

**Resolution to Support Bakersfield College as a Pilot Location for
Community College Applied Baccalaureate Degree Program
Version 2**

WHEREAS, on September 28, 2014, California Governor Jerry Brown signed Senate Bill 850 authorizing up to fifteen (15) California community college districts to offer a single Baccalaureate degree on a pilot basis;

WHEREAS, an affordable, accessible, and quality Baccalaureate degree is important to assist the state in meeting the need for individuals in high demand technical disciplines which are increasingly requiring baccalaureate degrees;

WHEREAS, an affordable, accessible and quality Baccalaureate degree is important to increase college participation rates and improve workforce training opportunities for local residents who are unable to relocate because of family or work commitments;

WHEREAS, only 14.9% of the population in Kern County has a Baccalaureate degree compared to 30.5% in California;

WHEREAS, Bakersfield College has the commitment and resources to accept the challenge of offering a Baccalaureate degree in Industrial Automation;

WHEREAS, Title 5 recognizes Academic Senates are given primacy over curriculum, degree and certificate requirements, and educational program development;

BE IT RESOLVED, the Bakersfield College Academic Senate supports Bakersfield College's application as a pilot location for the Applied Baccalaureate Degree Program to the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges.

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