

BC ACADEMIC SENATE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES – APPROVED

Wednesday, February 25, 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 - absent

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 - present

Applied Science & Technology [25-27] - vacant

Art [25-27] Kirstopher Stallworth - present

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

Culinary Arts, Nutrition & Hospitality [25-27] Laura Miller -present

Education [25-27] Teresa McAllister -absent (Bill Chapman proxy)

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

English [24-26] Shane Jett - present

English [24-26] Diana Cason – present

English [25-27] -vacant

Industrial Technology [25-27] Klint Rigby –absent

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

Kinesiology, Heath, Athletics & Public Health Services [25-27] Zack Peters – absent (Vayron Martinez proxy)

Library & Academic Technology [25-27] Matt Andrasian-Jones – absent (Faith Bradham proxy)

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 - 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 -absent (Bill Chapman proxy)

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

Social Science [25-27] Misty Stowers – absent (Alan Bolar proxy)

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

E-Board Representative/non-voting member: Dillon Giblin, Scott Dameron, Michelle Hart, Ricardo Garza, Kurt Klopstein, Michael McNellis, Grace Commiso, Tom Greenwood

Guests/non-voting member: Shawn Taro Newsom, Interim President Pfluger, Sandy Owens, Alex Rocky

Call to Order

Academic Senate President Zepeda called the meeting to order at 3:34 p.m.

Roll Call

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

Good & Welfare

Senate President Zepeda shared a handmade token she received from a colleague for her birthday.

Opportunity to Address the Academic Senate

There were no requests to address the Senate.

Adoption of the Agenda

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

Consent Agenda

M/S/C: (Ysais moved/Alawdi seconded) to approve the consent items; motion carried.

A. Approval of Minutes

- [February 11, 2026](#)

B. Faculty Appointments

- Standing Committee – [list of 2/25](#)
- Screening Committee- none
- Taskforce, ASCCC Liaisons, and other groups - none

C. Committee and Task Force Charge Revisions

There were no Charges to review.

Presentations

Campus Culture Advisory Task Force [Pfluger]

Interim President Pfluger shared her vision of the taskforce, highlights:

- Focus is to improve the campus culture across the board, and this work is larger than one person to implement.
- TF creates a channel for the campus to provide input.
- Examples could be service awards, employee engagement and incentive programs starting from low level to eventually a higher level.
- TF idea was inspired by the college visit to Odessa College where they were named as [top 10 finalists for Aspen Prize](#).
- Victor Valley College provides stipends which are like student retention incentives.
- Members are invited for further discussion or suggestions regarding the composition of the charge.
- The framework may evolve in time.

Online Teaching Guidelines [Andrasian-Jones, Commiso, Rockey]

Alex Rocky and Matt Andrasian-Jones presented the revisions to the Online Teaching Guidelines and explained the purpose. Grace Commiso answered questions regarding the presentation.

Highlights:

- Both the CCA and AIQ have unanimously approved the proposed revisions.
- It requires faculty who are teaching DE courses to create an unpublished page that would describe how the course meets the RSI requirements.

Reports

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

Vice President (Manuel)

Treasurer (Chapman)

Secretary (Ellis)

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

SGA (Moore/Jawad) – [written report](#)

CCA (Newsom) – [written report](#)

Committee Reports

AIQ (Commiso) – [written report](#)

AC (Garza)

BAC (McNellis) - [written report](#)

BTC (Henry)

CRC (Hart/Dameron)–[written report](#)

DEI (Silva)

EC (Greenwood) [written report](#)

EMC (D. Giblin) - [written report](#)

EODAC (Ayuk)

FSC (Murray)

PRC (Nickell) – [written report](#)

SAC (Allard)

SC (Moran)

TC [Technology Committee, formerly ISIT] (Klopstein) – [written report](#)

ASCCC Noncredit Regional Meeting (Harris) – [written report](#)

OER Liaison (Butcher) - [written report](#)

Committee Reports will be shared with College Council.

Unfinished Business

Military Absence Request Form [Jimenez/Frank]

Description: The [Draft Military Absence Request Form](#) is a proposal to revise the existing form; 2nd Read.

M/S/C: (Loken moved/Strobel seconded) to approve this item with the clarification of “BC” student email; motion carried.

Online Teaching Guidelines Proposal for RSI v4 [Rockey/Commiso]

Description: Update to add Hybrid course to list of modalities requiring training/RSI course review and add a faculty workgroup for AIQ course review pilot ([Proposal for Change](#)); 1st Read – returning document.

M/S/C: (Bolar moved/Miller seconded) to approve without any changes; motion carried).

2026-27 BC Catalog – Exceptions to the BC GE Completion Process [Hart/Dameron]

Description: Update to Catalog Language; 1st Read.

M/S/C: (Bolar moved/Strobel seconded) to approve this item; motion carried.

2026-27 BC Catalog Rights and Continuous Enrollment [Hart/Dameron]

Description: Update to Catalog Language; 2nd Read.

M/S/C: (Ysais moved/Strobel seconded) to approve this item; motion carried.

KCCCD IEPI Data Governance and Stewardship project

Description: KCCCD is asking for Academic Senates' approval to request IEPI funding from CCCCCO; 2nd Read.

M/S/C: (Kennedy moved/Alawdi seconded) to approve this item; motion carried.

Distance Education Review Council (DERC)[Wojtysiak/Zepeda]

Description: Establishment of new committee per Online Teaching Guidelines (previously approved by Senate); 2nd Read.

M/S/C: (Kennedy moved/Strobel seconded) to approve this item; motion carried.

New Business

Campus Culture Advisory Taskforce (Pfluger)

Description: Discussion on the intent, purpose, and benefit of the proposed taskforce; 1st Read.

Announcements

- Senate Elections (March)
- ASCCC Area A Meeting (March 13th)
- Sterling Silver Dinner (March 14th)
- Spring Plenary (April 9-11)
- BOT at BC (April 9)
- Retirement Reception (April 30th)
- Closing Day/Commencement (May 15)
- College Discovery Academy (June)

Adjournment

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

The Academic Senate President Zepeda adjourned the meeting at 5:00 p.m.

The Academic Senate Minutes are respectfully submitted by Tarina Perry.