

# BC Academic Senate Regular Meeting Minutes – approved

Wednesday, October 15, 2025, at 3:30 p.m. in Campus Center 231

Bakersfield College, 1801 Panorama Dr, Bakersfield, CA 93305

## 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 – (Matt Andrasian-Jones, proxy)

Behavioral Science [25-27] -vacant

Biology [24-26] -Milena Lilles - present

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 -present

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

English [24-26] Richard Marquez -present

English [24-26] Diana Cason – present

English [25-27] -vacant

Industrial Technology [25-27] Klint Rigby – present

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 – (Dillon Giblin, proxy)

Nursing [24-26] Alisha Loken - present

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] Hunter Moore – present

SGA Representative [25-26} Zaina Jawad - present

## Guests/non-voting members

Shawn Newsom (CCA), Jessica Wojtysiak (Guest), Dillon Giblin (EB/Proxy), Kim Nickell (EB), Tom Greenwood (EB), T. Silva (EB), Ebony Williams (Guest), Sandi Owens (Guest), Rita Jones (Guest), Zach Wharton (CSEA), Cesar Jimenez (Guest), Sooyeon Kim (Guest)

## Call to Order

Academic Senate President Zepeda called the meeting to order at 3:31 p.m.

## Roll Call

Academic Senate Administrative Assistant Tarina Perry took roll and determined quorum was met.

## Good, Welfare, and Concerns

None.

## Opportunity to Address the Academic Senate

Matt Andrasian-Jones provided public comments.

Zach Wharton provided public comments.

## Adoption of the Agenda - [10/10/2025](#) (revisions to Agenda)

***M/S/C: (Andrasian-Jones/McAllister) a motion was made to adopt the agenda, version 2; the motion carried.***

## Consent Agenda

***M/S/C: (Ysais/Marquez) a motion was made to approve the consent agenda [Minutes, Screening Committee Appointments, and the AIQ Charge - pulled from consent]; the motion carried.***

### A. Approval of Minutes

- [October 1, 2025](#)

***M/S/C: (McAllister/Kennedy) a motion was made to approve the Minutes as amended; the motion carried.***

### B. Faculty Appointments

- Standing Committees – [appointments of 10/15](#)
- Screening Committee- [appointments of 10/15v3](#)

***M/S/C: (Alawdi/Kennedy) a motion was made to approve the Screening Committee appointments-v3 as amended; the motion carried.***

***M/S/C: (Baltis/Loken) a motion was made to amend the spelling of a name; the motion carried.***

- ASCCC Liaisons, and other groups – [appointments of 10/15](#)

### C. Committee and Task Force Charge Revisions

- [EODAC Charge – proposed revisions](#)
- [Program Review Committee Charge – proposed revisions](#)
- AIQ Committee Charge – proposed revisions

***M/S/C: (Andrasian-Jones/McAllister) made a motion to postpone the AIQ Committee Charge to the next meeting; the motion carried.***

## Presentations

### Information Services & Instructional Technology (ISIT) Committee and Technology Innovation & Collaboration Committee (TICC) [Williams]

Ebony Williams, Director of Information Technology, introduced a proposal to convert the ISIT Committee by rebranding/renaming, along with other charge revisions that would align the work with our current technological advances.

## Reports

President (Zepeda) – [written report](#); highlights:

- Peer Assisted Living Program - Hunter Moore, SGA Rep was unable to report at the previous meeting due to time constraints. He wanted to share the concern about the lack of funding the program was facing. Since this occurrence, the office of the VPI and our BC President have committed to continue the funding through this semester.
- Annual Fall Elections are underway, and all positions have received nominations.
- The Committee of Co-Chairs held its bi-annual meeting last Friday, which revolved around Admin and Faculty Chairs working together to facilitate committee work.
- Screening committee training is required every two years by HR.
- Training handouts were provided to the members – [The Brown Act Quick Reference Guide](#), [Roberts Rules of Order Cheat Sheet](#) and [Guidelines for Dialogue](#).

