

Monday Message

Feb. 9, 2026



Dear all,

What a week we had! LC's name change proposal received a unanimous "do pass" recommendation at the Senate Education Committee hearing in Boise. The Senate Floor debate took place today and resulted in a unanimous vote of 34-0 with one absent (the video is available [here](#)). A huge thank you to Sen. Cindy Carlson for her legislative leadership in successfully carrying the name change bill (S1234) through the Senate. The bill now moves to the House, House Education Committee and ultimately, if all goes well, House Floor debate.

Warrior winter/spring athletics are in full swing with dance launching its competitive season, tennis, women's and men's basketball lighting up the courts, and baseball opening its home season. All this, along with prospective student on-campus visits (thank you admissions, et. al for your relentless work promoting LC's outstanding programs); a terrific second annual NGWSD sports clinic event (thank you athletics and to Senior Woman Leader/Assistant Athletic Director Ms. Alisha Alexander – a grand time was had by all); and a wildly successful First Pitch Night baseball fundraiser (special thanks to College Advancement for its work supporting the launch of this inaugural fundraising event).

Warriors are truly nothing shy of extraordinary!

Cynthia Pemberton, Ed.D.

President

Announcements

Advisor Training Sessions:

Academic advising is central to promoting student success and timely completion of a degree. There are a number of new resources being implemented to support academic advising and a number of changes in the federal financial aid regulations, including changes to Pell Grants and federal student loans, that may impact our students. The Advising Center and Student Financial Services have teamed up to provide some advisor training sessions. Please plan to attend one or more sessions to get up-to-speed. Advisor training sessions will be offered in Reid Centennial Hall, Room 202, or via Teams on the following dates:

- **Feb. 19, Thursday, 12 p.m.:**
Teams Meeting ID: 228 112 922 879 67, Passcode: df3eV7TZ
- **Feb. 20, Friday, 3 p.m.:**
Teams Meeting ID: 238 487 778 490 87, Passcode: Ac6CN6pJ
- **Feb. 25, Wednesday, 3 p.m.:**
Teams Meeting ID: 273 586 638 697 38, Passcode: sV22kp2E
- **March 5, Thursday, 12 p.m.:**
Teams Meeting ID: 225 140 814 865 38, Passcode: a6LG6BU9
- **March 11, Wednesday, 12 p.m.:**
Teams Meeting ID: 267 772 771 739 45, Passcode: wR63Xd97
- **March 11, Wednesday, 3 p.m.:**
Teams Meeting ID: 250 150 118 495 49, Passcode: WQ9XZ6ke

BUCS Division Chair:

LC State is soliciting internal campus nominations for the position of interim chair of the Business & Computer Science Division for the 2026-2027 academic year. Nominations should be submitted to academicaffairs@lcsc.edu no later than Feb. 27.

 [More information](#)

Emburse is Live:

Great news! As of Feb. 1, Emburse is officially live. All new travel authorizations submitted on or after this date must be completed through the Emburse platform. Any travel authorizations approved and submitted using the PDF process prior to Feb. 1 will continue to be finalized through that process – there is no need to resubmit them in Emburse. Please visit the Controller's Office website and click on the [Emburse tab](#) for additional information. Professional Development Training [sessions](#) are now available for registration on the Human Resource Services website.

HR Updates:

New Wellness Perk:

LC State faculty and staff can enjoy 25% off IV Vitamin Therapies and all wellness services at IVO2 Infused. Just show your Warrior ID card at checkout.

