

Academic Senate Meeting Unapproved Minutes

Wednesday, September 2, 2026, at 3:30 p.m.; Campus Center 231,
Bakersfield College

Voting Members:

1. President [25-27] Rebecka Zepeda - present
2. Vice President [26-27] Wade Ellis - present
3. Secretary [26-27] Dillon Giblin- present
4. Treasurer [26-27] Sara Manuel – present
5. ASCCC Delegate [25-27] Erica Giblin - present
6. Adjunct [24-26] Bell - absent
7. Adjunct [25-27] Elijah Enos-present
8. Agriculture [25-27] Heather Baltis - present
9. Allied Health (HEIT/RAD/RSPT) [26-28] vacant
10. Applied Science & Technology [25-27] – vacant
11. Art [25-27] Kristopher Stallworth - present
12. Behavioral Science [26-28] Kristin Maytubby –present
13. Behavioral Science [25-27] David Riess-present
14. Biology [26-28] Milena Lilles – present
15. Biology [25-27] Stacey Gomez-present
16. Business Education [26-28] Kathryn Wright-present
17. Child Development [25-27] Melissa Ysais –present
18. Communication [26-28] Matthew Maddex – present
19. Counseling [26-28] 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 [25-27] Steve Brown -present
24. English [26-28] Shane Jett -present
25. English [26-28] Diana Cason – present
26. English [25-27] -vacant
27. Industrial Technology [25-27] Klint Rigby – present
28. Kinesiology/H/A/PHS [26-28] Carl Dean -absent (Goodman, proxy)
29. Kinesiology/H/A/PHS [25-27] Zack Peters – present
30. Library & Academic Technology [25-27] Matt Andrasian-Jones -absent (E. Giblin, proxy)
31. Mathematics [26-28] Donna Starr – present
32. Mathematics [25-27] Andrea Bridges – present
33. Nursing [26-28] Alisha Loken - present
34. Nursing [25-27] Kristi Wilson – present
35. Philosophy [26-28] Anna Collins – present
36. Physical Science [25-27] Hafez Alawdi - absent
37. Physical Science [26-28] vacant

- 38. Performing Arts [26-28] Brian Sivesind – absent (Collins, proxy)
- 39. Public Safety Training Programs [25-27] Don Brady -present
- 40. Social Science [26-28] Richard (Allen) Bolar – present
- 41. Social Science [25-27] Misty Stowers – absent (Bolar, proxy)
- 42. World Languages [25-27] Jaclyn Krause-present

Non-voting members

- SGA Representative [26-27] Zaina Jawad –absent
- Scott Dameron (EB), Michelle Hart (EB), Grace Commiso (EB), Ricardo Garza (EB), Ginger LeBlanc (EB), Shawn Newsom

Guests

Interim Chancellor Hancock, President Pfluger and Vice President of Instruction Jessica Wojtysiak

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 3:33 P.M.

Roll Call

Roll was taken, and quorum was met.

Good, Welfare, and Concerns

Greg Cluff was in a car accident recently and is expected to be out the remainder of the semester. The Academic Senate SGA Representative Zaina Jawad is expected to be out several weeks due to medial reasons.

Opportunity to Adress the Academic Senate

None.

Adoption of the Agenda –September 2, 2026

A motion was made to adopt the September 2, 2026, agenda; M/S/C: Maddex/Ysais.

Consent Agenda

A motion was made to adopt the consent agenda; M/S/C: Maddex/McAllister.

Approval of Minutes

- [April 8, 2026](#)
- [April 29, 2026](#)
- [May 18, 2026 \(Special\)](#)
- [June 29, 2026 \(Special\)](#)

Faculty Appointments

- [Committee, Taskforce, Liaison Appointments](#) - list
- Screening Committee- none

Committee Charges & Goals

None.

Presentations

Interim Chancellor Hancock's Address

Interim KCCD Chancellor Hancock thanked the Academic Senate for the invitation to present at the meeting and stressed the importance of relationships and a shared understanding of goals. The creation of a successful environment for employees to help students was also stressed. Interim KCCD Chancellor Hancock opened the floor for questions:

- Timeline of the chancellor search is to meet the RFP deadline on September 8th with the goal of having the position filled by March 1st, 2027. Constituency groups will have an opportunity to provide input on expectations.
- The College Academy is not necessarily a District activity, but rather an individual college choice.
- Background with Ed Services and VP of Student Services prior to his position as the Cerro Coso Community College President.

