

Professional Development Report to the Academic Senate

12/03/05

Goals of the Committee:

1. Integrate the work of the committee with the work of Academic Technology as the lead department for Professional Development at Bakersfield College.
2. Review and recommend PDC scholarship applications and encourage the sharing of information gained with the BC community.
3. Review professional development activities considering current needs and requests.
4. Facilitate professional development activities such as equity, accessibility, and accommodations.

Announcements:

- Budget for scholarships was increased from \$5,000 to \$10,000 this year.
- Committee moved to increase scholarship amount from \$500-\$750 starting January 2026.
- Fall 2025 flex attendance >1,000 attendances over 87 sessions.
 - Attendance down slightly from Fall 2024

Completed Items:

- Reviewed faculty flex handbook updates prior to Senate read.
- Finalized revisions to scholarship application form.
- Solicited flex proposals for Spring 2026 with three themes: AI, Work Wellness, and How-To.
- Spring 2026 Flex schedule established (January 12-14)

Upcoming Items:

- Guest speaker for half-day seminar on better serving African-American and Hispanic male students (February 2026).
- Finalize web form for flex reporting
- Will collect data specific to full-time vs adjunct faculty for Spring 2026 Flex week

Respectfully submitted,
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