

Bakersfield College Academic Senate -unadopted minutes

Wednesday, September 30, 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 – absent (Gomez, proxy)
 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 -present
 Engineering & Information Technology [25-27] Steve Brown -present
 English [26-28] Shane Jett -present
 English [26-28] Diana Cason – absent (Jett, proxy)
 English [25-27] **-vacant**
 Industrial Technology [25-27] Klint Rigby – absent
 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 – present
 Mathematics [25-27] Andrea Bridges – present
 Nursing [26-28] Alisha Loken - present
 Nursing [25-27] Kristi Wilson – present
 Philosophy [26-28] Anna Collins – absent
 Physical Science [25-27] Hafez Alawdi - present
 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-present

Non-voting members

SGA Representative [26-27] Zaina Jawad - present

Michelle Hart (EB), Kimberly Nickell (EB), Scott Dameron (EB), Gilbert Ayuk (EB), Sondra Keckley (EB), Grace Commiso (EB), Ricardo Garza (EB), Kurt Klopstein (EB), Laura Harris (ASCCC Liaison), Shawn Newsom (CCA)-present

Guests

None.

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

None.

Opportunity to Address the Academic Senate

None.

Adoption of the Agenda

A motion was made to adopt [September 30, 2026, Agenda v2](#); M/S/C: Ysais/Maytubby. (2/3 of the voting members present voted in favor of adopting the agenda which was necessary given the change in location for the group photo.)

Consent Agenda

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

Approval of Minutes

- [September 16, 2026, unapproved minutes](#) were pulled from consent. ***A motion was made to approve the minutes with corrections; M/S/C: Kennedy/Alawdi.***

Faculty Appointments

- Committee, Task Force & Liaison Appointments – [refer to support documents](#) (approved by consent)
- Screening Committee- None

Committee Charges & Goals

None.

Presentations

Academic Senate Group Photo (location change: Renegade Event Center, Campus Center 3rd floor)

Members of the Academic Senate will move upstairs for a group photo. Estimated time: 10 minutes.

Reports

President's Report (Zepeda) – [written report](#)

A motion was made to extend the report by 3 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) – [written report](#)
 - Library – students have voiced concern regarding the new noise level and activity due to the relocation of counselors into the area.
 - Academic Renewal – this is a time sensitive item that impacts students now and would like the BOT to implement this immediately.

A motion was made to extend the report by 2 minutes; M/S/C: E. Giblin/McAllister.

- CCA (Newsom) – [written report](#).

Standing Committee Reports

- AGMC (Reyes)
- AIQ (Commiso)
- AC (Garza) – Garza announced that they are transitioning from Elumen to Qualtrics.
- BAC (McNellis)
- BTC (Henry) – [written report](#)
- CRC (Hart/Dameron)
- DEI (Silva) – written report – [written report](#)
- DERC (Commiso/LeBlanc)
- EC (Greenwood)
- EMC (Keckley)
- EODAC (Ayuk)
- FSC (Murray)
- Tech Com (Klopstein)- Klopstein announced the committee is working on a technology survey.
- PDC (Hodge)
- PRC (Nickell)
- SAC (Allard) – [written report](#)
- SC (Moran)

Other Reports

- ASCCC OER Liaison (Butcher) – [written report](#)

A motion was made to extend the report by 2 minutes; M/S/C: McAllister/Brady.

- ASCCC Non-Credit Liaison (Harris) – [written report](#)
- ASCCC CPL Liaison (Hall)

Unfinished Business

[Syllabus Checklist \(Westwood\)](#) [2nd READ]

Description: review of a syllabus checklist submitted by FCDC for Senate approval. This document would serve as a resource for departments and not an evaluate tool.

Discussion took place over areas of concern:

- “as applicable” tutoring line item.
- Separate the attendance from the tardiness.

A motion was made to approve the Syllabus Checklist; M/S/F: Loken/Maytubby.

- “Requirement” vs guide.
- Clarify (delineate) sections more clearly.
- Attendance requirement and is currently only used for our drop policy.

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

- It was questioned what is meant by “special instructions” on line #10.
- Will the area secretary check if this is being adhered to?
- It was questioned whether the Faculty Chairs and Directors Council (FCDC) has jurisdiction over the syllabus.

A motion was made to extend the discussion by 2 minutes; M/S/C: Alawdi/McAllister.

- It was suggested to use other discipline relevant information in place of “special”.
- Is this document separate from the faculty handbook?

A motion was made to form an Academic Senate Work Group (AS Syllabus Checklist Work Group) to come back to the Senate with recommendations within two meetings; M/S/C: E. Giblin/Maddex.

A motion was made to approve Maytubby, Manuel, and Maddex to serve on the above-mentioned work group; M/S/C: McAllister/Kennedy.

New Business

[College Council Special Election](#) [1st READ] [ACTION]

Description: consideration and possible action to approve an expedited special elections process for filling the vacant College Council Faculty Representative positions in accordance with the Academic Senate Constitution.

A motion was made to appoint the current existing representatives until the special election process has concluded; M/S/C: McAllister/Ysais (Baltis, abstained).

Joint Resolution Opposing the proposed Executive Leadership Salary Schedule as presented [1st READ]

Discussion and possible action on a proposed joint resolution opposing the KCCD Executive Leadership Salary Schedule as currently presented and calling for additional compensation analysis, fiscal review, and meaningful consultation before Board consideration.

A motion was made to approve the Joint Resolution; M/S/C: McAllister/Maddex.

Discussion – Senate Members shared comments and concerns:

- “What is the rationale?” “Where is the money coming from?”
- There was consensus to request additional time for a comprehensive study.
- Shared concern over the lack of consultation process.
- This item is on the next KCCD Board of Trustees (BOT) agenda which is being held at Cerro Coso and limits participation.
- The members were informed that the Interim Chancellor Hancock has shared that the proposal is not within the Senate’s jurisdiction.

A motion was made to extend the discussion by 5 minutes; M/S/C: Ysais/Enos.

- It was questioned that this negates the process by contract to “negotiate”.
- This is a top-down approach instead of a bottom-up approach to address district-wide issues.
- AS President Zepeda will be attending the BOT meeting in Cerro Coso to deliver a statement on behalf of the Senate.

Announcements

- 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 4:56 P.M.; M/S/C: Ysais/Maddex.

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