

BC ACADEMIC SENATE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES – APPROVED

Wednesday, March 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 – absent (Milena Lilles proxy)

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 -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] Shane Jett - 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 - present
Kinesiology, Heath, Athletics & Public Health Services [25-27] Zack Peters – absent (Vayron Martinez proxy-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 - absent
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 -absent
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 – absent
E-Board Representative/non-voting member: Dillon Giblin, Scott Dameron, Ricardo Garza, Grace Commiso, Gilbert Ayuk
Guests/non-voting member: Jessica Wojtysiak

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

Nick Strobel, Physical Science Senator Rep provided oranges for the members.

Opportunity to Address the Academic Senate

There were no requests to address the Senate.

Adoption of the Agenda

M/S/C: (Ysais moved/Andrasian-Jones seconded) to adopt the agenda; motion carried.

Consent Agenda

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

A. Approval of Minutes

- February 25, 2026

B. Faculty Appointments

- Standing Committee –none
- Screening Committee- List of 03/11/2026
- Taskforce, ASCCC Liaisons, and other groups - none

C. Committee and Task Force Charge Revisions

There were no Charges to review.

M/S/C: (Strobel moved/McAllister seconded) to suspend the agenda to move directly to reports; motion carried.

Presentations

AIQ BC/KCCD Services Survey Results (Co-Chairs Commiso/Wojtysiak)

Grace Commiso and Jessica Wojtysiak co-presented the survey results.

Reports

President (Zepeda) – written Report

M/S/C: (McAllister moved/Andrasian-Jones seconded) to extend the time five minutes; motion carried.

Vice President (Manuel)

Treasurer (Chapman) -verbal report; please donate to the Senate Foundation account.

Secretary (Ellis)

ASCCC Delegate (E. Giblin) – written report

SGA (Moore/Jawad) – written report

CCA (Newsom)

Committee Reports

AIQ (Commiso)

AC (Garza)

BAC (McNellis)

BTC (Henry) – [written report](#)

CRC (Hart/Dameron)

DEI (Silva)

EC (Greenwood)

EMC (D. Giblin)

EODAC (Ayuk) -[written report](#)

FSC (Murray) -[written report](#)

PRC (Nickell)

SAC (Allard) - [written report](#)

SC (Moran)

TC [Technology Committee, formerly ISIT] (Klopstein)

Committee Reports will be shared with College Council.

M/S/C: (Bell moved/Strobel seconded) to suspend the agenda to back to 7. Presentations; motion carried.

Unfinished Business

[Campus Culture Advisory Task Force \(Pfluger\)](#)

Description: Establishment of a new taskforce committee to advise the College President on positive cultural improvements across campus; 2nd Read.

M/S/C: (Ellis moved/Kennedy seconded) to extend the discussion for five minutes; motion carried.

Discussion: members shared pros and cons about the task force. Some key items discussed was the fact the current president is interim; however, committees take time to establish so this could be a reason to initiate or delay. Members shared that the charge is positive and necessary while others shared that it was vague and could be accomplished in other ways.

M/S/C: (Chapman moved/ McAllister seconded) to approve this item; with a roll call vote the motion carried.

Vote: 14 yay, 10 nay, 2 abstentions.

New Business

[2026-27 Academic Senate Meeting Schedule \(Zepeda\)](#)

Description: Annual schedule for next academic year's Senate's meeting; 1st Read.

Senators were asked to review the calendar as it will be a voting item at the next meeting.

Petition for Participatory Governance in Re-Envisioning District Business Process (McClure)

Description: CSEA has proposed a [Petition for Participatory Governance and Contractual Compliance](#) in the Reorganization of District Business Process 1st Read.

M/S/C: (McAllister moved/Ysais seconded) to approve the petition; motion carried unanimously.

Members discussed the reason behind the reorganization and recognized that the petition ties into today's AIQ survey presentation regarding decision-making (standard 4.2) and its low ranking with participatory governance. BC and KCCD should provide consistent opportunities for stakeholder participation. This reorganization can occur at any time in any area. Members shared that the last forum held regarding the reorganization focused on Banner 9 and not the real issue.

Announcements

- Senate Elections (March)
- ASCCC Area A Meeting (March 13th)
- Renegade Roundup (March 13)
- Spring Conversations with the Chancellor -Faculty (March 19)
- Celebrating Success: A Starfish Impact Summit (March 20)
- Shirley Trembley Award Nominations due (March 23)
- Campus Equity Conversation (March 24)
- Spring Break (March 30-April 3)
- Phronesis Award Nominations due (March 31)
- Spring Plenary (April 9-11)
- BOT at BC (April 16)
- Garden Fest (April 18)
- Retirement Reception (April 30th)
- ASCCC RSP Regional Meeting (May 2)
- Scholarship Award Ceremony (May 7)
- Closing Day/Commencement (May 15)
- College Discovery Academy (June)

Adjournment

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

The Academic Senate President Zepeda adjourned the meeting at 4:53 p.m.

The Academic Senate Minutes are respectfully submitted by Tarina Perry.