

**2025 Pierce College Biotechnology Advisory Committee
Meeting Agenda**

Date : Friday, January 24, 2025
Time : 1:00 – 2:00 pm
Meeting URL : <https://laccd.zoom.us/j/81947544326>
Meeting ID : 819 4754 4326

Executive Summary: [the committee moved to vote on the Biomanufacturing Technician Certificate and the Biotechnology Automation & Data Analytics Certificate. Both proposals were unanimously approved. At the time of the vote, 20 members still present and casted their votes. Meeting was attended by 26 regular \(voting\) board member and 4 visitors \(total: 30 attendees\).](#)

- I. Call to order (at 1:04 pm)
- II. Welcome and Introduction (5 min)
- III. Program Updates (20 – 25 min) – *Presenter:* Aron Kamajaya
 - a. Update: Enrollment & Funding
 - b. Approved courses & Laboratory Rooms
 - c. Sub-committee meeting
 - d. Biotech Symposium
- IV. Discussion Items/ Action Item:
 - a. (New) Biomanufacturing Technician certificates (15 min)
Motion: Benny Second: Phyllis Voting results: Yes: 20, No: 0, Abstain: 0
 - b. (New) Biotech Data Analytics certificates (15 min)
Motion: Phyllis Second: Benny Voting results: Yes: 20, No: 0, Abstain: 0

V. Additional Discussion (1 – 5 min)

Discussion revolves around recruitment strategies (specially to feed into the Biomanufacturing B.S. program), including

- Connecting with EOP&S and other organization on campus
- Bringing industry professionals who has non-traditional academic path to get to their Biotech careers as guest speakers
- Weekend course will draw students who are highly committed, but not so much of students who are still on the fence about joining the program. There may be a need to have one Biotech section on the weekday.
- Reviving the non-credit path again – Exploring Biotech Careers, connecting with the Summer BRIDGE program
- Expanding high school partnership through dual enrollments
- Creating promotional videos or alumni testimonies
- Advertisement through LinkedIn targeting people who are looking for job (or ‘career changer’), perhaps LinkedIn page?
- Offering Summer courses for high school students, possibly Biotech 001.

There was a discussion on putting more structure on the Biotech Automation & Data Analytics in terms of pre-requisites.

VI. Adjournment (at 2:00 pm)

No	Name	Affiliation	Position	
1	Aron Kamajaya	LA Pierce College	Biotech Lead Faculty	Pierce College
2	Russell Swift	LA Pierce College	Faculty - Life Science	
3	Benny Ng	LA Pierce College	Faculty - Chemistry	
4	Savannah Senn	LA Pierce College	Faculty - Plant Science	
5	Shannon DeVaney	LA Pierce College	Department Chair (Life Science)	
6	Judy Lam	LA Pierce College	Career Center Coordinator	
7	Elizabeth Cheung	LA Pierce College	MESA Director	
8	Donna-Mae Villanueva	LA Pierce College	Dean	
9	Phyllis Braxton	LA Pierce College	Curriculum Committee Chair	
10	Luis Celada	LA Pierce College	Faculty - Computer Science	
11	Pamela Eversole-Cire	Pasadena City College	Biotech Director	Local CC
12	Tuyen Nguyen	East Los Angeles College	Biotech Faculty	
13	Dominique Ingato	Mira Costa College	Biomanufacturing program co-chair	State Biotech
14	Terri Quenzer	Biosci Workforce Dev Hub	Executive Director	
15	Wendy Wooten	Reseda & Chatsworth HS	Former CTE Teacher	High School
16	Rashida Madraswala	LAUSD	Teacher - Biotechnology/ Biology	
17	Michael Boerum	LAUSD	Dual Credit - CTEIG Coordinator	
18	Dino Di Carlo	UCLA	Professor - Engineering and Medicine	4-yr acad
19	Howard Xu	CSULA	Faculty & Director CSULA Biospace incubator	
20	Mikayla Ortega-Donahoo	Biocom California Institute	Program Manager - K-12 Biotech Education	Industry & Trade Organization
21	Nathan Zuzow	Thermo Fisher	Technical Application Scientist	
22	Rajika Perera	Poseidon Laboratory	CEO	
23	Herman Lelie	Constitution Laboratories	CEO	
24	Raymond Liu	Dispatch BioTherapeutics	Head of Synthetic Biology, Co-founder	
25	Stewart Han	Terasaki Institute	President	
26	Mark Sandberg	A2 Biotherapeutics	Principal Scientist	
27	Gary Potikyan	Entrogen Inc.	CSO and Founder	
28	Yujeong Kim	Cedar Sinai	Scientist	
29	Shiva Gojgini	Apia Bio	Scientist	
30	Eva Schiorring	STEMeval	External Evaluator	

Non-voting member/ visitor