Bakersfield College Academic Senate – Minutes

Wednesday, October 14, 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 – present
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 – absent (Commiso, proxy)
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 [25-27] Steve Brown – present
English [26-28] Shane Jett – present
English [26-28] Diana Cason – present
English [25-27] – **vacant**
Industrial Technology [25-27] Klint Rigby – present
Kinesiology/H/A/PHS [26-28] Carl Dean – present
Kinesiology/H/A/PHS [25-27] Zack Peters – present
Library & Academic Technology [25-27] Matt Andrasian-Jones – absent (E. Giblin, proxy)
Mathematics [26-28] Donna Starr – present
Mathematics [25-27] Andrea Bridges – present
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 (Ellis, proxy)
Physical Science [26-28] – **vacant**
Performing Arts [26-28] Brian Sivesind – present
Public Safety Training Programs [25-27] Don Brady – present
Social Science [26-28] Richard (Allen) Bolar – present
Social Science [25-27] Misty Stowers – present
World Languages [25-27] Jaclyn Krause – absent (Manuel, proxy)

Non-voting Members:

SGA Representative [26-27] Zaina Jawad – present

Grace Commiso (EB), Tom Greenwood (EB), Michelle Hart (EB), Sondra Keckley (EB), Paul Murray (EB), Shawn Newsom (CCA) – present

Guests

Anna Gonzalez, Rian Medlin, Alex Rockey, Jessica Wojtysiak

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 3:31 P.M.

Roll Call

Roll was taken, and quorum was met.

Good, Welfare, and Concerns

- Jaimi Schuck's father passed away, and Jaimi is expected to be out for the remainder of the semester.
- Matt Andrasian-Jones's father passed away.

Opportunity to Adress the Academic Senate

None.

Adoption of the Agenda

A motion was made to adopt the October 14, 2026 agenda; M/S/C: Ysais/Maddex.

Consent Agenda

A motion was made to adopt the consent agenda; M/S/C: Maddex/Enos. (All items listed below in the consent agenda were adopted unless otherwise noted.)

Approval of Minutes

- The unapproved minutes of the September 30, 2026 meeting of the Academic Senate were pulled from the consent agenda. ***A motion was made to approve the aforementioned minutes with revisions; M/S/C: Maytubby/Commiso (proxy for Kennedy).***

Faculty Appointments

- Committee, Task Force, and Liaison Appointments
    - The committee, task force, and liaison appointments were pulled from the consent agenda. ***A motion was made to approve the committee, task force, and liaison appointments; M/S/C: Commiso (proxy for Kennedy)/Maddex.***
- Screening Committee Appointments
    - The screening committee appointments were pulled from the consent agenda. ***A motion was made to approve the screening committee appointments with revisions; M/S/C: Maddex/Enos.***

Committee Charges and Goals

- Assessment Committee (AC)

- Campus Culture Advisory Taskforce (CCATF)
    - The CCATF charge was pulled from the consent agenda. ***A motion was made to approve the CCATF charge with revisions and with immediate effect; M/S/C: Loken/Maytubby.***
- Budget Committee (BTC)
    - The BTC charge was pulled from the consent agenda. ***A motion was made to approve the BTC charge; M/S/C: Ysais/Wilson.***

Presentations

- DEIA and Evaluations (Vice Chancellor, Human Resources Rian Medlin)
    - An overview of Title 5 requirements related to diversity, equity, inclusion, and accessibility (DEIA) competencies in faculty evaluations and discussion on the Academic Senate's role in reviewing proposed evaluation language and providing recommendations to CCA and the District.
- Facilities Update (Vice President of Instruction Jessica Wojtysiak)
    - An update on current campus facilities projects, ongoing discussions, and planned improvements, including efforts to address stakeholder concerns and improve communication with the campus community. ***A motion was made to postpone this presentation until the arrival of Vice President of Instruction Wojtysiak; M/S/C: Enos/Commiso (proxy for Kennedy). A motion was made to extend this presentation by 5 minutes; M/S/C: Rigby/Loken.***
- Online Course Design Rubric (Library & Academic Technology Faculty Alexandria Rockey)
    - An overview of the revised CVC-OEI Course Design Rubric and its role in supporting quality online instruction and Peer Online Course Review (POCR).

