

BC Academic Senate Regular Meeting Minutes – unapproved

Wednesday, April 15, 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 –absent (Sara Manuel, proxy)

Behavioral Science [25-27] -vacant

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

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 – present

Kinesiology, Health, Athletics & Public Health Services [24-26] Carl Dean -present

Kinesiology, Health, Athletics & Public Health Services [25-27] Zack Peters – absent (V. Martinez, proxy)

Library & Academic Technology [25-27] Matt Andrasian-Jones - absent

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 - 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 - absent

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

Dillon Giblin (EB), Grace Commiso (EB), Ricardo Garza (EB)

Call to Order

Academic Senate President Zepeda called the meeting to order at 3:31 p.m.

Roll Call

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

Good, Welfare, and Concerns

Senator Murray announced the Senior Projects Open House scheduled for Thursday, May 7th 10am-noon, S&E 151.

Opportunity to Address the Academic Senate

None

Adoption of the Agenda

M/S/C: (McAllister/Alawdi) a motion was made to adopt the [agenda](#); the motion carried.

Consent Agenda

M/S/C: (Ysais/Brady) a motion was made to approve the consent agenda with the exception of the Task Force list [pulled from consent]; motion carried.

Approval of Minutes

- [March 25, 2026](#)

Faculty Appointments

- Standing Committees –none
- Screening Committee- [appointments of 4/15](#)
- Task Forces/ASCCC Liaisons, and other groups – [appointments of 4/15](#)

M/S/C: (McAllister moved/Strobel seconded) to approve the Task Force faculty appointments; motion carried.

Committee and Task Force Charge Revisions - none

Presentations

Tutoring Center Q & A [Timothy Lafondez, Program Manager]

Timothy Lafondez presented to us about the need for student tutors at BC. Towards the end of each semester, a call goes out by email for faculty to recommend students who earned an A or a B as tutors. The tutoring center relies on these recommendations to hire students, so it is important for us to submit thoughtful recommendations. Students who work as tutors get training and can receive a certification through the CRLA that can follow them as they transfer and open employment opportunities.

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Reports

President (Zepeda) –[written report](#)

Elections: incoming officers are Wade Ellis (Vice President), Dillon Giblin (Secretary), Sara Manuel (Treasurer).

M/S/C: (McAllister moved/Strobel seconded) to continue discussion for 2 minutes; motion carried.

[Administrative Units Reviews College Feedback Climate](#)

Officer Reports

- Vice President (Manuel) – no report

- Treasurer (Chapman)- no report
- Secretary (Ellis) – no report
- ASCCC Delegate (E. Giblin) –[written report](#)

Other Reports

- SGA (Moore) –[written report](#)
- CCA (Newsom) –no report
- District-wide Accessibility – [written report](#)

M/S/C: (McAllister moved/Kennedy seconded) to extend the discussion 5 minutes; motion carried.

Committee Reports

- AIQ (Commiso) –announced more RSI forums are coming.
- AC (Garza) – [written report](#)
- BAC (McNellis) -no report
- BTC (Henry)-[written report](#)
- CRC (Hart/Dameron) – no report
- DEI (Silva) – no report
- EC (Greenwood)-no report
- EMC (D. Giblin) –no report
- EODAC (Ayuk)-no report
- FSC (Murphy) -[written report](#)
- TC (Klopstein) –no report
- PRC (Nickell) –no report
- SAC (Allard) - no report
- SC (Moran) – no report

Unfinished Business

A. Accessibility Goals & Milestones Committee (Wojtysiak/Zepeda) [2nd Read/Action]

Description: proposal for a new accessibility committee to promote and support the campus in meeting federal, state and district standards.

M/S/C: (Manuel moved/Kennedy seconded) to approve the committee with the amendments; motion carried.

M/S/C: (E. Giblin moved/Kennedy seconded) to amend the motion to include Welcome Center and Academic Support; motion carried.

M/S/C: (Manuel moved/McAllister seconded) to amend the original motion to include corrections of grammar and spelling; motion carried.

B. Constitution & Bylaws Draft (Zepeda/E. Giblin/D. Giblin/Ellis/Holmes) [2nd Read/Action]

Description: Draft ratification of the Senate Constitution and By-Laws.

M/S/C: (Ysais moved/Loken seconded) made a motion to approve the Constitution (separate from the By-laws) with grammar & spelling corrections; motion carried.

M/S/F: (McAllister moved/Kennedy seconded) to approve the By-Laws with corrections of grammar and spelling; motion failed.

M/S/C: (McAllister moved/Strobel seconded) to extend discussion 12 minutes; motion carried.

M/S/C: (Strobel moved/Ysais seconded) to postpone the By-Laws to 4/29 pending edits; motion passed.

C. Proposal for Change in Academic Renewal Policy (Zepeda/Kennedy/Jimenez) [2nd Read/Action]

Description: Proposal to update Academic Renewal Policy at district and local level to align with Title 5 updates.

M/S/C: (Kennedy moved/Manuel seconded) to postpone to 4/29; motion carried.

New Business

No new business.

Announcements

- Board of Trustees Meeting at BC – April 18th
- BC Garden Fest – April 18th
- BC Retirement Reception – April 30th
- ASCCC Regional RSP Meeting – May 2nd
- Scholarship Celebration – May 7th
- Closing Day/Commencement – May 15th
- College Discovery Academy – June 2026

Adjournment

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

The Academic Senate President Zepeda adjourned the meeting at 5:01 p.m.

The Academic Senate Minutes are respectfully submitted by Tarina Perry.