

BC Academic Senate Regular Meeting Minutes – unapproved

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

Kinesiology, Heath, 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 Senate 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); 3rd 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 ;2nd 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; 2nd 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 rational for the proposed change. The goal is to better align with Senate practices and our online forms. This is a 1st 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 rational for the proposed revisions that this switch to a charge template makes it simplified and better aligns with BC Guiding Documents. This is a 1st Read.

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

Description: Correction to account for 2028 Leap Year; 1st Read.

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11. Announcements

- Renegade Roundup, November 14th
- Board of Trustees Meeting, November 18th
- AIQ Survey due November 18th
- Budget Open Forum, December 1st
- BC Rodeo Nov 8 & 9th.
- 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.