

# BC Academic Senate Regular Meeting Minutes – approved

Wednesday, November 12, 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] Justin Bell - present

Adjunct [25-27] - vacant

Agriculture [25-27] Heather Baltis - present

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

Applied Science & Technology [25-27] - vacant

Art [25-27] Kirstopher Stallworth - absent

Behavioral Science [24-26] Kristin Maytubby – absent (proxy Keri Kennedy)

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 -absent

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 - absent

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 (proxy Casey Goodman)

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 (proxy D. Giblin)

Mathematics [25-27] Andrea Bridges -present

Nursing [24-26] Alisha Loken - present

Nursing [25-27] -vacant

Philosophy [24-26] Anna Collins - absent

Physical Science [24-26] Hafez Alawdi - present

Physical Science [25-27] Nick Strobel - present

Performing Arts [24-26] - vacant

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

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

Social Science [25-27] Misty Stowers - absent

World Languages [25-27] -vacant

SGA Representative [25-26] Hunter Moore – absent

SGA Representative [25-26} Zaina Jawad - present

## Guests/non-voting members

Dillon Giblin (EB), Tom Greenwood (EB), Anne-Marie Hodge (EB), Fabiola Butcher, Michael McNellis (EB)

### 1. Call to Order

Academic Senate President Zepeda called the meeting to order at 3:35 p.m.

### 2. Roll Call

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

### 3. Good & Welfare

Senate President Zepeda welcomed two new Senate Representatives, Justin Bell, Adjunct and Nick Strobel, Physical Science.

### 4. Opportunity to Address the Academic Senate

There were no requests to address the Senate.

### 5. Adoption of the Agenda

- [11/12/2025](#)

The Nursing Screening Committee was introduced to Senate shortly before the scheduled meeting time. Due to the time sensitive nature of its hiring, it was added to today's agenda.

***M/S/C: (Loken moved/Alawdi seconded) to add the Nursing Screening Committee; motion carried.***

***M/S/C: (Andrasian-Jones moved/Ysais seconded) to adopt the agenda as amended; motion carried.***

### 6. Consent Agenda

***M/S/C: (Alawdi moved/Kennedy seconded) to approve the consent agenda (excluding the Nursing Screening Committee); motion carried.***

#### A. Approval of Minutes

- [10/15/2025](#) – postponed from previous meeting.
- [10/29/2025](#)

#### B. Faculty Appointments

- Standing Committees – [list of 11/12](#)  
Corrections to AIQ appointments/terms, corrections to Co-Chairs of FSC and ISIT, New Faculty appointments for PRC and Scholarship.
- Screening Committee- [list of 10/29 v2 corrections](#)  
Correction to previously approved (10/29/2025) Respiratory Therapy and Certified Medical Assistant Instructor Screening Committees.
  - [List of 11/12](#) (added Nursing Screening Committee)

***M/S/C: (Kennedy moved/Loken seconded) to approve the additional Nursing Screening Committee list of 11/12; motion carried.***

- ASCCC Liaisons, and other groups - none

#### C. Committee and Task Force Charge Revisions

- [Curriculum Committee \(CRC\) Charge proposed revisions](#) [Hart/Dameron]  
Removal of Strategic Directions and Senate Goals.
- [Enrollment Management Committee \(EMC\) Charge proposed revisions](#) [D. Giblin]  
Removal of "Assess Finish Fast" Goal.

## 7. Presentations

There were no presentations scheduled.

## 8. Reports

- a. President (Zepeda) – [written report](#)

### Highlights:

#### **Academic Senate Annual Fall 2025 Election Results-**

Department Chair (term 2026-2028) forwarded to the College President for final appointment: Heather Baltis (AG), Kailani Henry (Business Education), Klint Rigby (Industrial Technology), Faith Bradham (Library & Academic Technology), Joshua Lewis (Mathematics), Michael McNellis (Philosophy), Paul Beckworth (Social Science), Fabiola Butcher (Communication, term 2026-2027); Justin Bell (Adj. Senator, term 2024-26); Nick Strobel (Physical Science Senator, term 2024-26); Michael Korcok (College Council Rep C, term 2024-26).

**ISIT and FSC Co-chair** vacancies have received nominations and E-Board will initiate interviews.

**DE Handbook Statement from Interim VPI Wojtysiak** “*I want to confirm that the distance education handbook will not be used as an evaluation tool for Mode A/B's by BC deans or other administrators. I concur with Professor Greenwood's statement that use of the DE handbook for evaluations would warrant immediate grievance. Evaluation tools are negotiated items that require union involvement. I hope this addresses any Senate concerns.*”

**ISIT meeting** was cancelled by the IT Director at the last minute which caused concern since the meeting was scheduled by President Zepeda and who was also present to run the meeting.

