

Bakersfield College President's Report

to the Kern Community College District Board of Trustees

Sonya Christian, June 11, 2020

Enrollment Update

BC is anticipating greater demand as unemployment rates soar well beyond the levels of the Great Recession at which point BC did see a big spike in enrollment. In addition, we have heard increased interest among students who planned to attend school out of town but not feel uncertain about that move as many colleges and universities are still debating what fall 2020 will bring.

The spring semester is when BC does significant work with our area high schools to enroll students for the subsequent fall. Due to the interruption of COVID-19, many of those activities have been on hold and we are now reintroducing virtual enrollment activities.

Web registration for summer and fall 2020 is underway. Based on the May 27 enrollment report prepared by the KCCD Institutional Research Office, BC is closing in on summer 2019 enrollment levels, indicating our recent reintroduction of outreach and recruitment activities in a virtual environment is advancing our enrollment overall. Extensive fall 2020 enrollment work is underway, and I am confident that growth not yet recorded in our Inmate Scholars and Early College programs, as well as innovation in our short-term Back to College course packages will greatly improve fall enrollment.

Bakersfield	Point-in-Time Comparison ¹							
College	Summer - 2nd Week				Fall - 6 Weeks After Open Reg			
	Summer 2019	Summer 2020	Diff	% Chg	Fall 2019	Fall 2020	Diff	% Chg
Current Headcount	12,701	12,774	73	0.6%	15,805	13,340	-2,465	-15.6%
Duplicated Enrollments	18,442	20,351	1,909	10.4%	46,921	40,082	-6,839	-14.6%
Waitlisted Enrollments ²	1,156	412	-744	-64.4%	5,308	2,424	-2,884	-54.3%
Current FTES ³	1,917.6	1,891.3	-26.3	-1.4%	5,793.8	4,430.6	-1,363.3	-23.5%
Workload (FTEF)	149.8	167.9	18.1	12.1%	473.7	612.1	138.4	29.2%
FTES/FTEF ⁴	12.8	11.3	-1.5	-12.0%	12.2	7.2	-5.0	-40.8%
Active Sections	768	836	68	8.9%	2,003	2,170	167	8.3%

Celebrating our Graduates

In addition to a future opportunity to participate in May 2021's in-person commencement ceremony, BC will celebrate this year's graduates with a photo roll recognition of the class of 2020.

To participate, students will submit a <u>Graduation Celebration form</u> with details about their accomplishments. The celebration will take place on **July 11**.

Check out the **Commencement page** for more information.



Virtual Immigration Clinics

Bakersfield College is partnering with the California Colleges Chancellor's Office, the Foundation for California Community Colleges, the California Department of Social Services and the UFW Foundation to provide Immigration Clinics for Bakersfield College students, staff and faculty. The services will include general immigration consultations as well as assistance on DACA renewals, citizenship, family petitions, FBI and background checks, adjustment of status, and visas.

In light of the COVID-19 pandemic, all immigration clinics will be held virtually via Zoom or telephone until further notice. These virtual Immigration Clinics will be held every 2nd Tuesday and 4th Thursday of the month from 9 AM to 6 PM.

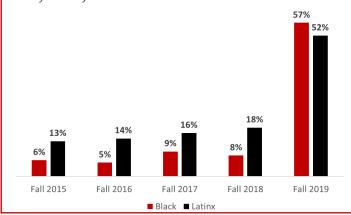


Read the full story at <u>Bakersfield College launches free</u> Immigration Clinic.

Data Snippet: Equity in Transfer-Level Math

The RP Group has identified that transfer-level math is a significant barrier for transfer-bound students. With institution-wide work to improve transfer coupled with AB705 reforms, BC students are seeing a major spike in completion of transfer-level math—the most significant gains among our Latinx and Black student populations.

Percentage of Math Enrollments Resulting in Completion of Transfer-Level Math





BC Athletics Director Sandi Taylor Retires

This month our fearless Athletic Director **Sandi Taylor** officially announced her retirement to the community bringing to a close a 30-year career as a Renegade – 23 years as head softball coach and seven as athletic director. As a leader Sandi has consistently kept the Renegade athletics ship on a steady course in the right direction. While she's ever a kind and gentle soul, she's also fiercely competitive and was just what Renegade Athletics needed in a leader for the past seven years.

Check out the news coverage from our local media on Sandi's retirement: KGET, 23ABC, and The Bakersfield Californian.



BC Celebrated 19-20 with Closing Week

During the final week of the spring term, BC we joined in community to celebrate our traditional closing day over four days - our very first Closing Week. As is the tradition at BC, at Closing Day, the president recog-nizes individuals and groups who have played a leadership role the preceding year.

Congratulations to the 2019-20 President's Leadership Awardees:

- Academic Technology
- District and Campus IT
- Project HireUp
- Budget Committee
- Nursing Department
- GP Meta-Major Public Safety
- COVID-19 Response Team
- Student Affairs
- Carlos Barbaran
- Iennifer Johnson
- Todd Coston
- Corny Rodriguez: Lifetime Achievement
- Sandi Taylor Lifetime Achievement

BC's Framework for Essential Activities

BC will continue to monitor the developing scenario. In summer and fall 2020, BC will reduce the number of individuals on campus with modifications in place for essential activities. There will be no large gatherings on campus through fall.

Instructional and support activities will be deemed essential only if the learning outcomes for the course cannot be met virtually. Once we have evaluated that a course meets this threshold, BC will provide those instructors and students an opportunity to take the course and access supports on campus with substantial public health and safety protocols in place. For example, BC has developed a student checklist, syllabus statement, and faculty expectations for in-class protocols and public space protocols.

BC began developing its 6-point framework in early April and began vetting the draft on April 13 through our committee structure and regular campus communication including the President's Virtual Forums and Renegade Roundups to refine and strengthen it for over a month. During that period, BC has been closely monitoring data about the spread of COVID-19, numerous projections, and following closely advisories at all levels.

Essential Activities when Stay at Home is lifted

Health and wellbeing of employees and students

 Shared responsibility – college, departments, individuals

Effective and efficient during potential economic downturn

- Hiring freeze except for essential positions
- Efficiency and productivity (Board Finance Committee)

Continue physical distancing

- · Significantly minimize people on campus
- No large gatherings
- Staggered scheduling of essential staff
- Masks when on campus

Prioritize student learning and program completion

- Hard to convert, essential classes only must follow public health protocol
- Flexible semester scheduling plan online, hybrid, 8-week, 6-week, 5-week options.

Safety protocols for individuals to follow in physical spaces for essential activities

- Sanitizing protocol
- Face covers, individual space sanitizing after use

Agile - tight/loose

- Anticipate epidemic trends and adjust as needed
- All planning is contingent upon the current and future Stay-at-Home orders

Always in Community

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Transfer Spotlight

Congratulations to our Class of 2020 BC Transfer Students.



Gonzalo Rocha-Vazquez
Political Science
UC San Diego



Holden Williams
Criminal Justice
Portland State University



Kayla Wilson
Political Science & History
CSU Sacramento