

Bakersfield College Budget Committee - Report to Academic Senate
February 14, 2024

The Budget Committee held their regular scheduled monthly meeting on January 22, 2024. The following was discussed:

1. The committee welcomed the new classified co-chair, Ian Mason, who replaced Chris Glaser.
2. BC VPFAS Yu provided a debriefing of the BC Open Forum, highlighting 5-year growth in both unrestricted and restricted funding. The PowerPoint presentation is available on the committee website under the November 27, 2023 meeting.
3. The committee is reviewing the coding of intercollegiate and co-curricular courses as it pertains to the 50% law. The Budget office provided information regarding our current practice.
4. Faculty Co-chair Holmes reported:
 - A. BC's Spring FTES, as of the first day of the term, increased 1,769.4 (26.4%) from 2023. Districtwide FTES increased 7,141 (25.5%) from 2023.
 - B. The Districtwide Budget Committee held a meeting on Thursday December 14. CFO Giacomini provided a summary of project state revenue. According to the LAO, updated revenue outlook anticipates collections to come in \$58 billion below projection. It is anticipated this shortfall will negatively impact state educational funding for FY 2024-25. Yet, KCCD reserves should be able to absorb initial decline in state appropriation. The committee was also provided the DO's AURs for review and future discussion. The committee brief express frustration over the timing of the AURs, as well as an interest in reviewing the template.
5. Due to Spring Recess, the normally scheduled budget committee meeting for March 25 will be moved forward to Monday March 18, 2024.

Regards,

Steven Holmes