

Inmate Education

Kern Valley State Prison

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Adult Population Projections

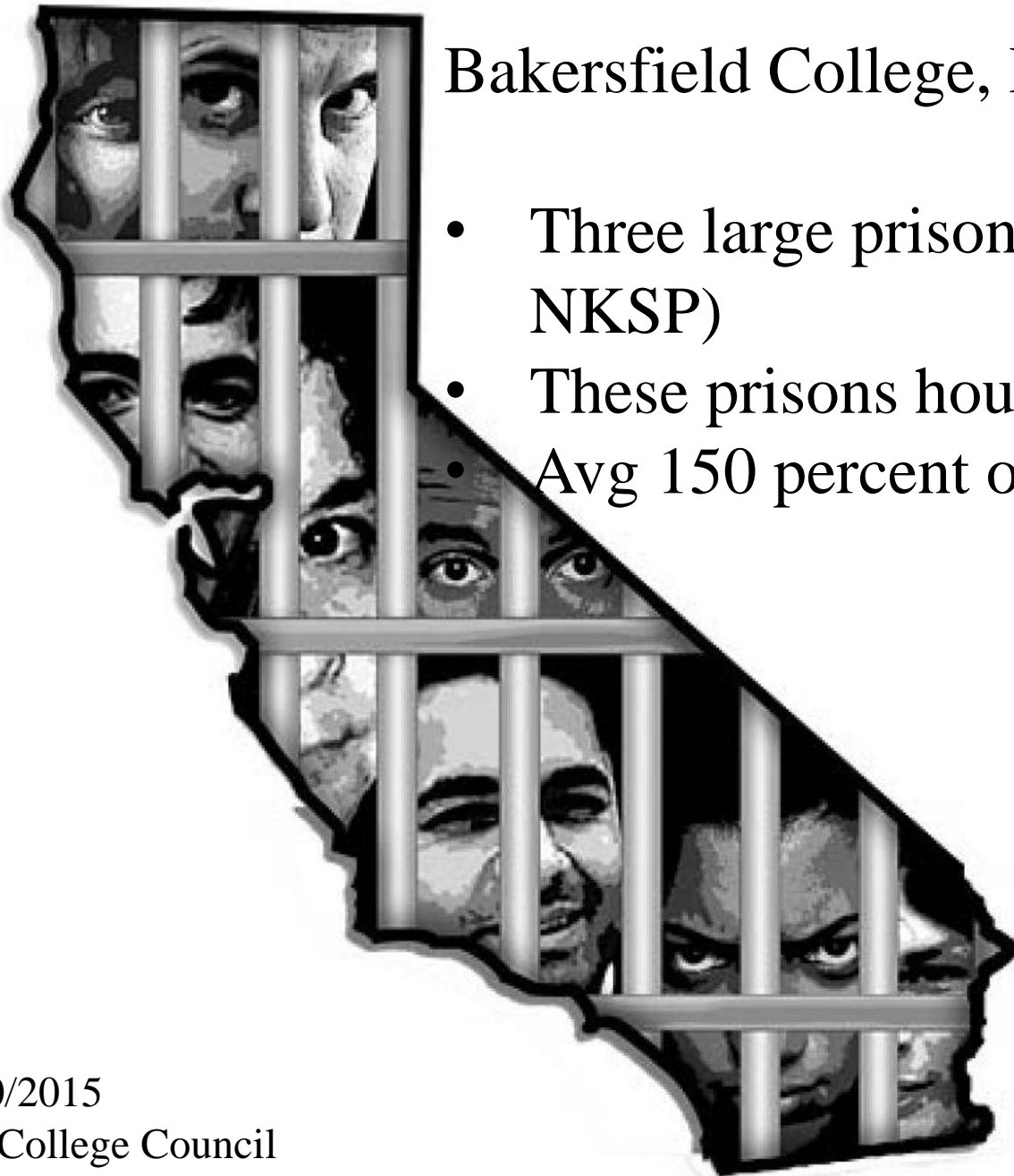
Table 1: Institution and Active Parole Population, 2005 - 2016

