

BC Academic Senate Regular Meeting Minutes – approved

Wednesday, January 28, 2026, 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 - absent

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 - present

Behavioral Science [24-26] Kristin Maytubby – present

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] - vacant

English [24-26] Diana Cason – absent

English [25-27] -vacant

Industrial Technology [25-27] Klint Rigby – present

Kinesiology, Health, Athletics & Public Health Services [24-26] Carl Dean - present

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

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

Mathematics [24-26] Donna Starr – present

Mathematics [25-27] Andrea Bridges -present

Nursing [24-26] Alisha Loken - present

Nursing [25-27] -vacant

Philosophy [24-26] Anna Collins - present

Physical Science [24-26] Hafez Alawdi – absent (Wade Ellis, proxy)

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 - present

World Languages [25-27] -vacant

SGA Representative/non-voting member [25-26] Hunter Moore – present

SGA Representative/non-voting member [25-26] Zaina Jawad – present

1. Call to Order

Academic Senate President Zepeda called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

2. Roll Call

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

3. Good & Welfare

There were no announcements.

4. Opportunity to Address the Academic Senate

There were no requests to address the Senate.

5. Adoption of the Agenda

M/S/C: (Strobel moved/Ysais seconded) to adopt the [1/28/2026 agenda](#); motion carried.

6. Consent Agenda

All items were pulled from the Consent Agenda.

A. Approval of Minutes

- [Minutes of 12/3/2025](#)

M/S/C: (Giblin moved/Maytubby seconded) to approve the minutes as corrected; motion carried.

B. Faculty Appointments

- Standing Committee – [list of 1/28/2026](#)

M/S/C: (Kennedy moved/Strobel seconded) to approve the faculty appointments as corrected; motion carried.

- Screening Committee- [list of 1/28/2026](#)

M/S/C: (Ysais moved/McAllister seconded) to approve the faculty appointments as corrected; motion carried.

- ASCCC Liaisons, and other groups - none

C. Committee and Task Force Charge Revisions

There were no Charges to review.

7. Presentations

[Military Absence Request Form](#) [Jimenez/Frank/Smith]

Jenny Frank and Tamu Smith [presented](#) the Military Absence Request Form; highlights as follows:

- The form is for members of the Reserve or National Guard who are called into duty during a semester.
- There are both short-term and long-term options available
- The form will be centralized with the Veterans Services & Programs and Admissions & Records.
- This is based on the [Public Law 116-315-JAN. 5, 2021](#)

M/S/C: (Chapman moved/McAllister seconded) to extend discussion for three more minutes; motion carried.

[RSI Course Review Update](#) [Wojtysiak/Commiso]

Jessica Wojtysiak and Ricardo Garza presented the progress of the Regular & Substantive Interaction (RSI) Course Review Pilot conducted by the Accreditation & Institutional Quality (AIQ) Committee; highlights as follows:

- Distance Education (DE) courses will be reviewed in Spring 2026 followed by a more extensive review starting Summer 2026.
- Faculty DE Coordinator has been established and interviews forthcoming.

M/S/C: (Rigby moved/Dean seconded) to extend the discussion three more minutes; motion carried.

BC 2025-26 Administrative Structure Review [King/Tatum]

Queen King and Ann Tatum presented the [BC 25-26 Draft Admin Structure Review](#); highlights as follows:

- The process for prioritization was reviewed.
- Requested positions and available funding were analyzed.
- This process was lengthy due to changes in leadership, hiring during the year and unplanned situations.
- CCA recommends coming together in the future to discuss an action plan

8. Reports

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

b. Officer Reports

Vice President (Manuel) – [District-wide Accessibility written report](#)

M/S/C (McAllister moved/Strobel seconded) to extend discussion for three more minutes; motion carried.

Treasurer (Chapman) – verbal report

- Two donations have come in this semester.

Secretary (Ellis)

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

SGA (Moore/Jawad) – verbal report

- More student participation in SGA Elections is encouraged along with orientation for candidates.
- Town Hall lunch (pizza) with SGA President and BC President was held.
- Concern has been expressed about aggressive petitioners soliciting signatures.

CCA (Newsom) – Laura Peet provided an verbal report in place of Shawn Newsom. There are numerous Faculty complaints regarding Banner 9.

c. Committee Reports

AIQ (Commiso)

AC (Garza)

BAC (McNellis)

BTC (Henry)

CRC (Hart/Dameron) – verbal report regarding CCN Phase IIB due by March 12th and Coursedog ready by end of Spring semester.

DEI (Silva)

EC (Greenwood)

EMC (D. Giblin)

EODAC (Ayuk)
FSC (Murray) – [written report](#)
Technology Committee (formerly ISIT) (Klopstein)
PRC (Nickell)
SAC (Allard) – [written report](#)
SC (Moran)
Committee Reports will be shared with College Council.

9. Unfinished Business

A. There is no Unfinished Business to review.

10. New Business

a. Military Absence Request Form [Jimenez/Frank]

Description: [Draft Military Absence Request Form](#); this is a 1st Read.

Members were asked to review the form and share the presentation materials with constituents. This will be a voting item at the next meeting.

11. Announcements

BC Scholarship Applications Open until Feb 1st

College Discovery Academy, June 2026

12. Adjournment

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

The Academic Senate President Zepeda adjourned the meeting at 4:50 p.m.

The Academic Senate Minutes are respectfully submitted by Tarina Perry.