## Officer Reports

- Vice President (Manuel) – [District-wide Accessibility Task Force written report](#)
- Treasurer (Chapman)- verbal report; Chapmans’ slogan for soliciting donations “Don’t close that door, we only need four”. Marketing & Public Relations (MPR) have a new college-wide merchandise vendor called KV Print.
- Secretary (Ellis)
- ASCCC Delegate (E. Giblin) – [written report](#) ; the Math Disciplines request was received by ASCCC.
- SGA (Moore) – verbal report; the homecoming and parade were successful, and they are working on promoting the KV sticker program.
- CCA (Newsom) – [written report](#)

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

## Committee Reports

- AIQ (Commiso)
- AC (Garza)
- BAC (McNellis)
- BTC (Henry)
- CRC (Hart/Dameron) – [written report](#)
- DEI (Silva) – verbal report; The committee has reached out to Chancellor Bloomberg on several occasions to no avail. They have also been unsuccessful with their attempts to meet with EODAC. Finally, they are working on exploring changes to their charge.

- EC (Greenwood)-[written report](#)
- EMC (D. Giblin) – [written report](#)
- EODAC (Ayuk)
- FSC (Zikri)
- ISIT (vacant)
- PRC (Nickell) – [written report](#)
- SAC (Allard) - [written report](#)
- SC (Moran)

Committee Reports will be shared with College Council.

## Unfinished Business

### Student Equity Plan (SEP) 2025-28 [Jimenez]

*Description: The plan is evaluated every 3 years and requires the Senate President’s signature of approval; Action item.*

Cesar Jimenez, Vice President of Student Services was present and available for questions. The members questioned who will be tasked with facilitating the plans work; Jimenez assured all that the SEP leads will coordinate the work.

***M/S/C: (Andrasian-Jones/Kennedy) made a motion to approve the SEP; the motion carried.***

### [Distance Education Draft Handbook \[DETF\]](#)

*Description: The Distance Education Handbook Task Force developed a draft DE Handbook to assist with online teaching; Action item.*

***M/S/C: (Ellis/Alawdi) made a motion to approve the handbook; the motion carried.***

Discussion: the handbook was amended to reflect the Executive Board’s recommendations along with other minor changes.

***M/S/C: (Loken/McAllister) made a motion to extend discussion two minutes; the motion carried.***

***M/S/C: (McAllister/Collins) made a motion to amend the number of Announcements from three (3) announcements to two-three (2-3) announcements, to amend WCAG 2.1 (2.2) as a recommendation that is not yet adopted, and correct AA; the motion carried.***

Jessica Wojtysiak, Interim Vice President of Instruction assured the handbook will not be used in Mode A or Be evaluation. However, this handbook could be used as tool to ensure the course shells meet standards.

***M/S/C: (Ysais/Andrasian-Jones) made a motion to extend discussion five minutes; the motion carried.***

It was reiterated that this handbook is to assist with reaching the required standard and use of best practices. It is a guide to ensure we meet the accreditation requirements.

## New Business

### Information Systems & Instructional Technology (ISIT) Committee and Technology Innovation & Collaboration Committee (TICC) – proposed transition with Executive Board’s Feedback [Williams]

*Description: [Rationale for proposal for dissolution of the ISIT Committee](#) , [Rational for proposal of the TICC](#) , [ISIT Committee feedback document](#) , [TICC proposed committee charge](#); [TICC proposed committee charge v2](#) ; First Read.*

Discussion took place over the

### [Flex Guidelines Update \[Manuel/Hodge/Rockey\]](#)

*Description: Flex Guidelines have not been updated since 2015, so document contains proposed revisions; First Read.*

**M/S/C: (Alawdi/Bolar) made a motion to extend discussion two minutes; the motion carried.**

Discussion took place over the suggested revisions.

### [Academic Senate Charge and Goals](#)

*Description: annual review of the committee’s charge and goals; First Read.*

## Announcements

- Annual Senate Fall Election, Oct 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: (Ysais/Bolar) made a motion to adjourn the meeting; the motion carried unanimously.**

The Academic Senate President Zepeda adjourned the meeting at 5:03 p.m.

The Academic Senate Minutes are respectfully submitted by Tarina Perry.