| June 30 | Institution | | | Percent Change | Active Parole | |
|-----------|-------------|---------|---------|----------------|---------------|----------------|
| | Female | Male | Total | | Total | Percent Change |
| Actual | | | | | | |
| 2005 | 10,856 | 153,323 | 164,179 | | 115,371 | |
| 2006 | 11,749 | 160,812 | 172,561 | 5.1% | 116,563 | 1.0% |
| 2007 | 11,888 | 161,424 | 173,312 | 0.4% | 126,330 | 8.4% |
| 2008 | 11,392 | 159,581 | 170,973 | -1.3% | 125,097 | -1.0% |
| 2009 | 11,027 | 156,805 | 167,832 | -1.8% | 111,202 | -11.1% |
| 2010 | 10,096 | 155,721 | 165,817 | -1.2% | 94,748 | -14.8% |
| 2011 | 9,565 | 152,803 | 162,368 | -2.1% | 90,813 | -4.2% |
| 2012 | 6,409 | 128,829 | 135,238 | -16.7% | 69,435 | -23.5% |
| 2013 | 5,919 | 126,992 | 132,911 | -1.7% | 51,300 | -26.1% |
| 2014 | 6,216 | 129,268 | 135,484 | 1.9% | 44,499 | -13.3% |
| Projected | | | | | | |
| 2015 | 6,180 | 130,131 | 136,311 | 0.6% | 41,189 | -7.4% |
| 2016 | 6,144 | 131,379 | 137,523 | 0.9% | 38,590 | -6.3% |

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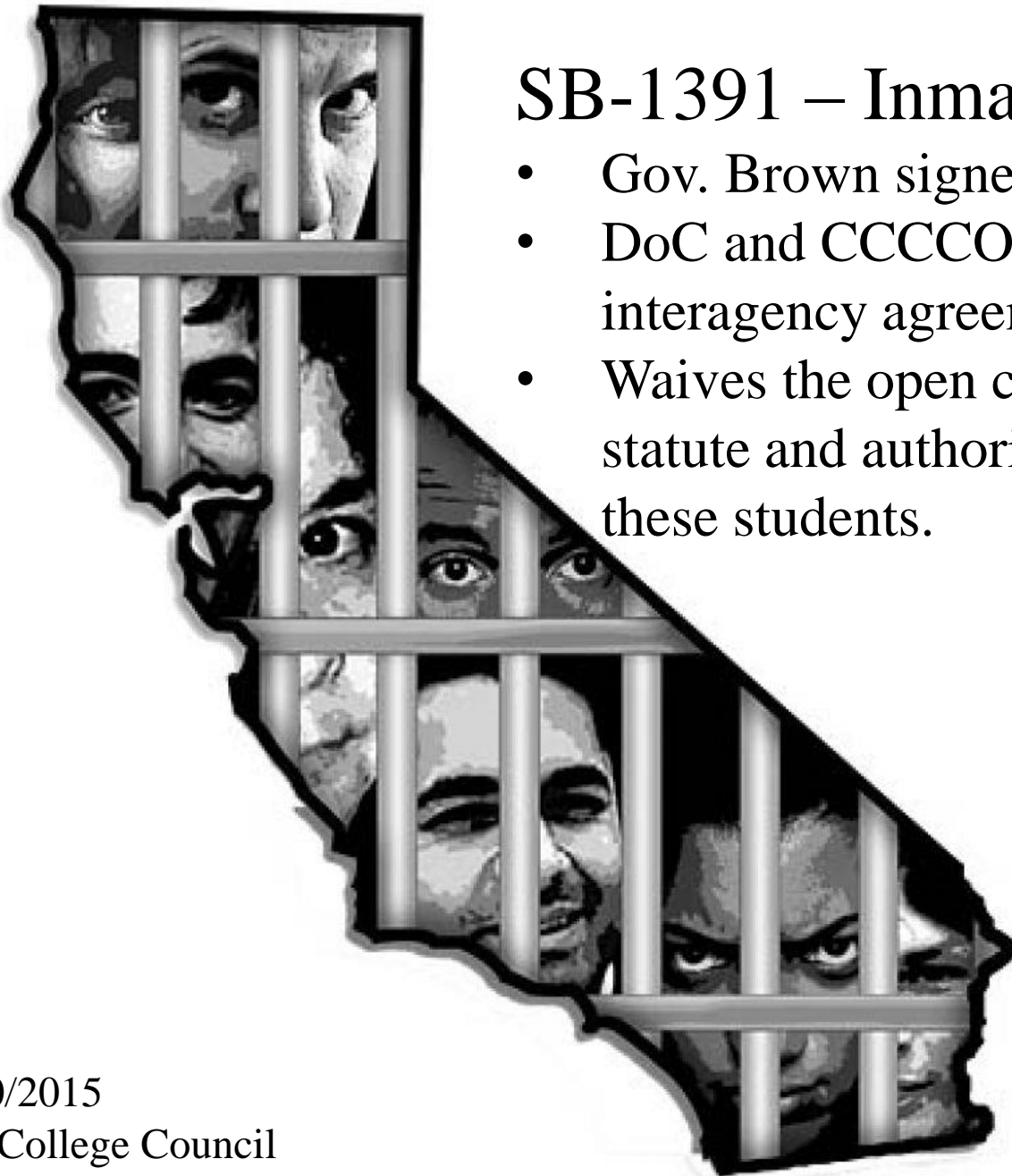


