

BC Academic Senate Regular Meeting Minutes – unapproved

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] Clint Rigby – present

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

Kinesiology, Heath, 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 Adress 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 a 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.