Professional Development & Wellness:

www.lcsc.edu/hr/pdt

- **Feb. 11** – PERSI Choice 401K Webinar
- **Feb. 12** – Excel Best Practices and Techniques
- **Feb. 17** – Emburse Pre-Approval Process
- **Feb. 18** – PERSI Choice 401K Plan – Roth Option

- **Feb. 23** – Emburse Cash Advance Process
- **Feb. 23** - Fidelity one-on-one meetings with a financial advisor available all day
- **Feb. 24** – Emburse Expense Report Process
- **Feb. 26** – Emburse Approval Process

Mascot Update:

On Jan. 15, a feedback form was launched to gather campus input regarding the mascot initiative. Thank you to the 288 individuals who responded, including 140 students. Among the respondents, 85% indicated approval of, at least, one of the options being researched by the 19-member Mascot Task Force. Overall, two options stood out above the rest – wolverine was preferred by 37% of respondents, and bighorn sheep was the preference of 26% (“other” had 15%, kestrel 13%, and mammoth 10%). **A new poll:** To continue to provide helpful feedback, a new poll is being launched today at www.lcsc.edu/mascot and we encourage you to complete and share it broadly (note: it will be shared in the WarriorWeekly email to students on Wednesday). The poll will remain active until **Feb. 25** and will have the following four options to choose from: wolverine, bighorn sheep, other, no mascot.

Name Change Updates:

The name change bill ([Senate Bill 1234](#)) was introduced in the Idaho Senate on Jan. 27. On Feb. 4, it was presented in the Senate Education Committee and was reported out of the committee with a Do Pass Recommendation. On Feb. 9, the bill was approved by the Senate on a unanimous vote of 34-0-1. For updates visit www.lcsc.edu/university.

IT Upcoming Submission Deadlines:

Most projects on campus require IT involvement. If you are undergoing alterations in your area (e.g., updating a classroom or office), please inform IT of any projects to occur over summer by **March 1**. Likewise, if you need changes to the hardware or software in the computer labs for fall 2026 classes, the deadline to inform IT is **April 1**. Email helpdesk@lcsc.edu by these deadlines to ensure your summer projects and computer lab changes are on IT’s schedule. Requests submitted after these deadlines cannot be guaranteed for summer completion.

Student Employment & Career Readiness Center:

- **Feb. 11** – [From Application to Interview with the City of Lewiston](#):
Hear directly from City of Lewiston hiring managers about resume review practices, the many career pathways, and how students from any major can stand out. MLH 210, 12-1 p.m.
- **Feb. 19** – [Healthcare Job Fair](#):
Meet healthcare employers and graduate schools hiring students for internships, summer roles, and post-graduation positions. SAC Hall, 4:30-6 p.m.
- **Feb. 25** – [Professional Communication in the Workplace](#):

This session is designed to help students build real-world communication skills they'll use in jobs, internships, and campus roles. ACW 134, 3-4 p.m.

Events

Keep up on events and activities through the [Campus Calendar](#) and the [Do More App](#)

Feb. 13-15 – Athletics Home Events:

Warrior baseball hosts two doubleheaders against Texas A&M-Texarkana on Friday and Saturday at Harris Field, with both days beginning at 1 p.m. Women's tennis plays the College of Idaho on Friday and Saturday, with both matches beginning at 2 p.m., and Whitman on Sunday at 1 p.m. at the Tennis Center. Learn more at www.lcwarriors.com.

March 26 – Employee Recognition Event:

The Employee Recognition event has been moved up to Thursday, March 26, from 2-4 p.m. and will be held at the Center for Arts & History. The event will have an art-gallery style format, with award recipients serving as the “artists” and guests invited to walk around, visit with them, and offer congratulations. Emeriti will also be recognized on the screen and are also encouraged to attend as “artists.” Hors d'oeuvres will be served, and we encourage everyone to join us. All award criteria and requirements are listed on the [website](#). Remember that up to three awards may be given to staff members – CSO, PSO, and the Dr. Cameron D. & Marilyn K. Hinman Award.

- Emeritus nominations are due to division chairs (refer to policy 2.110 for criteria) by Feb. 13.
- Division Chairs must submit emeritus nominations to academicaffairs@lcsc.edu by Feb. 27.

News & Features

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- [LC State students to offer free 2025 tax assistance](#)
- [Pedrina to represent LC State, conference at national academy](#)
- [LC State moves Homecoming to spring, April 20-25](#)

Song for the Week: “[Start Me Up](#)” by The Rolling Stones