Bakersfield College, Delano Campus Area

- Three large prisons (Wasco, KVSP, NKSP)
- These prisons house over 12,000 inmates
- Avg 150 percent of design capacity.

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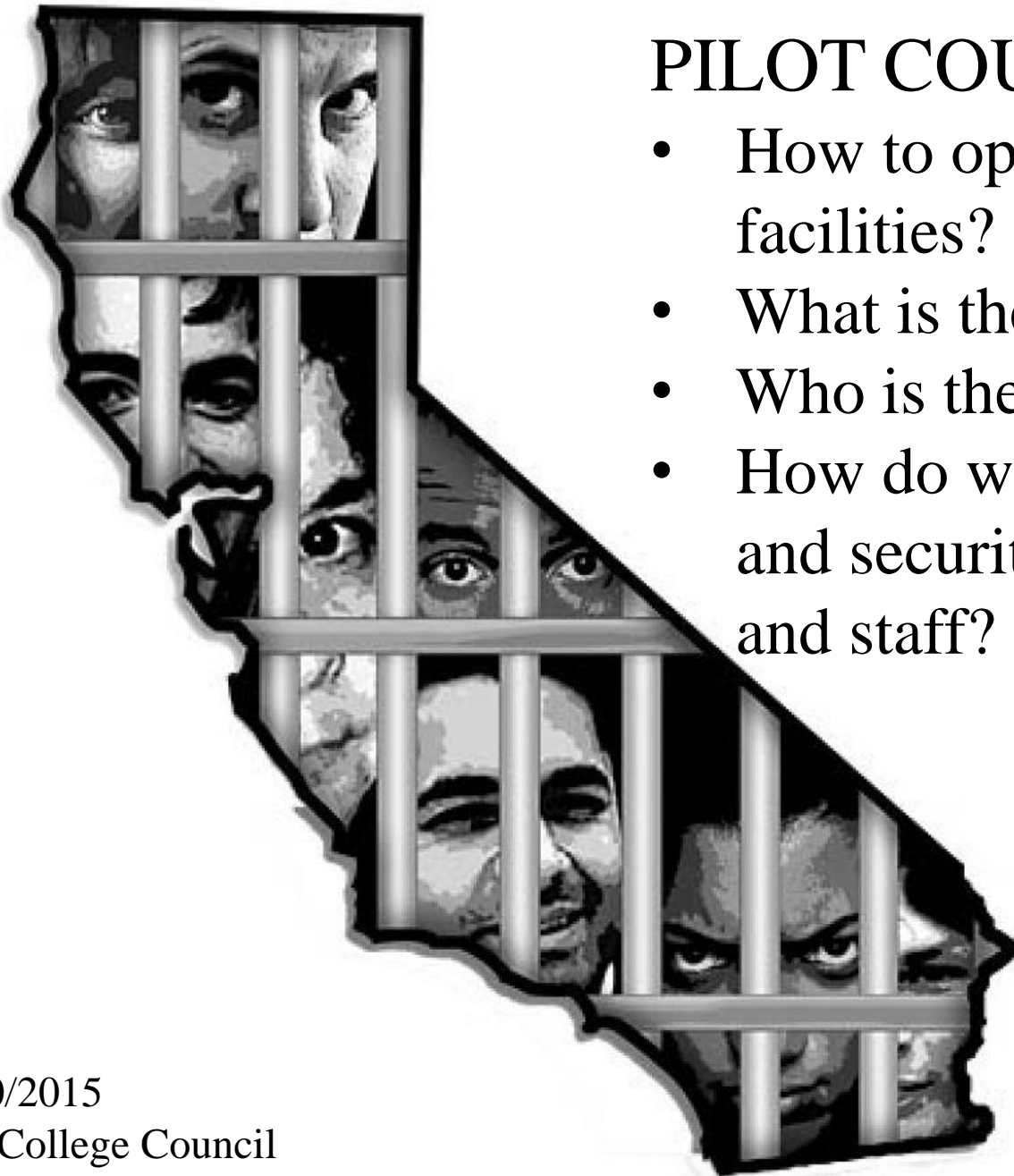


SB-1391 – Inmate Education

- Gov. Brown signed September 27, 2014
- DoC and CCCCO to establish an interagency agreement to expand access
- Waives the open course provisions in statute and authorizes apportionments for these students.