College President Pfluger's Address

President Pfluger welcomed the Senators back to another academic year and thanked them for their service on the Academic Senate. President Pfluger is looking forward to a busy and fun year ahead. President Pfluger hopes that faculty can enjoy a variety of events on campus throughout the year. She shared that BCSD is very interested in working with BC on the return of the College Academy. This helps our focus on those individuals who do not attend college at all, which is currently at 35% in Bakersfield.

Vice President of Instruction's Address

Vice President of Instruction Wojtysiak thanked the Senators for their service on the Academic Senate. VPI Wojtysiak reminded the Senators that she trusts faculty to take care of each and every student on campus. VPI Wojtysiak pledged to remain committed to working with the Academic Senate as she has done in the past. VPI Wojtysiak requested that communication remain open as we all further the mission of BC. On a personal note, she shared that she is proud that her son is taking classes at BC. VPI Wojtysiak opened the floor for questions:

- Dean Howell is addressing the proctoring services for online classes; however, there is currently a free version available.

Academic Renewal Proposal (Kennedy)

Senator Kennedy provided an overview of recent Title 5 changes to academic renewal requirements and their implications for Bakersfield college's current academic renewal policy and procedures. KCCD often does not meet required state deadline and this is something we should be diligent with for our students' sake.

Senate Orientation (Zepeda)

Annual orientation reviewing Academic Senate meeting expectations, Brown Act requirement, parliamentary procedure, and the roles and responsibilities of Senators in conducting Senate business. Senators were given a copy of the newly revised Constitution & By-Laws.

A motion was made to extend the presentation for 10 minutes; M/S/C: McAllister/Maddex.

Reports

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

A motion was made to extend the report by 5 minutes; M/S/C: McAllister/Maytubby.

Officer Reports

- Vice President (Ellis)
- Treasurer (Manuel) – [written report](#)
- Secretary (D. Giblin)
- ASCCC Delegate (E. Giblin) – [written report](#)

Representative Reports

- SGA (Jawad)
- CCA (Newsom)

Committee Reports

- AGMC (Vacant)
- AIQ (Commiso)
- AC (Garza)
- BAC (McNellis)
- BTC (Henry)
- CRC (Hart/Dameron)
- DEI (Silva)
- DERC (Commiso/LeBlanc)
- EC (Greenwood)
- EMC (Vacant)
- EODAC (Ayuk)
- FSC (Murray)
- Tech Com (Klopstein)
- PDC (Hodge)
- PRC (Nickell)
- SAC (Allard)
- SC (Moran)

Unfinished Business

None.

New Business

Due to time constraints, Senate President Zepeda asked all members to review each NB items to bring back to their constituents as each item will be a voting item at the next meeting.

Faculty Caucus Application

Description: Review of a proposed application and process for formal Academic Senate recognition of faculty caucuses pursuant to the Senate Constitution and By-Laws; this is a 1st READ.

Faculty Chair Caucus Recognition

Description: Consideration of Academic Senate endorsement of the Faculty Chairs Caucus, previously recognized by the Senate President, and its role in facilitating faculty chair discussion and input on Early College and other academic and professional matters; this is a 1st READ.

Academic Senate Charge & Goals

Description: Review of the Academic Senate's proposed 2026–27 charge and annual goals related to its responsibilities for academic and professional matters; this is a 1st READ.

Academic Renewal Proposal v3

Description: Review of proposed revisions to District academic renewal policy and procedures in response to recent changes to Title 5 regulations governing academic renewal; this is a 1st READ.

Announcements

- Performing Arts Faculty & Staff Showcase, September 4
- Board of Trustees meeting @ Porterville College, September 10
- Panorama Creative Music Summit, September 16
- ASCCC Fall Plenary, November 5-7

Adjournment

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 5:01 P.M.; M/S/C: Maddex/Gomez.

The Academic Senate Minutes are respectfully submitted by Tarina Perry and Dillon Giblin.