Reports

President's Report (Zepeda)

- Academic Senate President Zepeda provided a written report. ***A motion was made to extend this report by 5 minutes; M/S/C: McAllister/Loken. A motion was made to extend this report by 5 minutes; M/S/C: McAllister/Maddex.***

Officer Reports

- Vice President (Ellis)
    - Academic Senate Vice President Ellis provided a verbal report noting that work is to commence on revising the orientation for members of the Academic Senate and the orientation for members of the Committee of Co-Chairs (CCC).
- Treasurer (Manuel)
    - Academic Senate Treasurer Manuel provided a written report.
- Secretary (D. Giblin)
    - Nothing to report.
- ASCCC Delegate (E. Giblin)
    - Delegate to the ASCCC E. Giblin provided a verbal report noting upcoming Title 5 changes and resolutions for the ASCCC 2026 Fall Plenary Session.

Representative Reports

- SGA (Jawad)
    - Nothing to report.
- CCA (Newsom)
    - Nothing to report.

At this point in the meeting, a motion was made to suspend the agenda to cover Item 7 (B); M/S/C: Maddex/Ysais.

Standing Committee Reports

- AGMC (Reyes)
- AIQ (Commiso)
    - AIQ Co-Chair Commiso provided a verbal report noting the AIQ survey that is currently underway. Participation in the survey was also encouraged.
- AC (Garza)
- BAC (McNellis)
    - Written report.
- BTC (Henry)
- CRC (Hart/Dameron)
    - Written report.
- DEI (Silva)
- DERC (Commiso/LeBlanc)
- EMC (Keckley)
    - Written report.
- EC (Greenwood)
    - Written report.
- EODAC (Ayuk)
- FSC (Murray)
    - Written report. ***A motion was made to extend this report by 2 minutes; M/S/C: McAllister/Maddex.***
- PDC (Hodge)
- PRC (Nickell)
    - Written report.
- SAC (Allard)
- SC (Moran)
    - Nothing to report.
- TechCom (Klopstein)

Other Reports

- ASCCC OER Liaison (Butcher)
- ASCCC Non-Credit Liaison (Harris)
- ASCCC CPL Liaison (Hall)

Unfinished Business

None.

At this point in the meeting, a motion was made to extend the meeting by 3 minutes; M/S/C: Maddex/Wilson.

New Business

- Correction of September 16, 2026 Consent Agenda Action (DEI Committee Charge) [1st READ] [ACTION]
    - The Academic Senate will consider rescinding its September 16, 2026 approval of the DEI Committee Charge, which was approved on the consent agenda without the supporting document being available for review, and will reconsider approval of the item with the supporting document now provided. ***A motion was made to rescind the September 16, 2026 approval of the DEI Committee Charge; M/S/C: Miller/Maddex. (Abstention: E. Giblin) A motion was made to approve the DEI Committee Charge; M/S/C: Enos/Commiso (proxy for Kennedy).***
- Endorsement of CVC-OEI Course Design Rubric [1st READ]
    - The Academic Senate will review and consider endorsing the revised California Virtual Campus–Online Education Initiative (CVC-OEI) Course Design Rubric as a framework for supporting quality online course design and guiding Peer Online Course Review (POCR) at Bakersfield College. ***This item was not covered before the adjournment of the meeting.***

Announcements

- Committee of Co-Chairs on October 16 at the Levan Center at 10:30 A.M.
- Alumni Association Tailgade Event on October 17 at 4:00 P.M.
- Homecoming Game versus Fullerton College on October 17 at the Memorial Stadium at 6:00 P.M.
    - All are invited to the VIP area for light snacks with President Pfluger at 5:30 P.M.
- 2026 ASCCC Fall Plenary Session, November 5 – 7 at the Grand Bay Hotel San Francisco in Redwood City, CA.
- Board of Trustees meeting at the District Office on November 10 at 1:00 P.M.
- Employee Holiday Reception on December 1.
- Board of Trustees meeting at the District Office on December 15 at 1:00 P.M.

Adjournment

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 5:03 P.M.; M/S/C: Brady/McAllister.

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