

BC Academic Senate Regular Meeting Minutes – approved

Wednesday, February 11, 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 - present

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 – present

Behavioral Science [25-27] -vacant

Biology [24-26] -Milena Lilles – absent (Anne Marie Hodge proxy)

Biology [25-27] -vacant

Business Education [24-26] Rudy Menjivar -present

Child Development [25-27] Melissa Ysais –absent (Laura Miller proxy)

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] Shane Jett - present

English [24-26] Diana Cason – absent (Shane Jett proxy)

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 – 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 - present

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 - present

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

E-Board Representative/non-voting member: Dillon Giblin, Scott Dameron, Michelle Hart, Paul Murray, Ricardo Garza

Guests/non-voting member: Shawn Taro Newsom

1. Call to Order

Academic Senate President Zepeda called the meeting to order at 3:32 p.m.

2. Roll Call

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

3. Good & Welfare

There were no announcements.

4. Opportunity to Address the Academic Senate

There were no requests to address the Senate.

- Hunter Moore addressed the Senate on a non-agenda item.

5. Adoption of the Agenda

M/S/C: (Strobel moved/Alawdi seconded) to adopt the v2 Agenda with 2/3rds vote; motion carried.

6. Consent Agenda

M/S/C: (Rigby moved/McAllister seconded) to approve the consent items; motion carried with one abstention.

A. Approval of Minutes

- Jan 12, 2026
- Jan 28, 2026

B. Faculty Appointments

- Standing Committee – list of 2/25
- Screening Committee- list of 2/25
- ASCCC Liaisons, and other groups - none

C. Committee and Task Force Charge Revisions

There were no Charges to review.

7. Presentations

There were no presentations scheduled.

8. Reports

President (Zepeda) – [written report](#); highlights below:

- Members questioned the change in process for AUR's.
- HRVC looking to audit discipline records to ensure consistency with HR's records.
- BP/AP feedback requested; recommends review of chapters 4 & 5.

Vice President (Manuel)

Treasurer (Chapman) – verbal report to announce donations needed.

Secretary (Ellis)

ASCCC Delegate (E. Giblin)

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

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

CCA (Newsom) – verbal report; highlights below:

- Suggested comparing the C's & B's to CCA Contract regarding replacement for Dept. Chairs to ensure there is not a discrepancy.

c. Committee Reports

AIQ (Commiso) – verbal report; highlights below:

- DE courses to be evaluated in the Fall.
- Additional members to serve on AIQ as member-at-large to assist with reviews.
- Peer Review Team Report is posted to the [BC Accreditation website](#).
- Accreditation Open Forum on 2/18 at 1pm.

AC (Garza) – [written report](#)

BAC (McNellis)

BTC (Henry) - [written report](#)

CRC (Hart/Dameron)

DEI (Silva)

EC (Greenwood)

EMC (D. Giblin)

EODAC (Ayuk)

FSC (Murray) – [written report](#)

PRC (Nickell)

SAC (Allard) –

SC (Moran)

TC [Technology Committee, formerly ISIT] (Klopstein)

Committee Reports will be shared with College Council.

9. 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: (E. Giblin moved/Kennedy seconded) to postpone this item until additional information is received; motion carried.

[Online Teaching Guidelines Proposal for RSI v4](#)

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: (McAllister moved/Kennedy seconded) to approve the revision (v4) with the addition of “hybrid”; motion carried with one abstention).

The guidelines were revised to require RSI training for faculty that teach hybrid courses. Hybrid courses are required to demonstrate RSI under federal guidelines. This change is to ensure we are ready for the peer review scheduled for Fall 2026. July training will be available. AIQ Co-chair will investigate early training dates. There are over one thousand courses to review.

M/S/C: (Dean moved/Strobel seconded) to extend discussion for five minutes; motion carried.

There was extensive discussion over the review timeline, federal audits, and accreditation compliance.

M/S/C: (Baltis moved/Kennedy seconded) to extend discussion ten minutes; motion carried.

The Academic Technology group were praised for their Flex training, which was helpful with RSI.

KCCD & BC Academic Calendars v3

Description: The calendars were previously approved but are being returned for correction to reflect end date of Saturday, December 12, 2026, for Fall 2026 have been approved, but correction the date of Dec. 12.

M/S/C: (Kennedy moved/Strobel seconded) to approve both Academic Calendars; motion carried.

10. New Business

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

Description: Establishment of new committee per Online Teaching Guidelines (approved by Senate); 1st Read.

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

Description: Update to Catalog Language; 1st Read.

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

Description: Update to Catalog Language; 1st Read.

KCCD IEPI Data Governance and Stewardship project

Description: KCCD is asking for Academic Senates' approval to request IEPI funding from CCCC; 1st Read.

Concerns were shared that this item was funded in the past and did not come to fruition and asked what happened to the previous funding and outcome.

11. Announcements

- Panorama Invitational Exhibition (February- March)
- Panorama Invitational (February 12th)
- Scholarship Committee Review Period (Feb 14-Mar 15)
- Campus Equity Conversation (Feb 24th)
- Senate Elections (March)
- ASCCC Area A Meeting (March 13th)
- Spring Plenary (April 9-11)
- BOT at BC (April 9)
- Closing Day/Commencement (May 15)
- College Discovery Academy (June)

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 4:39 p.m.

The Academic Senate Minutes are respectfully submitted by Tarina Perry.