

Academic Senate General Meeting Unapproved Minutes

April 8, 2026, at 3:30 p.m.; Renegade Event Center, Bakersfield College

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 3:31pm.

Good, Welfare, and Concerns

No announcements.

Opportunity to Address the Senate

No requests.

Adoption of the Agenda

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MSC (Ysaïs moved/Strobel seconded) to adopt the agenda; motion carried.

Reports

President (Zepeda) – written report

Officer Reports

- Vice President (Manuel)
- Treasurer (Chapman)
- Secretary (Ellis)
- ASCCC Delegate (E. Giblin) – written report
 - Articulation Officer – written report

Discussion

Early.College.and.Dual.Enrollment

Discussion on current issues and concerns in regard to Early College (including Dual Enrollment, Concurrent Enrollment and Articulated Credit) courses and practices; Letter to Faculty

Discussion on Early College/Dual Enrollment

We had an extensive discussion about the current state of Early College.

- Several comments were made that the Early College program has great potential to benefit high school students in our service area.

- A few anecdotes were shared of students who have succeeded in Early College and gone on to BC or other colleges or universities.
- Some comments reflected frustration at how Early College classes are scheduled. They felt that BC faculty are not given adequate choice as to whether they teach them or not.
- Stories were shared of instances where BC faculty pushed back and chose not to teach only to have the class taught by someone from Cerro Coso or CSUB.
- The high school schedule and the BC schedule don't align. The high schools start earlier than us. This has sometimes resulted in students being given "course assignments" outside the official course start/end dates that may conflict or overlap with assignments from the instructor of record, especially with online courses.
- There have also been instances in which the Dual Enrollment students and non-Dual Enrollment students are mixed in the same classroom with no distinction in course content or rigor between the high school course and the BC Dual Enrollment course.
- Some course content for BC classes might be inappropriate for younger students. Some courses might benefit from an age limit (for example, only HS seniors).
- BC Chairs can only observe and evaluate the course content taught by HS teachers, not the teachers themselves. However, the student surveys that are given to HS students in Dual Enrollment courses ask them to evaluate the teacher. There seems to be an inconsistency in the evaluation process.
- For some classes, the lab materials, equipment, libraries, and other materials available at high schools are not equivalent to what we have at BC, so the courses are not equivalent to each other.
- High school teachers in some cases are being given more than a full load of Dual Enrollment courses on top of their normal classes to teach.
- Many concerns were shared that the level of rigor in some Dual Enrollment courses was not sufficient to meet our standards.
- No one suggested that the Dual Enrollment Program be eliminated, but many said there should be more communication between administrators at BC and the high schools as well as between BC faculty and the high school instructors.
- The consensus was that the Early College Program has great potential. With some more collaboration and standardization, it will be an even greater benefit to high school students in our service area.

Announcements

- Senate Spring Elections – March/April
- Jack Hernandez Phronesis Award Nominations Deadline – March 31
- ASCCC 2026 Spring Plenary – April 9-11
- Board of Trustees Meeting @ BC – April 16
- BC Garden Fest – April 18
- BC Retirement Reception – April 30
- ASCCC Regional RSP Meeting – May 2
- Scholarship Celebration – May 7
- Closing Day/Commencement – May 15
- College Discovery Academy – June 2026

Adjournment

MSC (Strobel moved/Maytubby seconded) to adjourn; the motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 5:11 p.m.

The Academic Senate Minutes are respectfully submitted by Wade Ellis and Tarina Perry.