

Bakersfield College Academic Senate -unadopted minutes

Wednesday, September 16, 2026 – Campus Center 231

Voting Members:

President [25-27] Rebecka Zepeda - present
 Vice President [26-27] Wade Ellis - present
 Secretary [26-27] Dillon Giblin- present
 Treasurer [26-27] Sara Manuel – present
 ASCCC Delegate [25-27] Erica Giblin – **absent (D. Giblin, proxy)**
 Adjunct [26-28] Justin Bell - present
 Adjunct [25-27] Elijah Enos-present
 Agriculture [25-27] Heather Baltis - present
 Allied Health (HEIT/RAD/RSPT) [26-28] **vacant**
 Applied Science & Technology [25-27] – **vacant**
 Art [25-27] Kristopher Stallworth - present
 Behavioral Science [26-28] Kristin Maytubby –present
 Behavioral Science [25-27] David Riess-present
 Biology [26-28] Milena Lilles – present
 Biology [25-27] Stacey Gomez-present
 Business Education [26-28] Kathryn Wright-present
 Child Development [25-27] Melissa Ysais –present
 Communication [26-28] Matthew Maddex – present
 Counseling [26-28] Keri Kennedy -present
 Counseling [25-27] Jesus (Jesse) Oropeza -present
 Culinary Arts, Nutrition & Hospitality [25-27] Laura Miller -present
 Education [25-27] Teresa McAllister -absent
 Engineering & Information Technology [25-27] Steve Brown -present
 English [26-28] Shane Jett -present
 English [26-28] Diana Cason – absent
 English [25-27] **-vacant**
 Industrial Technology [25-27] Klint Rigby – present
 Kinesiology/H/A/PHS [26-28] Carl Dean -absent (Goodman, proxy)
 Kinesiology/H/A/PHS [25-27] Zack Peters – present
 Library & Academic Technology [25-27] Matt Andrasian-Jones -present
 Mathematics [26-28] Donna Starr – absent (D. Giblin, proxy)
 Mathematics [25-27] Andrea Bridges – absent (Greenwood, proxy)
 Nursing [26-28] Alisha Loken - present
 Nursing [25-27] Kristi Wilson – present
 Philosophy [26-28] Anna Collins – present
 Physical Science [25-27] Hafez Alawdi - absent
 Physical Science [26-28] **vacant**
 Performing Arts [26-28] Brian Sivesind – absent
 Public Safety Training Programs [25-27] Don Brady -present
 Social Science [26-28] Richard (Allen) Bolar – absent (Stowers, proxy)
 Social Science [25-27] Misty Stowers – present
 World Languages [25-27] Jaclyn Krause-present

Non-voting members

- SGA Representative [26-27] Zaina Jawad - present
- Tom Greenwood (EB), Michelle Hart (EB), Shawn Newsom

Guests

None.

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

The Academic Senate SGA Representative Zaina Jawad has returned.

Opportunity to Address the Academic Senate

None.

Adoption of the Agenda

A motion was made to adopt the September 16, 2026, [agenda](#); M/S/C: Maddex/Kennedy.

Consent Agenda

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

Approval of Minutes

- The September 2, 2026, meeting [minutes](#) were pulled from consent. **A motion was made to approve the minutes with revisions (Justin Bell's attendance, the addition of his first name, and current term); M/S/C: Sivesind/Maytubby.**

Faculty Appointments

- Committee, Task Force & Liaison Appointments – refer to [supporting documents](#)
 - The committee, task force, and liaison appointments were pulled from consent. **A motion was made to approve the appointments as revised (Leah Carter's department name correction from Ag to Culinary Arts, Nutrition & Hospitality-DERC list); M/S/C: Loken/Maddex.**
- Screening Committee- refer to [supporting documents](#)

Committee Charges & Goals

- Accreditation & Institutional Quality Committee ([AIQ](#))
- Distance Education Review Council ([DERC](#))
 - DERC was pulled from consent. **A motion was made to approve the charge; M/S/C: Maytubby/Ysais.**
- Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Committee (DEI)

Presentations

None.

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) – [written report](#)
- ASCCC Delegate (E. Giblin)

Representative Reports

- SGA (Jawad)
- CCA (Newsom)

Committee Reports

- AGMC (**Vacant**)
- AIQ (Commiso) – [written report](#)
- AC (Garza)
- BAC (McNellis) - [written report](#)
- BTC (Henry)
- CRC (Hart/Dameron) – [written report](#)
- DEI (Silva)
- DERC (Commiso/LeBlanc)
- EC (Greenwood) – [written report](#)

Several concerns from members of the Academic Senate were raised at this time about which applicants are released to a screening committee by Human Resources (HR) at BC. Academic Senate President Zepeda has expressed a desire to discuss these concerns with the Vice Chancellor of Human Resources Dr. Rian Medlin.

A motion was made to extend this report by 3 minutes; M/S/C: Ysais/Loken.

A motion was made to extend this report by 1 minute; M/S/C: **Alawdi**/Wilson.

- EMC (**Vacant**)
- EODAC (Ayuk)
- FSC (Murray) - [written report](#)
- Tech Com (Klopstein)
- PDC (Hodge)
- PRC (Nickell) - [written report](#)
- SAC (Allard)
- SC (Moran)

Unfinished Business

Faculty Caucus Application (Zepeda) [2nd READ]

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

A motion was made to approve the Faculty Caucus Application; M/S/C: Maddex/Enos.

Faculty Chair Caucus Recognition (Dean/Saldivar/LeBlanc) [2nd READ]

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.

A motion was made to approve the Faculty Chair Caucus; M/S/C: Ysais/Enos.

Academic Senate Charge & Goals (E-Board) [2nd READ]

Description: annual review of the Academic Senate's proposed 2026–27 charge and annual goals related to its responsibilities for academic and professional matters.

A motion was made to approve the Academic Senate Charge and Goals; M/S/C: Kennedy/Loken.

Academic Renewal Proposal v3 (Kennedy/Zepeda) [2nd READ]

Description: Review of proposed revisions to District academic renewal policy and procedures in response to recent changes to Title 5 regulations governing academic renewal.

A motion was made to approve the Proposed Academic Renewal Policy v3; M/S/C: Enos/Kennedy.

New Business

Syllabus Checklist (Westwood) [1st READ]

Description: The checklist is developed by FCDC as a guide to ensure that course syllabus has all the required information prior to the start of the term.

Employee Affiliated Group Conditions and Procedures (College Council) [DISCUSSION]

Description: review of previously approved Employee Affiliated Group Conditions & Procedures for feedback to be sent to College Council prior to implementation.

Social Media Guidance (College Council) [DISCUSSION]

Description: Review of previously approved Social Media Guidance for feedback to be sent to College Council prior to implementation.

A motion was made to extend the discussion by 3 minutes; M/S/C: Bell/Alawdi.

Announcements

- Academic Senate Fundraiser – now through October 6th
- Hispanic Heritage Month Kick Off – September 15th
- Panorama Creative Music Summit, September 16th
- Board of Trustees Meeting @ Cerro at Cerro Coso – October 8th
- ASCCC Area A Meeting – October 9th
- ASCCC Fall Plenary, November 5-7th

- Board of Trustees Meeting at District Office – November 10th
- Employee Holiday Reception – December 1st
- Board of Trustees Meeting at District Office – December 15th

Adjournment

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 5:01 P.M.; M/S/C: Greenwood (proxy for Bridges)/Maytubby.

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