

ISIT Report to Academic Senate

September 22, 2021

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Notes from September 13, 2021 ISIT Meeting

Committee Charge—a review and discussion of the charges resulted in revision to the “composition of committee” section. The changes would note the following: one representative for each academic department, a representative for Allied Health/HEIT, an adjunct faculty representative, and an Academic Technology Dean (or designee). The committee members will vote on changes at ISIT’s October 11 meeting. Departments with ISIT rep vacancies are expected to be filled by our next meeting.

The Committee reviewed the ISIT Role/Goals & Tech Plan and sections of the college’s Strategic Directions document as it applied to ISIT.

Tracy Lovelace reported that the hours of the Academic Technology hub mirror that of the library hours for students. The weekly blasts for faculty include workshops (e.g. creating a Liquid Syllabus) that will be ongoing this semester.

Brett Redd reported that BC Southwest will have classes in the spring. The technology crew will be in the new building by end of October to get everything ready for spring. The facility will include 20 classrooms and 3 labs for spring 2022.

Dan Hall reported that the number of student contacts made via the Student Information Desk (SID) during the weeks leading up to the fall semester has been enormous (breaking previous records—over 500 on many days); he noted that Mondays are especially busy (more than 800 on one occasion). Ocelot has also been useful. It has three communication components: chat bot, live chat, and texting capabilities.

Kristin Rabe reminded everyone that Accessibility & Public Performance Rights (available on ISIT website) remain in effect.

HEERF money will be used to modernize the LA building. Labor will go out to bid, followed by purchasing of equipment. When the project actually starts (during fall/spring semesters), classrooms will be disrupted, meaning classes may have to move to a new room for a week or more at a time until all rooms have been updated.

Facilities Update:

- New SE construction on target to be completed in spring 2022
- New Gym: concrete work ongoing
- Horticulture: ongoing
- Welcome Center: ongoing (some delays)
- ABC building: nearly complete

Student Chromebook Loaner Program continues. Continuing students who have checked out a Chromebook will keep it for the next semester of classes. Link for students:

<https://www.bakersfieldcollege.edu/studentassistance>

Next Regular Meeting: October 11, Monday (Zoom), 4 to 5:30 pm