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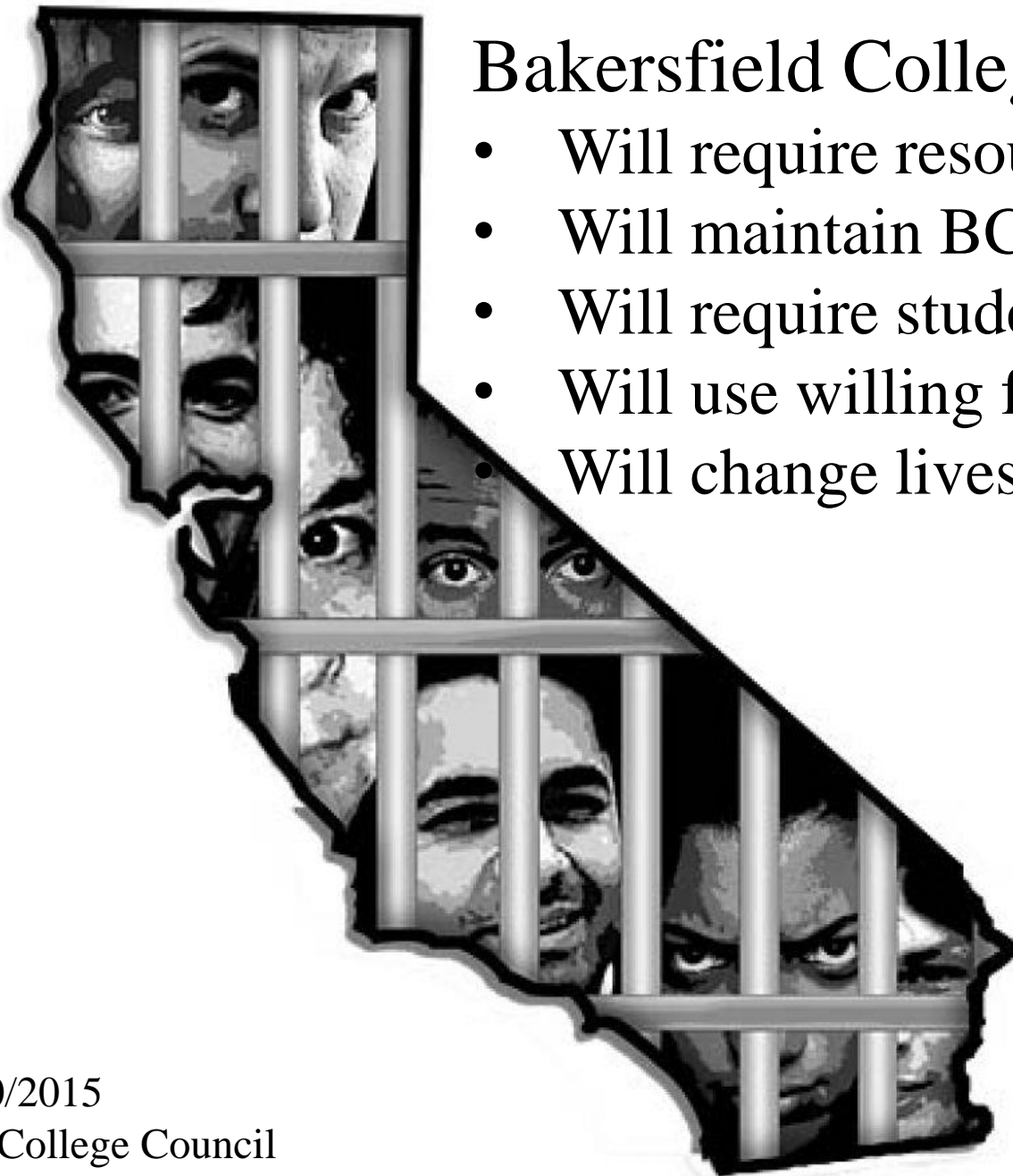


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- How to operate in these facilities?
- What is the prison culture?
- Who is the inmate student?
- How do we maximize safety and security of our BC faculty and staff?

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Bakersfield College Inmate Program

