



FST Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

April 20, 2021 | 4:30-6:00pm | 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.
- ❖ Coordinate resources and provide professional development for effective online instruction and remote delivery of student support services and college processes to advance equitable student outcomes.

Agenda Item

1. Call to Order

2. Welcome and Introductions

Neal Ely, David Sprague, Berkeley FD Vicki Shipman, German Sierra, Eric Bell, Chad McMullen, Amy Robbins, TVROP, Joe Testa, LPFD, Aaron Lacey, LPFD,

3. Review and Approval of Agenda

4. Review and Approval of Minutes from Prior Meeting

Neal Ely motion to approve, Chad McMullen 2nd. Passed Unanimously.

5. Program Reports and Updates

- German provided a report on the number of Degrees and Certificates Awarded
- Fire Academy Report- Chief Lacey reported that the Academy is entering week 13. Started with 30 student cadets, lost 6 cadets due to various reasons. Currently there are 24 student cadets working through State Fire Testing. Early on in COVID, team applied for Distance education learning and getting all the approvals to be able to teach our Academy in an online setting, which was crucial in being able to start the academy in January. Success of Academy was a group effort between German, Aaron, Eric Bell, and Chad. One of few schools to be able to continue and offer Academy. We are a leader in the Fire Academy delivery in the State.
- New FOLM AS Degree based on Company Officer Certification Track. Core Courses in our degree. To be launched in Fall 2021. Will require a lot of outreach and promotion to make the enrollment successful. Pushing for Credit for prior learning – well overdue, many colleges offer this.
Joe Testa says it is a step of the right direction for the fire service-much needed program.
German asked the members about whether a class on budgeting would be desirable. Eric suggests that we look at incorporating into an existing class like Organizational management. Neal Ely agrees.

- Certificate of Achievement Fire Prevention- German gave background and expressed interest in improving the Certificate. Would like to explore by making changes. Not by just adding classes but by removing EMS 30 and putting an investigative class or report writing class.

Discussion about the various options. Dr. Ely thinks that report writing is essential and may be worth a stand alone class. Further Discussion (Zoom recording 32:12- 48:35)

Advisory Board recommends that German explores making these changes to the certificate and gather feedback from other industry people and report back.

6. Facilities and Equipment Report – Chad gave a report on the apparatus

Public Safety Complex Update a few days away from DSA approval. Redesign may be able to break ground in August.

7. Outreach and Diversity Updates

- Anne presented about the Fire Service Career Fairs – 2 this semester. Reported to the group about the Women in Fire Mentorship Program created and run by Liz De Dios
- Partnership with PUSD/CALJAC/FCTC/LPFD
Goal is to identify students in 11th grade and create a K12-K14 Pathway.
Amy Robbins with the TVROP praised the dynamic partnership with LPC and is working to bring fire science down into the high school and will be working with faculty to shape what this looks like.

8. Industry Update

- Joe Testa says LPFD looking to hire 7 FF/Paramedic and 3 FF/EMT by the end of the year. Thanks to all working on instructional services agreement.
- David Sprague -Berkeley in beginning stages of implementing a complete department redesign. Single function Medics and EMTs. Increasing hiring.
- Aaron Lacey said that Fremont Fire is interested in partnering with LPC and wants to look at putting their future members through the Academy.

9. SWOT (Strengths, Weakness, Opportunities, Threats)

- Threat/ Weakness -Chad mentioned the shortage of Faculty/Instructors due to fire season mandates need to ramp up cadre of instructors to make sure we meet our requirements.
- Opportunity- Chief Testa thinks a Chief Officer Track could have potential in future
- Strength- College is supporting FST program 100% - Dean Bell
- Strength- ISAs gaining these partnerships leverages the program .
- First and only FESHE recognized program
- Opportunity- to make our program online. Only a few in the entire country. Could pull students from other areas/states.
- Program is resilient- a lot of road blocks and challenges always find a way to deliver for the students (Lacey)

Next Meeting October 19, 2021 4:30pm