sure that technicians are comfortable forming all relationships in the sales chain and developing loyalty with customers. Adopting videos to explain to customers.

Larry Weiss – shared from a perspective from high school students – attempted to have the students write up a work order, noticed a range and a lack of ability with some students to communicate – this is a growth thing.

Brian McKee – suggests including ADAS as your front-end course.

Andrew Weisenberger – most important – electrification will be front and center moving forward – developing technicians to be skilled in electrical, suspension, and squeaks and rattles is key.

4. ROP Report

Darren Rees – Castro Valley is running at capacity. Russell Rockstead – Granada is running at capacity and referring students to LPC.

5. Faculty Report

- a. New Building and Move – on schedule to move in summer. About 30% of the mechanical transmissions, rear axles suspension, A/C, and brake equipment have moved already. The big move date is June 19 through July 1st. July 4th is the completion date for everything, including GM and Referee. 18 stalls, with four alignment lifts. We have (1) 15K lb. lift and (1) 16K lb. lift; the rest are 12K lb. or 10K lb. lifts. The plans originally called for charging stations but were removed because of budget. Now, there is only one EV charging station with 120 volts. However, there is talk about a second project for 3 EV (240) phase outlets – but this will come within two years' time. Packing and ready to move – May 17th is the last day. Teaching in a new area is exciting and nerve-wracking! The next advisory board meeting will be in the new building, but it will be hybrid as well. **Vince Gregory** mentioned that they're upgrading some of their charging units and offered them to Brian. Ray Smith would like to provide the new facility with Subaru banners and branding.
- b. Fall Schedule - Brian presented the fall class schedule to the group. Some adjustments were made to the schedule to ensure higher enrollment numbers, especially with the smog class. Light duty hybrid/electric course will be offered at night too.
- c. Enrollment Numbers – enrollment started April 24 and is half-full. Not bad for two weeks into registration.
- d. Change from Zoom – taking lectures off of Zoom. All lectures are in person on campus starting next semester.
- e. High School Updates – Darren Rees – Castro Valley is running at capacity. Russell Rockstead – Granada is running at capacity and referring students to LPC.
- f. Donations - Thank you, Subaru, for the \$500 donation to help with the Catalytic Converter events.
- g. Partnerships – contacted by Toyota of Livermore to run an introductory class for their technicians. We can customize classes for students to help them pass advanced Toyota training and can run a community ed class instead of a curriculum process. Offer extended to Subaru also.

6. Curriculum

- a. Approval of Tesla Electrical Contractor – Motioned by Ray Smith and Brian McKee, seconded. Motioned passed.
 - Up to 3 certificates/AS degrees and up to 12 classes
- b. APCL – Apprenticeship for Construction Laborers - Motioned by Ray Smith and Brian McKee, seconded. Motioned passed.
 - 1 class and 3 certificates

7. Recommendations to the Advisory Board

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Motioned to approve include professionalism, Red Zone training, and ethics in the syllabus and Canvas module. Ray Smith motioned to approve, and James Weston seconded. Motioned passes. Preparing for August.

Technical writing documentation and punctuation – write out the RO and grade it for students to know what to do as a layman. Andrew Weisenberger first, and Brian McKee seconded. Motion carries.

8. Next Regular Meeting (Date) is Wednesday, December 6th, at 6 PM in person and on Zoom as well.

9. Adjournment Meeting adjourned at 6:40 PM