

**ACADEMIC SENATE, BAKERSFIELD COLLEGE:
RESOLUTION NO.5**

Re: Bakersfield University Office Center Lease – BC Southwest Educational Center

Whereas, The Kern Community College District (KCCD) Board Policy 1B Vision states, “The Kern Community College District will be recognized as an exemplary educational leader, partnering with our communities to develop potential and create **opportunities**”;

Whereas, The Kern Community College District Board Policy 1B3 Mission states, “The mission of the Kern Community College District is to provide outstanding educational programs and services that are **responsive to our diverse students and communities**”;

Whereas, Kern Community College District Board of Trustee Goals and Chancellors objectives/work plan 2017 through 2019 states, Improve Student Access by “ensure systems work effectively to support Colleges in expanding their access to students”;

Whereas, A Bakersfield College Core Value is Community: “We commit to the wellbeing of all members of our community; we maintain strong ties with the surrounding community, and we respond to their needs by serving as an open institution which engages all students”;

Whereas, A Bakersfield College Strategic Direction goal is Student Progression and Completion: “A commitment to eliminate barriers that cause students difficulties in completing their educational goals”;

Whereas, Community college districts will be required to develop concrete plans for meeting the very ambitious goals of the California Community Colleges “Vision for Success” as part of the new funding formula legislation;

Whereas, In Bakersfield College’s commitment to eliminate barriers that cause students difficulties and promote opportunities throughout our communities, in Fall 2017 the district acquired 22,000 square feet of instructional space in southwest Bakersfield through a sublease with Fresno Pacific University and Castle & Cook;

Whereas, The southwest site has seen unprecedented enrollment in serving over 2,000 students and reaching capacity with a projected 142% increase in FTES by Spring 2019;

Whereas, The sublease with Fresno Pacific University and Castle & Cook expires in March 2019 but both parties have discussed extending the lease to December 2019 only if Bakersfield College has secured a new location for instruction beginning January 2020;

Whereas, Bakersfield College began work in late spring 2018 on finding a new location for the Southwest Center, investigated eight sites, found seven of them unviable because of factors that include: parking needs for the number of students, construction timelines required for new buildings funded by Measure J or state funds would mean classes couldn’t begin until Spring 2022, visibility and access to services, and availability for purchase; and found that only the proposed Bakersfield University Center L.P. on the CSUB campus met all of our requirements;

Whereas, The Bakersfield University Center L.P. promises to improve our collaboration with CSUB, leading to increased transfer rates, greater degree completion rates, and enhance the college experience for BC students;

Whereas, In an attempt to ensure access and opportunities to students in southwest Bakersfield beyond March 2019, and meet the Vision, Mission, Goals, Values, and Strategic Directions of the Kern Community College District and Bakersfield College, at the

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September 13, 2018 Board of Trustee's meeting, KCCD Chancellor, Tom Burke, on behalf of Bakersfield College, presented Agenda item 8a: "Authorization for the Chief Financial Officer to approve a lease agreement between the Kern Community College District, on behalf of Bakersfield College, and Bakersfield University Office Center, L.P. The term is January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2039 ...";

Be It Resolved, The Academic Senate of Bakersfield College supports the approval of the lease agreement between the Kern Community College District, on behalf of Bakersfield College, and Bakersfield University Office Center, L.P.;

Further Be It Resolved, The Academic Senate of Bakersfield College believes the Board of Trustees has failed to "ensure systems work effectively to support Colleges in expanding their **access to students**" by allowing their Finance Committee to take no action until November 14, 2018, a 62-day period of time, which will challenge the proposal's construction timeline and potentially Bakersfield College's ability to serve over 2,000 students in Spring 2020 at a southwest site;

Further Be It Resolved, The Academic Senate of Bakersfield College requests the Kern Community College Board of Trustees to call, without delay, a special session with regards to the lease between the Kern Community College District and Bakersfield University Center L.P., conduct a work study at the session, and vote affirmative on the proposal to ensure a continued commitment and responsiveness to our diverse students and communities.