

Academic Senate Meeting Unapproved Minutes

Wednesday, April 29, 2026, at 3:30 p.m.; Campus Center 231,
Bakersfield College

Voting Members:

1. President [25-27] Rebecka Zepeda - present
2. Vice President [25-26] Sara Manuel – present [incoming Wade Ellis - present]
3. Secretary [25-26] Wade Ellis – present [incoming Dillon Giblin- present]
4. Treasurer [25-26] William (Bill) Chapman – present [incoming Sara Manuel – present]
5. ASCCC Delegate [25-27] Erica Giblin - present
6. Adjunct [24-26] Bell - absent
7. **Adjunct [25-27] – vacant** [incoming Elijah Enos-absent]
8. Agriculture [25-27] Heather Baltis - present
9. Allied Health (HEIT/RAD/RSPT) [24-26] Crystal Rodriguez - present
10. **Applied Science & Technology [25-27] – vacant**
11. Art [25-27] Kristopher Stallworth - present
12. Behavioral Science [24-26] Kristin Maytubby –absent (Sara Manuel, proxy)
13. **Behavioral Science [25-27] -vacant [incoming David Riess-present]**
14. Biology [24-26] -Milena Lilles – absent (Crystal Rodriguez, proxy)
15. **Biology [25-27] -vacant** [incoming Stacey Gomez-present]
16. Business Education [24-26] Rudy Menjivar -present [incoming Kathryn Wright-present]
17. Child Development [25-27] Melissa Ysais –present
18. **Communication [25-27] – vacant** [incoming Matthew Maddex – present]
19. Counseling [24-26] Keri Kennedy -present
20. Counseling [25-27] Jesus (Jesse) Oropeza -present
21. Culinary Arts, Nutrition & Hospitality [25-27] Laura Miller -present
22. Education [25-27] Teresa McAllister -present
23. Engineering & Information Technology [24-26] Steve Brown -present
24. English [24-26] Shane Jett -absent
25. English [24-26] Diana Cason – absent
26. **English [25-27] -vacant**
27. Industrial Technology [25-27] Klint Rigby – present
28. Kinesiology, Heath, Athletics & Public Health Services [24-26] Carl Dean -present
29. Kinesiology, Heath, Athletics & Public Health Services [25-27] Zack Peters – absent (V. Martinez, proxy)
30. Library & Academic Technology [25-27] Matt Andrasian-Jones - present
31. Mathematics [24-26] Donna Starr – present
32. Mathematics [25-27] Andrea Bridges – present
33. Nursing [24-26] Alisha Loken - present
34. **Nursing [25-27] -vacant** [incoming Kristi Wilson – present]
35. Philosophy [24-26] Anna Collins - absent
36. Physical Science [24-26] Hafez Alawdi - present

37. Physical Science [25-27] Nick Strobel – present

38. Performing Arts [24-26] - vacant

39. Public Safety Training Programs [25-27] Don Brady -present

40. Social Science [24-26] Richard (Allen) Bolar - absent

41. Social Science [25-27] Misty Stowers - present

42. **World Languages [25-27] -vacant** [incoming Jaclyn Krause-present]

Non-voting members

SGA Representative [25-26] Hunter Moore – present

SGA Representative [25-26] Zaina Jawad – absent

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

Guests

President Pfluger, Jessica Wojtysiak

Call to Order

Academic Senate President Zepeda called the meeting to order at 3:33 p.m.

Roll Call

Roll was called and quorum was met.

Good, Welfare, and Concerns

No announcements.

Opportunity to Address the Academic Senate

Academic Senate SGA Representative, Hunter Moore announced he is graduating May 15th and will be transferring to Fresno State to major in Animal Science and minor in Political Science. The members applauded and congratulated Hunter on his accomplishments.

Adoption of the Agenda – April 29, 2026

M/S/C: (McAllister moved/Alawdi seconded) to adopt the agenda v3; the motion carried.

Consent Agenda

M/S/C: (Kennedy moved/Ysais seconded) to approve the consent agenda with the exception of the Task Force list & CBEIT Charge [pulled from consent]; the motion carried.

Approval of Minutes

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Faculty Appointments

- Standing Committees –none
- Screening Committee- none
- Task Forces/ASCCC Liaisons, and other groups [pulled from consent]

M/S/C: (Kennedy moved/Oropeza seconded) to approve the task force faculty appointments; the motion carried.

Committee and Task Force Charge Revisions – [CBEIT Charge](#) [pulled from consent]
M/S/C: (McAllister moved/Alawdi seconded) to approve the CBEIT Charge; the motion carried.

Presentations

College President's Address

President Pfluger thanked the Senate current and outgoing members for their time and dedication. She acknowledged the work that it involves, especially when it involves communication with constituents. She welcomed the new members and encouraged all to attend the upcoming campus activities.

Vice President of Instruction's Address

VP Jessica Wojtyisak thanked the committee co-chairs for their work on the various important projects:

- Michelle Hart & Scott Dameron, Curriculum Co-Chairs
 - Erica Giblin, Articulation Officer
- Kim Nickell, Program Review Co-Chair
- Ricardo Garza, Assessment Co-Chair
- Grace Commiso, AIQ Co-Chair

She also recognized the RSI Reviewers, Senate President Zepeda, Vice President Manuel, and all senate members for their contribution this past year.

