

Academic Senate Minutes – approved

September 17, 2025, at 3:30 p.m. in Campus Center – 231

Voting Members Present

President [25-27] Rebecka Zepeda - present

Vice President [25-26] Sara Manuel - present

Secretary [25-26] Wade Ellis - present

Treasurer [25-26] William (Bill) Chapman - present

ASCCC Delegate [25-27] Erica Giblin - present

Adjunct [24-26]-vacant

Adjunct [25-27] - vacant

Agriculture [25-27] Heather Baltis - present

Allied Health (HEIT/RAD/RSPT) [24-26] Crystal Rodriguez - present

Applied Science & Technology [25-27] - vacant

Art [25-27] Kirstopher Stallworth - present

Behavioral Science [24-26] Kristin Maytubby -present

Behavioral Science [25-27] -vacant

Biology [24-26] -Milena Lilles -absent (Anne-Marie Hodge, proxy)

Biology [25-27] -vacant

Business Education [24-26] Rudy Menjivar -present

Child Development [25-27] Melissa Ysais –present

Communication [25-27] - vacant

Counseling [24-26] Keri Kennedy -present

Counseling [25-27] Jesus (Jesse) Oropeza -present

Culinary Arts, Nutrition & Hospitality [25-27] Laura Miller -present

Education [25-27] Teresa McAllister -absent (Bill Chapman, proxy)

Engineering & Information Technology [24-26] Steve Brown -present

English [24-26] Richard Marquez -present

English [24-26] Diana Cason – absent (Richard Marquez, proxy)

English [25-27] -vacant

Industrial Technology [25-27] Klint Rigby – absent (Justin Flint, proxy)

Kinesiology, Health, Athletics & Public Health Services [24-26] Carl Dean -absent (Casey Goodman, proxy)

Kinesiology, Health, Athletics & Public Health Services [25-27] Zack Peters - present

Library & Academic Technology [25-27] Matt Andrasian-Jones - present

Mathematics [24-26] Donna Starr – absent (Dillon Giblin, proxy)

Mathematics [25-27] Andrea Bridges - present

Nursing [24-26] Alisha Loken -absent (Jaimi Schuck, proxy)

Nursing [25-27] -vacant

Philosophy [24-26] Anna Collins - present

Physical Science [24-26] Hafez Alawdi - present

Physical Science [25-27] – vacant

Performing Arts [24-26] - vacant

Public Safety Training Programs [25-27] Don Brady -present

Social Science [24-26] Richard (Alan) Bolar - present

Social Science [25-27] Misty Stowers - present

World Languages [25-27] -vacant

SGA Representative [25-26] Luis Velasco - present

Guests/non-voting members

Steven Bloomberg (Guest), Stacy Pfluger (Guest), Jessica Wojtysiak (Guest), Andrea Thorson (Guest), Dillon Giblin (EB/Proxy), Grace Commiso (EB), Justin Flint (Proxy), Hunter Moore (SGA), Michael McNellis (EB), Michelle Hart (EB), Scott Dameron (EB), Tom Greenwood (EB), Kim Nickell (EB), Shawn Newsom, Jaimi Schuck (proxy)

Call to Order

Academic Senate President Zepeda called the meeting to order at 3:31 p.m. Roll call was taken, and quorum was met.

Good, Welfare, and Concerns

Alex Rocky's father passed away.

Rebecka Zepeda's grandmother passed away.

Milena Lilles' mother passed away.

Adoption of the Agenda

[September 17, 2025](#)

M/S/C: (Ysais/Andrasian-Jones) a motion was made to adopt the agenda; motion carried.

Consent Agenda

M/S/C: (Kennedy/Hodge) moved to approve the consent agenda [Standing Committee Appointments, Task Force, Liaisons, and other groups from consent]; motion carried with one abstention.

A. Approval of Minutes

- [September 3, 2025](#) – approved by consent.

B. Faculty Appointments

- [Standing Committee Appointments](#) -pulled from consent.

M/S/C: (Hodge/Kennedy) moved to approve the appointments; motion carried.

- [Screening Committee Appointments](#) -approved by consent.
- [Task Force](#), Liaisons, and other groups -pulled from consent.

M/S/C: (Bolar/Ellis) moved to approve the appointments; motion carried. Friendly amendment (Ysais/Rodriguez) to add “as corrected”.

C. Committee and Task Force Charge Revisions -none

Presentations

A. Kern Community College District Chancellor Bloomberg

Chancellor Bloomberg welcomed all to a new academic year. He shared that overall, the Accreditation was a good visit; however, we have extensive work ahead in regard to Regular & Substantive Interaction (RSI) in distanced education courses.

B. Bakersfield College Interim Present Stacy Pfluger

Interim President Pfluger welcomed the Senate and expressed her gratitude of the work the members do. She explained that with Accreditation it is important to be in good standing with financial aid, and this will be a priority moving forward.

