President's Report

For the October 28th Regular Meeting of the Academic Senate

Updates:

- General Updates
    - Elections Update
    - Syllabus Workgroup Update
    - Parliamentarian Update
        - Matthew Maddex has been appointed our new Parliamentarian. This will be his last meeting as the Communication Senator. The next meeting we will review his role as a group before acting on items other than the adoption of the agenda. Special Elections Process for Communication Senator is scheduled to begin tomorrow.
    - ASCCC Collegiality in Action Visit – Jan 2027
    - Bank of America Community Roundtable Event
        - BC's Aspiring Medical Pathways Program was awarded a $100,000 grant to support expanding access to opportunities to students pursuing graduate degrees in healthcare.
        - Dr. Tatevik Broutian (Biology) wrote the grant proposal in collaboration with Bianca Garibay, Program Manager and the BC Foundation. Kudos to Dr. B!



    - BC Applied Modern Police Science BS degree was finally approved by the CCCCO.
    - Standing Call for Committee Nominations – Forms will remain open through the academic year
        - Faculty participation is especially important as several newly established and ongoing committees begin/continue their work this fall.
            - Accessibility Goals & Milestones (AGMC) – 4/10 spots filled
            - Competency Based Education Implementation Team (CBEIT) - 4/9 spots filled
            - Enrollment Management (EMC) 2/27 spots filled
            - Diversity, Equity & Inclusion (DEI) – 5/27 spots filled
    - Additional Screening Committee Opportunities
    - Renegade AI & Academic Integrity Workgroup invite email
    - SALT Core Meetings – Priority Registration Draft
    - Gardner Retention Academy
        - Attended 2 sessions so far. BC Team is discussing potential retention strategies
    - BC Academic Senate Quick Reference Guide (Acronyms+ List)
    - Gateway to College Planning Retreat
    - BC & CSUB Faculty Convening – Art, Education, Theatre, Music & Communication
        - Date: Friday, November 6, 2026
        - Time: 10:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.

        - Location: Renegade Event Center, West Side
        - Registration: Please RSVP to attend.

- District Updates
    - Executive Leadership Salary Schedule update
        - An email was sent to Interim Chancellor Hancock asking for a written response to the vote of approval on October 8th.
    - ~~Early College Taskforce Updates – Oct 21 Meeting Cancelled~~ Next Meeting 11/4
    - ~~Districtwide Accessibility Meeting – Oct 20 Meeting Cancelled~~ Next Meeting 11/3
        - Sylvia Reyes (AGMC Faculty Co-Chair) will be the designee for the remainder of the academic year
    - ~~Governance & Decision-Making Taskforce – 10/26 Meeting Cancelled~~ Next Meeting 11/5
    - Districtwide Budget Committee (DWBC) 10/23
        - 50% Law and FON update
            - It was reported that we are now in compliance with the 50% Law.
            - The FON for KCCD will not be reported until End of Nov/Early Dec.
        - New DO Administrative Positions
            - In May 2026, the DWBC voted to not recommended new district office positions being proposed without rationale or consultation. On Oct 23, most of those positions were reported as approved.
    - District Consultation Council 10/27 – Next Meeting 12/1
        - Meeting Notes
        - Academic Renewal
            - The policy and procedure will move forward to Board approval/ implementation.
        - Budget Review Calendar
        - Institutional Effectiveness Partnership Initiative **Caring District** PRT Menu of Options and Implementation Plan Development
            - Caring District Initiative trains classified professional staff to build relational, inclusive environments that improve student retention and a sense of belonging
            - The PRT identified themes regarding strengths and areas of concern and recommendations for potential inclusion in the implementation plan.
            - Interim VC Ostash asked for feedback on the recommendations by November 13.
        - Academic Calendars for 2027–28 and 2028–29 – Thanksgiving Week Closure
            - Sheri Burgess (PC AS President) requested consideration of flexibility in the 2028–29 academic calendar to allow Porterville College to align its Thanksgiving week schedule with local schools.
            - New Standardized Attendance Accounting Model allows schools to extend time blocks rather than moving entire instructional days
        - Number of Administrators Districtwide
            - Burgess expressed concerns about the number of administrators districtwide and referenced Porterville College's process for determining faculty hires. Burgess asked how decisions regarding administrator hires are made. Hancock stated his intent to clarify the process and affirmed his commitment to establishing a clear process aligned with the AUR and budget development processes. Vacant positions and the coding of existing positions are being reviewed to ensure an accurate report can be shared.
    - Board Policy and Procedure Advisory Committee – Planning stages
        - AS President will serve as the BC Faculty rep

Ongoing Conversations

- Regular Meeting with Interim Vice Chancellor, Human Resources + KCCD Senate Presidents – Meeting 10/23/2026
    - Rian to draft new BP/AP surrounding equivalencies and hiring

- Regular Meeting with Interim Vice Chancellor, Educational Services and Student Success + KCCD Senate Presidents – Meeting held on 10/14
    - New Banner Interface for Class Schedule Search – expected to be ready for Spring 2027 Registration
    - Schedule accidentally released early but quickly taken down. Release set for 10/21
    - Priority Registration
    - ICE Response Training through LCW
        - Webinar training to come
        - Know Your Rights Posters and Training coming for students
    - AI Taskforce Subcommittee

Upcoming Items

Faculty Recognition



A message from Dr. Kristin Maytubby, Behavioral Science Faculty

Hi everyone, I am sitting here closing out my 8-week online course and am really excited about the feedback I have received. The overwhelming response has been an appreciation for the amount of interaction and communication. Most students expressed a strong gratitude for the engagement and quick response time, in addition to the video lectures. Some, of these things I was doing before RSI, however I am now holding myself accountable daily/weekly to meet the RSI requirements. I included a few direct quotes below, but I really just wanted to share to encourage us to keep going. I know it can be daunting some days to stay on top of RSI, but the end of semester survey responses really showed me that my hard work landed well, and the students really were appreciative. I also know all the peer reviews are added work, but I do believe we are impacting the culture of online learning at BC for the good and BC will be producing stronger students. I hope some of you get the same feedback and feeling of accomplishment and purpose in out attempts to make online learning more interactive and involved for our online students.

"I really really like how. involved and how much you give updates and keep up with us."

"I love how straightforward and clean the whole setup is. Everything is broken down perfectly by week, so I never have to hunt around for assignments or readings. The formatting is the exact same on every single page, meaning I always know right where to click when I log in. It lets me spend my time actually doing the work instead of getting frustrated trying to find it. Honestly, the layout is just super stress-free and makes the whole class way easier to manage."

“I think the teacher is amazing and very very passionate in what she teaches and does and super motivational and i love that! life can be hard sometimes” (I tried a new bi-weekly announcement this semester with motivation information on reaching our goals, study tips, etc).

"How involved you are. I know this is [an] online class but you’re very involved you give feedback you give us a warning when we don’t submit stuff it is very involved in a classroom where we don’t even meet each other. I really love it and so helpful.”

"The Interaction between the Instructor and student felt intentional and I felt as though my instructor was truly invested.”

Anywho…that’s just a few, but so impactful to me. Enjoy your weekend!

We are here to support!

- Ways to contact us:
    - academicsenate@bakersfieldcollege.edu – inquiries, concerns, etc. received by Rebecka Zepeda (AS Pres), Wade Ellis (AS VP) and Tarina Perry (AS Admin Secretary)
    - Senate Office Hours: Wednesdays 12:30-3pm in AS 170B – Book an appointment or come by!

Respectfully,

Rebecka Zepeda, M.S. (She/Her/Hers)