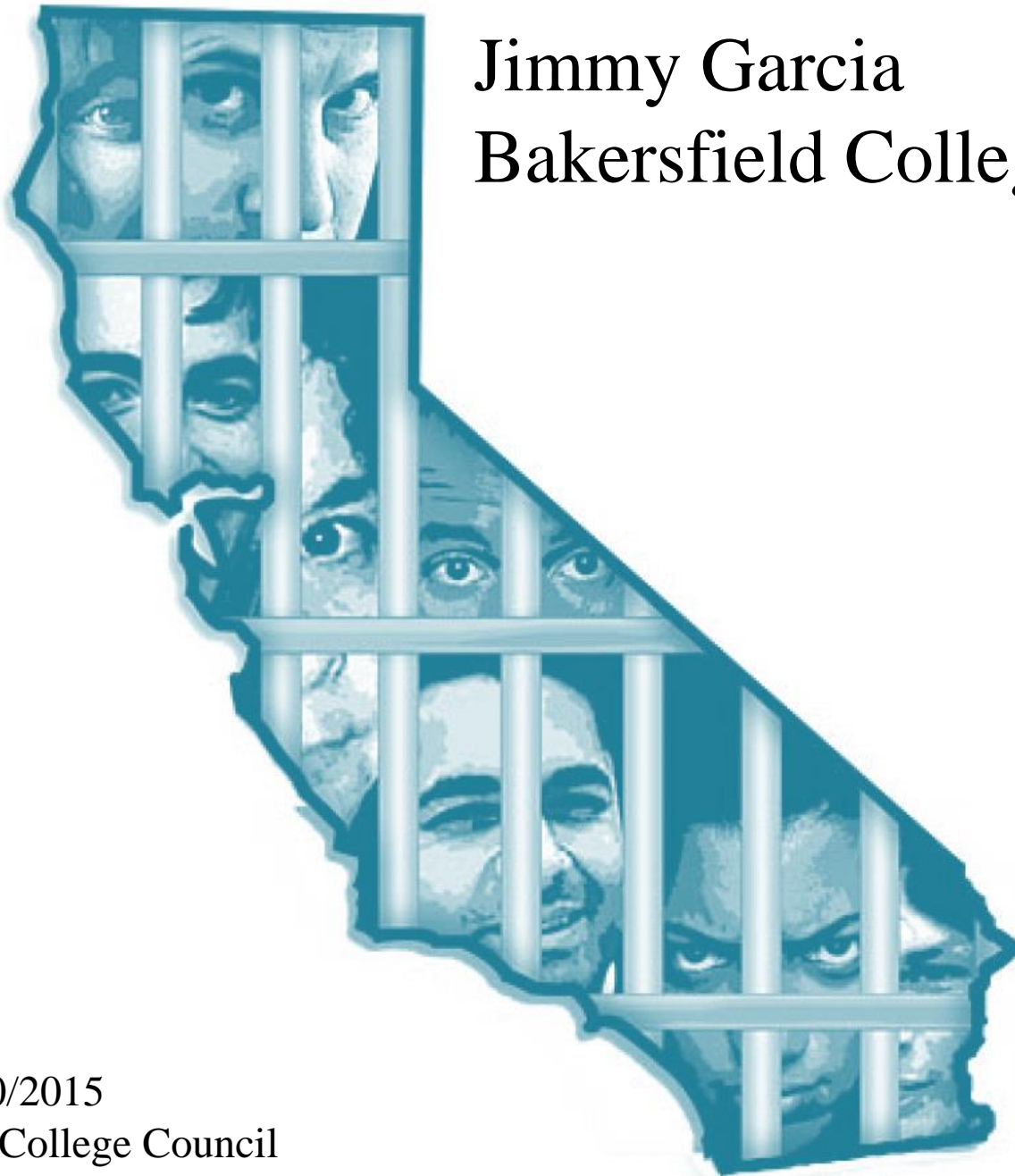
- Will require resources
- Will maintain BC quality standards
- Will require student support services
- Will use willing faculty and staff
- Will change lives!