Reports

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

President Zepeda announced that the Senate Constitution received enough votes to ratify the new version.

Officer Reports

- Vice President (Manuel) – Manuel shared that she enjoyed serving as VP of the Senate and will be moving into a new role as Treasurer.
- Treasurer (Chapman)- Chapman made his final call for donations as this will be his last meeting as Treasurer and collected \$50.00 from the members present.
- Secretary (Ellis) – Ellis will be transitioning from Secretary to Vice President.
- ASCCC Delegate (E. Giblin) – [written report](#)

Other Reports

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

Committee Reports

- AIQ (Commiso) – [written report](#)
- AC (Garza) –no report
- BAC (McNellis) -no report
- BTC (Henry)- no report

- CRC (Hart/Dameron) – [written report](#)
- DEI (Silva) – no report
- EC (Greenwood)- [written report](#)
- EMC (D. Giblin) – [written report](#)
- EODAC (Ayuk)-no report
- FSC (Murphy) – no report
- TC (Klopstein) –
- PRC (Nickell) –[written report](#)
- SAC (Allard) - no report
- SC (Moran) – no report

Other Reports

- PDC (Hodge) – [written report](#)
- CPL (Henry) – [written report](#)
- CBEIT – the committee reviewed their accomplishments form this year and outlined plans for next year.

Unfinished Business

[Senate By-Laws Draft \(Zepeda/Holmes/E. Giblin/D. Giblin/Ellis\) \[3rd Read/Action\]](#)

Description: Ratification of the Senate By-Laws (draft); this is a voting item.

Debate/Discussion: in response to previous questions regarding change in department representation and [Apportionment Revision Impact report](#) was shared that outlines the membership.

M/S/C: (Strobel moved/Loken seconded) to adopt the By-Laws; the motion carried unanimously.

[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; this is a voting item.

Debate/Discussion: this item should be rejected until next year pending input from other colleges.

M/S/C: (Ysais moved/Strobel seconded) to reject the proposal; the motion carried.

[Online Teaching Guidelines and Course Review Process – CCA Concerns \[Discussion\]](#)

Description: After discussions with administrators, CCA would like to discuss concerns with faculty and Dean. The RSI Plan/RSI Notes to Reviewer” will be part of the course review process only; this is a discussion item.

Debate/Discussion: CCA Rep Ann Tatum voiced some concerns about the RSI process doing more than checking for RSI compliance. Both Tatum and the Union are not opposed to RSI implementation, however, they want to ensure it doesn’t overlap with evaluations and that academic freedom within RSI standards are upheld.

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

It was further explained that how the review is established is not under the union's purview; however, the execution is. Therefore, there is a boundary line.

M/S/C: (Baltis moved/Alawdi seconded) to extend discussion 8 minutes; the motion carried.

The ACCJC's rubric contains a lot of ambiguity. Our sister colleges (PC & CC) were caught with this error, so we are being watched.

Online Teaching Guidelines Proposal for RSI v5 [1st Read for updates – returning doc]

Description: The current Online Teaching guidelines detail a requirement for an RSI Plan page in Canvas to facilitate the course review process and reduce workload both for reviewers and reviewees. However, requiring that the RSI Plan be submitted to Chairs/Deans may cause unforeseen workload issues/administrative burden; this is a First Read.

Debate/Discussion; The online reaching guidelines are being revised to no longer require that the RSI notes to review be sent to the department chair or dean.

M/S/C: (McAllister moved/Manuel seconded) to extend the discussion 10 minutes; the motion carried.

M/S/C: (McAllister moved/Andrasian-Jones seconded) to approve the proposal; the motion carried.

Induction of New Senators & Officers:

President Zepeda thanked the outgoing members and introduced the new members.

- Outgoing Officers: Sara Manuel (Vice President), Bill Chapman (Treasurer), and Wade Ellis (Secretary).
- Outgoing Senators: Crystal Rodriguez (AH) and Rudy Menjivar (Business Ed).
- Incoming Officers: Wade Ellis (Vice President), Sara Manuel (Treasurer), and Dillon Giblin (Secretary).
- Incoming Senators: Kathryn Wright (Business Ed), Brian Sivesind (Performing Arts), Elijah Enos (Adjunct), David Riess (Behavioral Science), Stacey Gomez (Biology), Matthew Maddex (Communication), Kristi Wilson (Nursing), Jaclyn Krause (World Languages).

New Business

Retiree Honorariums 2026-27 [1st Read, Action]

Description: Annual Honorarium distribution to Faculty Retirees; this is a voting item.

M/S/C: (McAllister moved/Maddex seconded) to approve the distribution; the motion carried.

Scholarship Awards 2026-27 [1st Read, Action]

Description:

M/S/C: (Kennedy moved/Maytubby seconded) to approve the distribution; the motion carried.

Announcements

- BC Retirement Reception – April 30th
- ASCCC Regional RSP Meeting – May 2nd
- Scholarship Celebration – May 7th
- Closing Day/Commencement – May 15th

Adjournment

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

The Academic Senate President Zepeda adjourned the meeting at 5:05 p.m.

The Academic Senate Minutes are respectfully submitted by Tarina Perry.