

BC ACADEMIC SENATE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES – APPROVED

Wednesday, March 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 - present

Adjunct [24-26] 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] Kristopher Stallworth - present

Behavioral Science [24-26] Kristin Maytubby – present

Behavioral Science [25-27] -vacant

Biology [24-26] -Milena Lilles – absent (proxy Crystal Rodriguez)

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] Shane Jett -absent
English [24-26] Diana Cason – absent
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 (proxy V. Martinez)
Library & Academic Technology [25-27] Matt Andrasian-Jones - present
Mathematics [24-26] Donna Starr – absent (Dillon Giblin, proxy)
Mathematics [25-27] Andrea Bridges – absent (Tom Greenwood, proxy)
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 -present
Social Science [24-26] Richard (Allen) Bolar - present
Social Science [25-27] Misty Stowers - present
World Languages [25-27] -vacant
SGA Representative [25-26] Hunter Moore – present
SGA Representative [25-26] Zaina Jawad - absent

Guests/non-voting members

Shawn Newsom (CCA), Dillon Giblin (EB/Proxy), Tom Greenwood (EB/proxy), Cesar Jimenez (Guest), Jenny Frank (Guest), Tamu Smith-Kohls (Guest), Kurt Klopstein (EB), Grace Commiso (EB)

Call to Order

Academic Senate President Zepeda called the meeting to order at 3:36 p.m.

Roll Call

Academic Senate Secretary Wade Ellis took roll and determined quorum was met.

Good, Welfare, and Concerns

Congratulations were given to Grace Commiso on the success of the Starfish Workshop offered on 3/20/26

Opportunity to Address the Academic Senate

None

Adoption of the Agenda -[03/25/2026](#) (revisions to Agenda)

M/S/C: (Ysais/Kennedy) motioned to adopt the agenda, version 2; motion carried.

Consent Agenda

M/S/C: (Kennedy/Loken) motioned to approve the consent agenda [Minutes, Standing Committee Appointments - pulled from consent]; motion carried.

Approval of Minutes

- [March 11, 2026](#)

M/S/C: (Kennedy/Chapman) motioned to approve the minutes without amendments; motion failed.

M/S/C: (Ysais/Kennedy) motioned to approve the Minutes as amended; motion carried.

Faculty Appointments

- Standing Committees – [appointments of 3/25](#)
- Screening Committee- [appointments of 3/25](#)

M/S/C: (Kennedy/Alawdi) motioned to approve the Standing Committee appointments as amended; motion carried.

ASCCC Liaisons, and other groups – [appointments of 3/25](#)

Committee and Task Force Charge Revisions

- [FSC Proposed Charge](#)

Presentations

VPSS Updates [Jimenez]

VPSS Cesar Jimenez presented two major changes in student services. First, the college is transitioning to a company called Parchment for student transcripts. Second, starting in Fall 2026 students will be dropped from classes if they have an outstanding balance with the college for that semester.

M/S/C: (Chapman/Kennedy) motioned to extend the presentation and question time by 5 minutes; motion carried.

Reports

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

- Senate elections are ongoing. Several positions have no nominations yet.
- The timeline for approving the revised Constitution and By-Laws was given
- Updates were given regarding the Faculty DE coordinator, the demolition of the CSS building, the CPL PRT visit, and changes to the College Council charge.
- The History Department is considering changing the Cesar Chavez Leadership Certificate as a whole.

Officer Reports

- Vice President (Manuel) – no report
- Treasurer (Chapman)- verbal report; Chapman reminded everyone to donate to the BC Foundation
- Secretary (Ellis) – no report
- ASCCC Delegate (E. Giblin) – [written report](#)
- SGA (Moore) – [written report](#)
- CCA (Newsom) –no report

Committee Reports

- AIQ (Commiso) – [written report](#)

M/S/C: (McAllister/Rodriguez) motioned to extend the time by 5 minutes; motion carried.

M/S/C: (McAllister/Kennedy) motioned to extend the time by 3 minutes; motion carried.

- AC (Garza)
- BAC (McNellis) – Verbal report - Book orders due by 3/27
- BTC (Henry)
- CRC (Hart/Dameron) – [written report](#)
- DEI (Silva) –
- EC (Greenwood)-[written report](#)
- EMC (D. Giblin) – [written report](#)
- EODAC (Ayuk)
- FSC (Murphy)
- Tech Comm (Klopstein) – Verbal Report – Committee is working on the student technology survey
- PRC (Nickell) – [written report](#)
- SAC (Allard) -
- SC (Moran)

Committee Reports will be shared with College Council.

Unfinished Business

Academic Senate Calendar 2026 - 27

Description: The meeting schedule for the next academic year was presented.

M/S/C: (Kennedy/Alawdi) motioned to approve the calendar; motion carried.

Military Absence Request Form (Frank/Smith-Kohls)

Description: This form was previously approved by Senate and is being resubmitted with changes. Changes include Fields for the Course CRN, College-Issued Student Email, and Instructor Comments.

M/S/C: (Ysais/Alawdi) motioned to approve the changes to the form; motion carried.

New Business

Accessibility, Goals, and Milestones Committee Proposal [Wojtysiak/Zepeda]

Description: Proposed charge for a new committee; First Read.

The Charge was reviewed and it was suggested to identify one classified representative from student services such as tutoring or the writing center.

A. Academic Senate Constitution and By-Laws Revision Draft

[Zepeda/E. Giblin/D. Giblin/Ellis/Holmes]

Description: Revised Constitution and By-Laws; First Read.

Zepeda and Ellis highlighted some major changes and revisions.

Proposal for Academic Renewal [Zepeda/Kennedy/Jimenez]

Description: Title 5 changes require local changes to academic renewal guidelines; First Read.

M/S/C: (Maytubby/Andrasian-jones) motioned to extend the meeting time until 5:10 pm; motion carried.

Early College and Dual Enrollment Discussion [Zepeda]

Description: President Zepeda led a discussion about some of the challenges facing dual enrollment and early college. Several faculty gave feedback on challenges they have seen. Zepeda mentioned this would be an ongoing discussion with feedback going to the college and district administration.

Announcements

- Annual Senate Spring Election, Mar/April 2026
- Renegade Roundup – March 6, 4 pm, Fireside Room
- Spring Break – March 30 – Apr 6
- ASCCC Spring Plenary – April 9 – 11

- Board of Trustees Meeting at BC – April 18th

Adjournment

M/S/C: (Maytubby/Oropeza) motioned to adjourn the meeting; motion carried unanimously.

The Academic Senate President Zepeda adjourned the meeting at 5:11 p.m.

The Academic Senate Minutes are respectfully submitted by Wade Ellis.