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Bakersfield College Student



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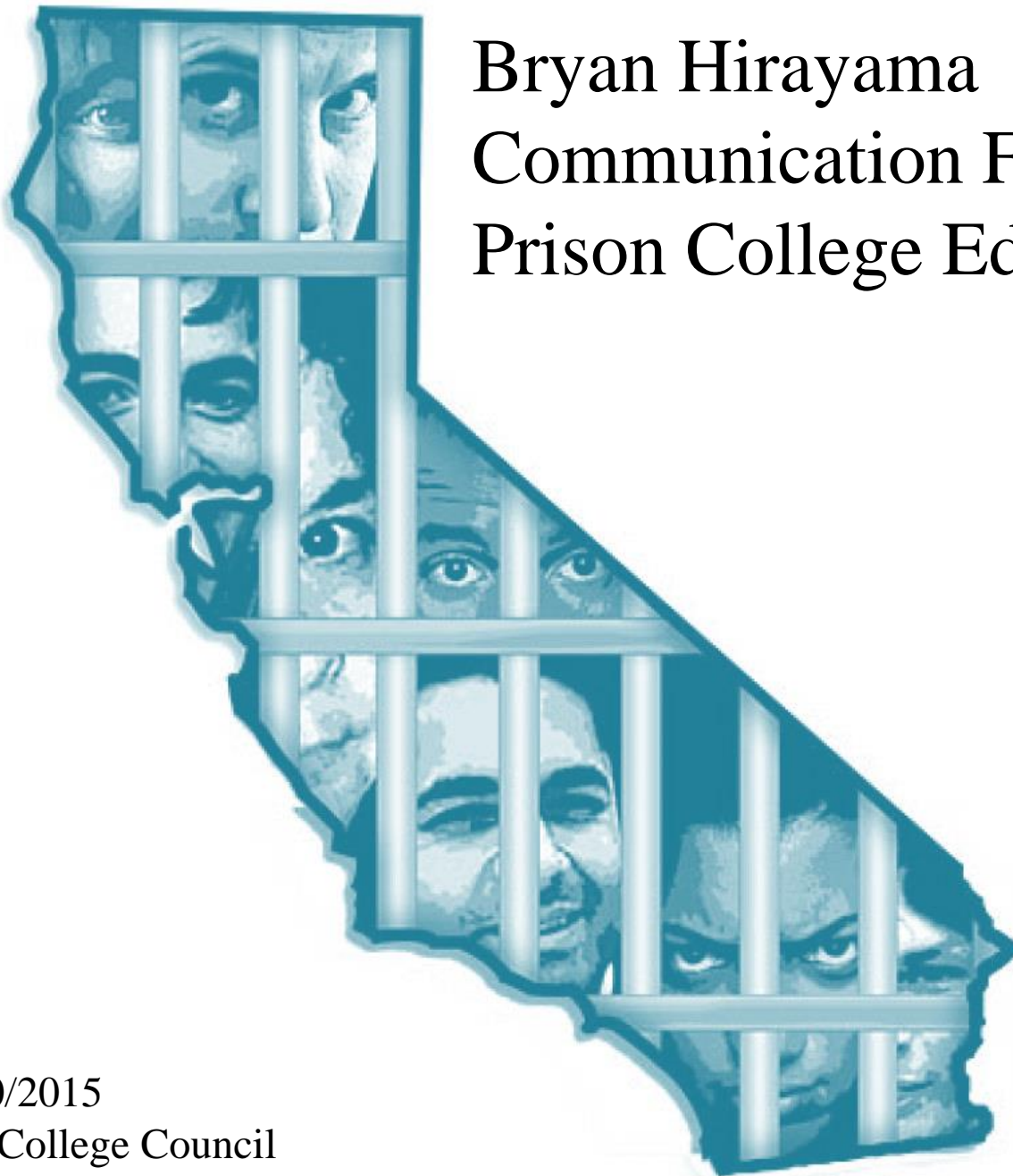
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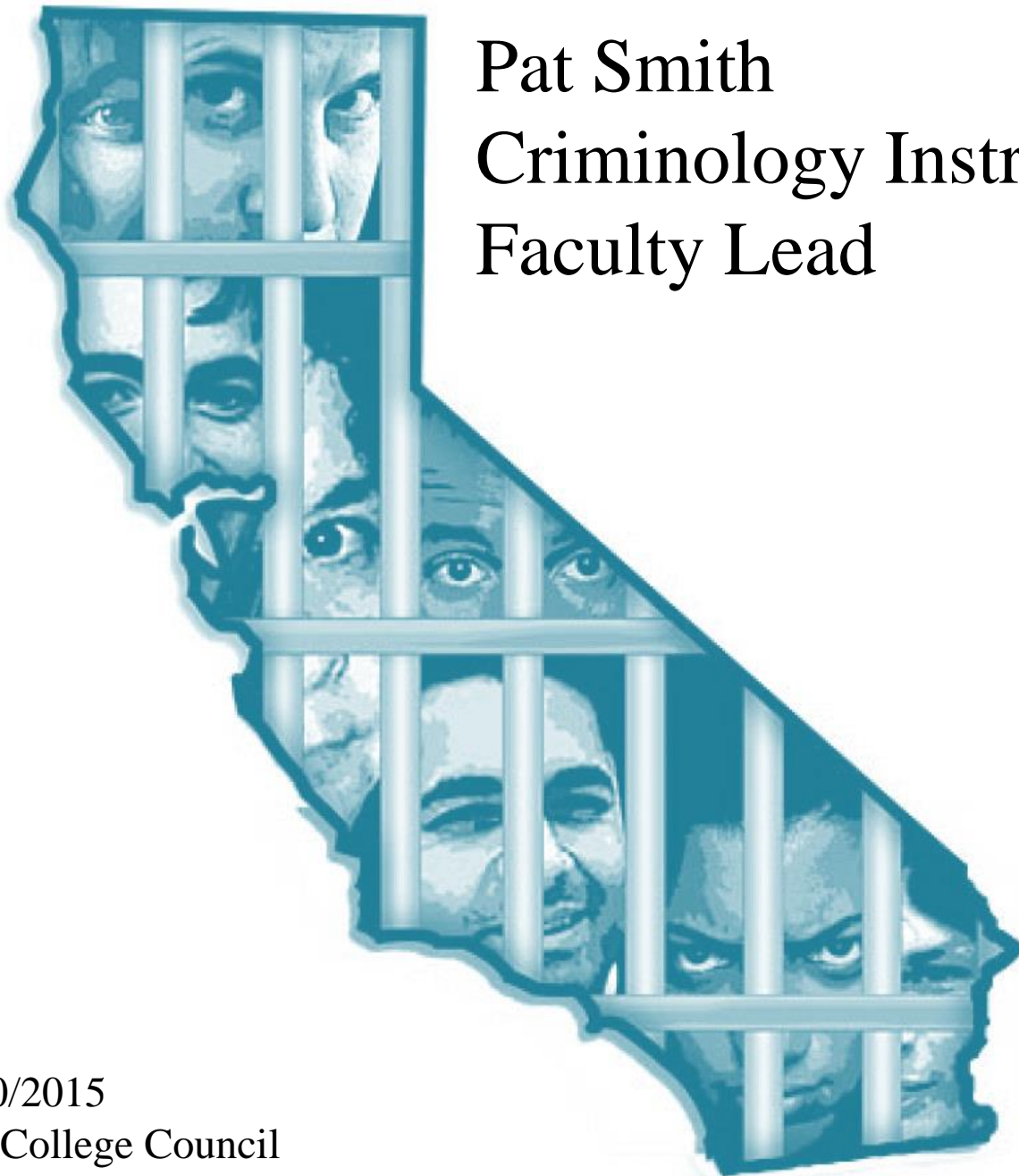


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Programs Computation of
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- Peer tutoring
- On-line resources
- Computer labs
- Reading materials
- Electronic Readers

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- Counseling and Advising
- DSPS Accommodations
- Assessment Testing
- Financial Aid Advisement and Support
- EOP&S

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Inmate Education Cohorts

- Corny Rodriguez, Associate Dean
- Oliver Rosales, History Faculty (Equity)
- Wesley Sims, English Faculty
- Kathy Freeman, English Faculty/Union Steward
- Jaime Astacio, Math Faculty
- Veronica Lucas, Counseling Faculty/SSSP Mgr
- Jesus Cardenas, Education/Financial Aid Advisor
- Raquel Lopez, Site Office Coordinator
- Carol Matthews, Psych Adjunct Faculty

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- BC Delano Campus could become a national model for prison educational reform
- SB-1391 is an example how state officials are redirecting state funding to reduce recidivism rates, and this includes bringing higher education to inmates
- External funding agencies like the Macarthur Foundation, as well as the Ford Foundation, are funding exploratory grants for regional consortium groups that develop collaborative programs to reduce the prison population
- California model has been a correspondence course model -- we could learn from other model programs like Bard College's prison initiative in New York

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