

BC Academic Senate Regular Meeting Minutes – unapproved

Wednesday, March 25, 2025, 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, Health, Athletics & Public Health Services [24-26] Carl Dean -present

Kinesiology, Health, 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) a motion was made to adopt the agenda, version 2; the motion carried.

Consent Agenda

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

A. Approval of Minutes

- [March 11, 2026](#)

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

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

B. Faculty Appointments

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

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

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

C. Committee and Task Force Charge Revisions

- [FSC Proposed Charge](#)

Presentations

VPSS Updates [Jimenez]

VPSS Cesar Jimenez presented two major changes regarding 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) a motion was made to extend the presentation and question time by 5 minutes; the 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) a motion was made to extend the time by 5 minutes; the motion carried.

M/S/C: (McAllister/Kennedy) a motion was made to extend the time by 3 minutes; the 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

A. [Academic Senate Calendar 2026 - 27](#)

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

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

B. [Military Absence Request Form](#) (Frank/Smith-Kohls)

Description: This form was already approved at Senate, but some changes were made. Fields for the Course CRN, College-Issued Student Email, and Instructor Comments were added.

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

New Business

A. [Accessibility, Goals, and Milestones Committee Proposal](#) [Wojtysiak/Zepeda]

Description: This was a first read of the proposed charge for this new committee

Discussion took place over the charge. It was commented that it might be better to specify that one of the classified representatives should come from student services such as tutoring or the writing center.

B. [Academic Senate Constitution and By-Laws Revision Draft](#) [Zepeda/E. Giblin/D. Giblin/Ellis/Holmes]

Description: This was a first read of the revised Constitution and By-Laws. Zepeda and Ellis highlighted some major changes and revisions

C. [Proposal for Academic Renewal](#) [Zepeda/Kennedy/Jimenez]

Description: Title 5 changes are required local changes to academic renewal guidelines. This was a first read

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

D. 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) made a motion to adjourn the meeting; the 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.