

Budget Committee, Academic Senate Report

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The Budget Committee held its first meeting of the semester on Monday, August 19th, from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. in A5. During the school year, we meet on fourth Monday of each month.

The Budget Committee's charge reads:

The Bakersfield College Budget Committee is a governance committee that supports the college mission, goals and values through comprehensive evaluation of data relevant to the college annual planning process for resource allocation.

The special meeting was called to review the BC Balanced Budget and 2 and 3 percent reduction scenarios presented at the Board Finance & Audit Committee on Wednesday, August 21st.

BC Balanced Budget

Due to a shortfall of statewide apportionment funds and hold-harmless conditions of the new SCFF, BC faced a tentative deficit of \$1.1 million for the 19-20 budget year. The KCCD Board Finance & Audit Committee tasked each college with a budget reduction exercise which would provide them with a balanced budget based on current funding, a 2% reduction in revenue, and a 3% reduction in revenue. VP Mike Giacomini and his team were able to uncover \$1.8 million of budgeted faculty salaries that represented salaries for retired or previous employees which enabled BC to present a balanced budget without any impact on students or faculty.

BC was the only college in the District to present a balanced budget. The document discussed in our meeting and presented to the Board is available on the Budget Committee webpage.

Board Finance & Audit Committee Meeting

Four items were on the agenda:

- A. 2019-20 Budget Reduction Exercise Discussion
 - The Board was surprised and pleased with BC's presentation.
- B. DOE Program Review of Financial Aid - Findings
- C. Bakersfield College Affordable Housing Concept Proposal (next page)
- D. Renewable Energy Proposal for Bakersfield College
 - Twenty-one-page proposal is located on the KCCD Board Docs page at [https://go.boarddocs.com/ca/kccd/Board.nsf/files/BF2JWP4F0FAA/\\$file/Solar%20Presentation%20for%20Board%20Finance%20Committee%208-21-19.pdf](https://go.boarddocs.com/ca/kccd/Board.nsf/files/BF2JWP4F0FAA/$file/Solar%20Presentation%20for%20Board%20Finance%20Committee%208-21-19.pdf)

Next Meeting

Monday, September 23rd in A5 at 4:00 pm

Affordable Rental Homes for Bakersfield College Students

Concept Proposal

In cooperation with the Kern Community College District and Bakersfield College, the Housing Authority is interested in developing 20-25 affordable rental homes targeted to Bakersfield College students on District owned property at 4021 Mt. Vernon Ave. Site amenities will include an onsite manager, community/study room, laundry room, and gated access control. Units will be zero net energy. Potential to significantly increase the number of units if the Kern Schools property to the south were made available.

Key Issues

- Requires conditional use permit to allow multifamily in Commercial Office zoning
- Target population restrictions due to likely funding sources (see below)
- Need legal opinion to confirm targeting BC students only will comply with fair housing laws
- Funding sources are highly competitive and will require the early support of the City of Bakersfield to leverage other funding sources
- Housing can be mixed use if other target populations are desired for some units and alternative funding is provided for those units.

Restrictions on Affordable Housing for Students

To prevent finite affordable housing resources from being utilized to build conventional student housing, Congress has prohibited affordable housing for students with the following exceptions:

- Students receiving TANF
- Students formerly in foster care
- Students with dependent children
- Married students

The funding sources will also require ongoing tenancy (no time limits). However, incentives can be provided to encourage students to move to other housing after two years.

Next Steps

If the KCCD and BC are interested in exploring this concept, the next steps would be:

- Housing Authority to obtain legal opinion regarding targeting BC students
- Housing Authority to meet with the City of Bakersfield re CUP and funding
- KCCD/BC to confirm target population and estimated # of eligible students
- KCCD to provide site control to Housing Authority through option agreement

About the Housing Authority

The Housing Authority of the County of Kern is the leading developer and provider of affordable housing in Kern County, with nearly 1,000 units developed in the past 10 years and over 2,500 units under management. We perform all functions in the development process, from entitlements and acquisition of funding to lease-up and ongoing management.