### b. Officer Reports

- Vice President (Manuel)
- Treasurer (Chapman)
- Secretary (Ellis)
- ASCCC Delegate (E. Giblin) – [written report](#), highlights- E. Giblin attended the Fall; 2025 ASCCC Plenary and voted on behalf of Bakersfield College Faculty. Voting results are listed in the attached written report.
- SGA (Moore/Jawad) – Jawad expressed concern over the lack of funding for student clubs and groups are having to reach out for assistance through a third-party member.
- CCA (Newsom)

### c. Committee Reports

- AIQ (Commiso) – written report (not accessible; will post once it is corrected)
- AC (Garza)
- BAC (McNellis) – [written report](#); Admin Co-Chair Sandy Owens is overseeing BAC until Andrea Thorson's return.
- BTC (Henry)
- CRC (Hart/Dameron) – [written report](#)

- DEI (Silva)
- EC (Greenwood) - [written report](#)
- EMC (D. Giblin) - [written report](#)
- EODAC (Ayuk)
- FSC (Vacant)
- ISIT (Vacant)
- PRC (Nickell) – [written report](#)
- SAC (Allard)
- SC (Moran)
- OER (Butcher) – [written report](#)
- GPS (Commiso) – [written report](#)

Committee Reports will be shared with College Council.

## 9. Unfinished Business

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

*Description: [ISIT Proposal Rationale](#), [ISIT Feedback from Executive Board](#), [TICC Proposed Charge](#), [TICC Proposal Rationale](#). Proposal to eliminate the ISIT committee and adopt a new committee in its place named TICC. This item has been referred to the ISIT Committee for a recommendation and is POSTPONED until its returned.*

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

*Description: Updates from last Seante meeting to include a reduction in hours from 24 to 19.5 and a statement added about pre-approval for Flex done after the form is submitted (e.g., June); 3<sup>rd</sup> Read/Action Item.*

***M/S/C: (Rigby moved/Andrasian-Jones seconded) to postpone this item to 12/3 in order to provide accurate Flex hours; motion carried***

### C. [Catalog Rights Continuous Enrollment Proposed Changes for 2025-26](#) [Zepeda/Wojtysiak]

*Description: Update that a student may maintain catalog rights if they are continuously enrolled (as defined in the document) at any California Community College, CSU or UC, instead of KCCCD only ;2<sup>nd</sup> Read/Action.*

***M/S/C: (Kennedy moved/E. Giblin seconded) to review & approve the proposed changes; motion carried.***

It was explained the proposed changes will ensure that our courses are in line with other California community colleges and improve student access immensely.

## D. [Distance Education Handbook – CCA Recommended Changes \[DE Handbook TF\]](#)

*Description: DE Handbook previously approved by Senate (10/15/25) is being returned to review CCA Recommendation changes, including removal of mentions of CCA, CCA members and contract language; 2<sup>nd</sup> Read/Action*

**M/S/C: (Brady moved/Bell seconded) to review & approve the CCA recommendations; motion carried with 2 no's and 1 abstention.**

## E. [Online Teaching Guidelines Proposal for Regular and Substantive Interaction – Corrections](#)

*Description: RSI proposal previously approved by Senate (9/17/25) is being returned to make corrections, including the inconsistent naming of the Distance Education Review Council.*

**M/S/C: (E. Giblin moved/Andrasian-Jones seconded) to review & approve the proposed changes; motion carried.**

**M/S/C: (McAllister moved/Alawdi seconded) to extend the discussion five minutes; motion carried.**

**M/S/C: (E. Giblin moved/Lilles seconded) to amend the previous motion by removing asynchronous and replacing with fully online and correcting any grammatical errors; motion carried.**

## 10. New Business

### A. [Standing Rule of Placement and Frequency of Public Comments in Agenda – proposed revisions \[Ellis\]](#)

*Description: [Public Comments Standing Rule Guidelines for Change](#) provides the rationale for the proposed change. The goal is to better align with Senate practices and our online forms. This is a 1<sup>st</sup> Read.*

It was suggested to add clarifying language from our Constitution & By-laws regarding who the regulation applies to: *The Senate (body of representatives or body rep). that refers to all elected officers and elected senators who represent the Academic Senate.*

### B. [Committee Charge Elements – proposed revisions \[Ellis\]](#)

*Description: [Required Elements of Committee Charge Guidelines for Change](#) provides the rationale for the proposed revisions that this switch to a charge template makes it simplified and better aligns with BC Guiding Documents. This is a 1<sup>st</sup> Read.*

### C. [District Academic Calendar 2027-28 – proposed revisions \[KCCD VC Ed. Serv.\]](#)

*Description: Correction to account for 2028 Leap Year; 1<sup>st</sup> Read.*

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## 11. Announcements

- Renegade Roundup, November 14<sup>th</sup>
- Board of Trustees Meeting, November 18<sup>th</sup>
- AIQ Survey due November 18<sup>th</sup>
- Budget Open Forum, December 1<sup>st</sup>
- BC Rodeo Nov 8 & 9<sup>th</sup>.
- Professional Development Week, Jan 12-14, 2026
- College Discovery Academy, June 2026

## 12. Adjournment

***M/S/C: (Kennedy moved/McAllister seconded) to adjourn the meeting; motion carried unanimously.***

The Academic Senate President Zepeda adjourned the meeting at 4:48 p.m.

The Academic Senate Minutes are respectfully submitted by Tarina Perry.