

Professional Development Committee

3/25/2026

Goals of the Committee:

- Integrate the work of the committee with the work of Academic Technology as the lead department for Professional Development at Bakersfield College.
- Develop the use of PDC Scholarship funds and the return on investment to campus.
- Improve assessment and professional development effectiveness.
- Improve quality of professional development with regard to equity, accessibility, and accommodations.

Announcements:

- Professional Development Scholarship amount has increased from \$500-\$750.
- Flex forms are due the Friday before Spring finals!
- Only 18 Flex hours required.

Completed Items:

- We hosted our first 'First Friday' PD feature, 'March into Pronto.' We had a great session with engaged attendees and discussed how to use Pronto integration with Canvas as a tool to increase RSI.
- We are using PD funds to sponsor faculty attendance to Online Teaching Conference in June. We solicited applications and received 16. We will send at least five faculty but are working on funding for more. Applications will be completed before the Early Bird registration deadline.

Upcoming Items:

- Our next First Friday is a third Friday...on April 17. This will be a 'watch party' for an AI seminar, details forthcoming from Alex Rockey.
- Topics for Fall Flex week have been chosen, look for solicitation for presentations soon.

Respectfully submitted,

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