

Renegade Roundup



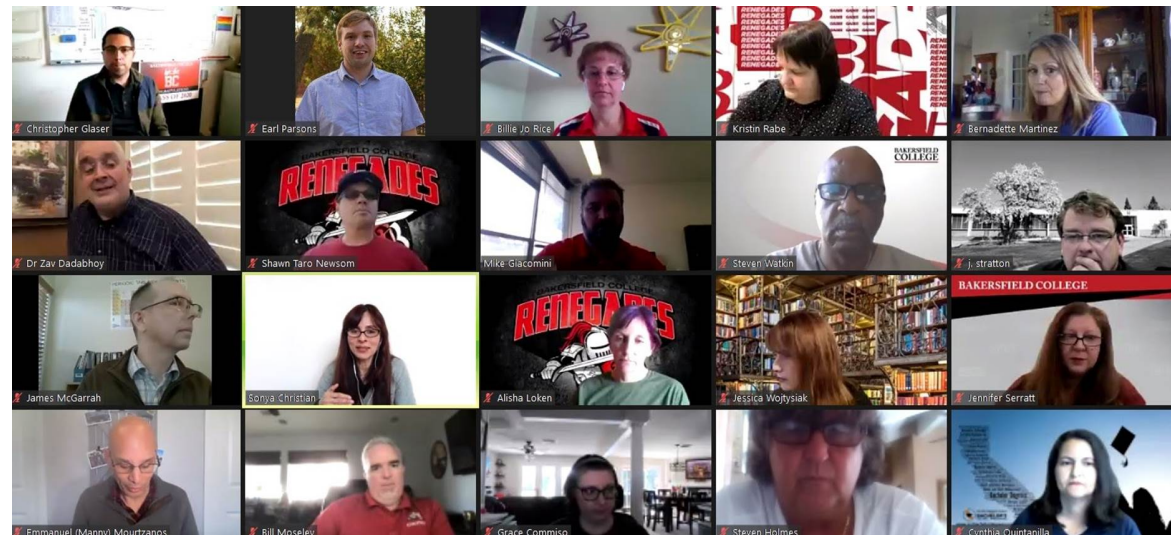
After the first four weeks of Spring 2021

February 12, 2021

Dear Colleagues:

We are well into our spring semester. Four weeks down with twelve weeks to go. Here are some quick updates.

College Council Discusses Summer 2021 & Fall 2021



For our College Council meeting on Wednesday, February 10, the committee began some preliminary discussions around the Summer 2021 and Fall 2021 semesters given that we are in the vaccination phase of the pandemic. Within the next few months, access to the vaccine will be expanding, and the resulting herd immunity will mitigate against the strength of the variants that are spreading across the west coast.

The three Vice Presidents presented the preliminary planning that is underway.

Billie Jo Rice spoke with a similar sense of optimism that the county is already in a better place than it was a month ago. She also emphasized that in the small selection classes that had face-to-face instruction, we have had 0 transmissions of COVID on campus.

Mike Giacomini outlined the finer details of our reopening plan, which is operating under the continued shared responsibility model that we were following in the weeks preceding our transition into a virtual campus.

A Shared Responsibility Model



- Face coverings will be required on campus
- Check in via KCCD Campus Pass
- Social distancing markers will be installed across the campus
- M&O Staff will have a sanitization schedule
- Students and faculty sanitize personal space before and after each class
- Include expectations in syllabi
- Tech Support Services will accommodate each class space for simultaneous Zoom/in-person learning

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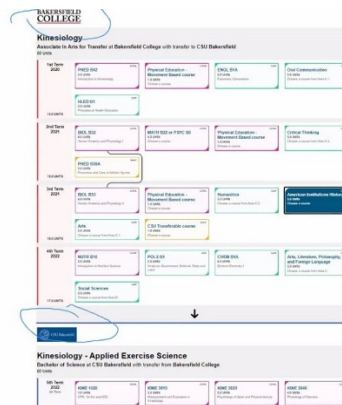
Select classrooms in the Humanities and Math/Science buildings have been identified for ideal socially-distanced education in person, featuring open-air hallways to the outdoors. Classrooms are being set up to accommodate few students in the class while the rest of the students will be off campus attending the class via zoom. The number of seats in the room are reduced and spaced apart, and seating availability will be determined based on where Kern County rests in the four-tiered [Blueprint for a Safer Economy](#) established by the California Department of Public Health.

Here are some photos that Earl Parsons captured for you to have a visual of what the classroom could look like.



Another item discussed at College Council was the Learning Labs grant project with UC Merced on transfer pathways. Craig Hayward and James McGarrah outlined this new initiative that develops program maps from the community colleges to the UC system, as well as developing curriculum for “UC Transfer Experience” courses. Thank you to the California Education Learning Lab as well as College Futures for funding this work. We are BC!

Demonstration of 2+2 Transfer Program Map
<http://bit.ly/Transfer-Map>



James McGarrah demonstrates a transfer map from BC to CSUB in kinesiology.

Renegade Room Take-out

Christian Flores from our Food and Nutrition program here at BC sent a heartfelt email out to staff reflecting on how the rapid changes have allowed our culinary arts students to learn new skills that will continue to benefit them in a post-COVID world.

The Renegade Room returned for take-out lunch service on February 10, featuring tortilla soup, caesar salad, a French dip sandwich, focaccia bread and a chocolate chip cookie. The orders were only available on a first-come, first-served basis to the first 25 people who called the Renegade Room's phone number at (661) 395-4441. Christian Flores and all of the staff at the Renegade Room hope to continue providing take-out service for Tuesday dinner and Wednesday lunch for the rest of the Spring 2021 semester. [Visit the Renegade Room website for more information](#) or email Christian Flores at christian.flores@bakersfieldcollege.edu.

Financial Aid Fest



The BC Financial Aid staff is encouraging students to “Beat the Clock! Get the Money!” as we approach the March 2 deadline for Cal Grant and FAFSA/Dream Act priority registration. This year’s Financial Aid Fest will be taking place Feb. 17 on Zoom between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. There will be a resource fair with information on the application process, scholarships, budgeting and more, and financial aid technicians will be available to answer any questions that students have.

The team is further incentivizing students to complete their application by holding a drawing for 1 of 3 prize baskets. To enter, [visit the FAFSA/Dream Act Confirmation page](#) to upload a copy of your FAFSA/Dream Act confirmation page.

Stay safe, stay healthy, wear a mask, keep the 6ft distance separation, and wash your hands to slow down the spread and reduce the strain on our healthcare systems and providers.

That’s all for now.
Until next time.

With much Renegade Pride and Collegiality,
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