C. Student Equity Plan (Sooyeon Kim)

M/S/C: (Marquez/Andrasian-Jones) moved to postpone the SEP presentation; motion carried.

Reports

President (Zepeda) – [written report](#)

Officer Reports

- Vice President (Manuel)
- Treasurer (Chapman)
- Secretary (Ellis)

- ASCCC Delegate (E. Giblin) – [written report](#)

SGA (Moore) – Hunter Moore announced that SGA Rep Valasco has resigned, and he will be taking over his role. SGA Officers were sworn in last week and we are excited to have a voice in this group and look forward to working together.

CCA (Newsom)

Committee Reports

AIQ (Commiso) – [written report](#); the Accreditation visit will most likely result in a recommendation from the peer review team over DE/RSI. We have 18 months to demonstrate that we meet the MINIMUM of 85% or we will be flagged by state and fined. A subgroup is working with the (DETF) to develop a process on how we are going to tackle this in 18mos. This will be developed and published and pilot program. What will an online course look like (goal). The Accrediting Commission and Dept. of Education determine the eligibility. Another college was charged \$42 million dollars retroactively by the federal government so, it's likely We have to pay back any classes taught that were listed as DE since they were not legitimate distance education classes. Moving forward, training for instructors will be a priority. Overall, there was positive feedback related to all other aspects of the college.

M/S/C: (Collins/Ysais) moved to extend the discussion five minutes; motion carried.

- Assessment (Garza)
- Bookstore Advisory (McNellis) – Spring book orders are due by 9/29. If your course schedule hasn't been finalized, reach out to the Department Chair.
- Budget (Henry)
- Curriculum (Hart/Dameron) – [written report](#)
- DEI (Silva)
- Equivalency (Greenwood) – [written report](#); committee had its first meeting and reviewed policies and procedures.
- Enrollment Management (D. Giblin) – [written report](#); committee met for the first time and are asking for more faculty members to serve.
- EODAC (Ayuk)
- Facilities & Sustainability (Zikri)
- ISIT (vacant)
- Program Review (Nickell) – [written report](#)
- Safety Advisory (Allard)
- Scholarship (Moran)

Committee Reports will be forwarded to College Council.

Unfinished Business

A. [Online Teaching Guidelines Proposal for Regular and Substantive Interaction \(RSI\)](#)

Description: the proposal is to ensure that Title 5 Section 55202 is met, specific examples of Regular and Substantive Interaction must be clearly present in online (synchronous and, asynchronous) courses; this is an Action item

M/S/C: (Ellis/Alawdi) moved to approve the proposal; motion carried.

Roll call vote: 19 yay/11 nay/0 abstentions.

Discussion:

Concerns were shared that there have been substantial changes since this document was presented last academic year, and more time may be necessary to review. We are a large college, and it has been difficult to meet this requirement when we were not given the information in a timely manner.

M/S/C: (Baltis/Andrasian-Jones) moved to extend time for five minutes; motion carried.

The Co-Hort starts in October, so this is on a timeline.

AIQ is developing the checks and balances, and the Professional Expert will develop the training. So, there is a separation of the duties. The Office of the VPI will send out more information on the training next week.

M/S/C: (Baltis/Maytubby) moved to extend time for seven minutes; motion carried.

It was recommended to move this forward in good faith knowing that AIQ has faculty representation is on this committee.

M/S/C: (Collins/Ysais) moved to extend time for thirteen minutes; motion carried.

A roll call vote was requested.

New Business

A. [Proposed Academic Senate Policy on removing non-action items](#) (Zepeda)

Description: proposal of a policy to remove non-action item posted documents which will remain in the Senate office; this is a First Read.

M/S/C: (Bolar/Alawdi) moved to review the proposal; motion carried.

Discussion:

It was shared that we are a public entity and legal entity which transparency is expected. Posted documents should not be removed.

M/S/C: (Collins/Hodge) moved to extend discussion ten minutes; motion carried.

It was suggested to consult with CCA on this issue. Questions regarding the policy language and the definition of a legal body. More information was requested.

B. Student Equity Plan (Kim)

Description: every three years, the Student Equity Plan is reviewed; this is a First Read.

M/S/C: (Maytubby/Hodge) moved to postpone; motion carried.

Announcements

- Annual Senate Fall Election, September 2025

- The Jack Hernandez Phronesis Award Dinner & Lecture Series (CC), September 25th
- Fall Campus Conversation with the Chancellor, October 2nd
- Alumni BBQ/Homecoming FB Game, October 11th
- ASCCC Fall Plenary, November 6th

Adjournment

M/S/C: (Maytubby/Hodge) moved to adjourn; motion carried unanimously.

The Academic Senate President Zepeda adjourned the meeting at 5:10 p.m.

The Academic Senate Minutes are respectfully submitted by Tarina Perry.