

Renegade Roundup



Midtem Fall 2016

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Renegade Colleagues:

Welcome to the start of the tenth week of the fall term – a potential historic term for Bakersfield College and Kern County. A term where we are doing a heavy lift on our Strategic Direction #3:

Facilities

A commitment to improve the maintenance of and secure funding for college facilities, technology, and infrastructure for the next thirty years.

The work of the college is to advance our strategic goals and directions and this term we are seeking to secure funding to repair, renovate and expand our classroom and laboratory spaces, to improve our infrastructure, to become more efficient with our energy and water use, to take care of ADA issues and much more. When the college developed our Strategic Directions we determined that:

- we needed the right type of spaces for our Student Services building so that we could expand tutoring, our writing center, the student success lab and supplemental instruction
- we needed more laboratory spaces for our science students and more classroom spaces for all of our students.
- we needed to update classroom spaces and find a more permanent location for our returning student veterans

All this resulted in the development of one of the five strategic directions to focus on Facilities. In 16 days we will know if we have “secured funding for college facilities, technology, and infrastructure.”

Enrollment is up for the third year in a row!

The October 5, 2016 report from the Office of Institutional Research shows that BC's Fall 2016 enrollment is 6.2% (415.9 FTES) above Fall 2015. The district as a whole is at 5.4% (500.6 FTES) enrollment growth Fall 2016 compared to Fall 2015. Out of the district's growth of 500.6 FTES, 83.1% (415.9 FTES) of the growth occurred at BC.

BC's productivity ratio decreased from 17.2 FTES/FTEF to 17.0 FTES/FTEF comparing Fall 2015 to Fall 2016, but is still within our target range on the Renegade Scorecard. The district wide productivity ratio from Fall 2015 to Fall 2016 decreased from 16.5 FTES/FTEF to 16.1 FTES/FTEF. See tables below

You are doing great work colleagues, like you usually do, to meet the needs of our students. Thank you!

Fall Enrollment and Current FTES Update

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Bakersfield College (Westec Excluded)	Point-in-Time Comparison ¹			
	Fall - 7th Week			
	Fall 2015	Fall 2016	Diff	% Chg
Current Headcount	18,879	21,331	2,452	13.0%
Duplicated Enrollments	56,554	59,602	3,048	5.4%
Waitlisted Enrollments ²	153	165	12	7.8%
Current FTES³	6,697.9	7,113.9	415.9	6.2%
Workload (FTEF)	388.8	419.4	30.6	7.9%
FTES/FTEF ⁴	17.2	17.0	-0.3	-1.5%
Active Sections	1,710	1,896	186	10.9%

Kern Community College District	Point-in-Time Comparison ¹			
	Fall - 7th Week			
	Fall 2015	Fall 2016	Diff	% Chg
Current Headcount	26,773	29,698	2,925	10.9%
Duplicated Enrollments	78,138	81,825	3,687	4.7%
Waitlisted Enrollments ²	230	234	4	1.7%
Current FTES³	9,328.1	9,828.7	500.6	5.4%
Workload (FTEF)	567.0	611.1	44.2	7.8%
FTES/FTEF ⁴	16.5	16.1	-0.4	-2.3%
Active Sections	2,632	2,852	220	8.4%

Growth has been stagnant for many of the 114 community colleges in the California system—more than 40 schools have struggled to maintain enrollment numbers or have decreased over the past several years. Bakersfield College, however, has been growing in enrollment as well as the number of class sections offered. The 9% growth from 2014-15 to 2015-16 school years has placed Bakersfield College in the top 10 of the fastest growing California Community Colleges.

Where is this growth coming from?

First-time students represent a significant portion of the increase. In Fall 2015, the 4,296 first-time students made up 21.6% of the student body, compared to 2,833 students (16.6%) in Fall 2012. In addition, nearly three times as many first-time students got a head start on college work over the summer compared to three years ago. A growing number of high school students are dual enrolled (earning college credit while still in high school) and are included in the first-time student figures. Research indicates students getting a jump start on college are much more likely to complete a college degree.

Welcoming Bill Thomas as our newest trustee!



On September 8th, retired Congressman Bill Thomas was appointed to the KCCD Board of Trustees to finish out Rick Wright's term. Many of you already know that Bill has roots with KCCD and is part of the BC family stemming back from his time as a political science faculty.

Throughout his distinguished career in the U.S. House of Representatives, Mr. Thomas championed legislative reforms, working to strengthen health care legislation and reduce tax burdens, advocating free and open trade, improving transportation, and protecting workers' pensions. Thomas was elected to the California Legislature in 1974 and then to Congress in 1978. As chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, Mr. Thomas secured \$2 trillion in tax relief, played a critical role in passing the federal transportation bill and the Pension Protection Act, and created an energy tax package to strengthen the nation's energy infrastructure while promoting alternative sources.

We are fortunate to have Bill as a friend and supporter of Bakersfield College and welcome him as our newest KCCD Trustee.

AERA STEM Success Center

The AERA STEM Success Center Ribbon Cutting celebration took place earlier this month and included a program of speakers and dignitaries. Mayor Harvey Hall, trustees Kyle Carter and Romeo Agbalog, and AERA President and CEO, Christina Sistrunk were all there, to name a few. Klint Rigby, professor of Industrial Drawing and one of our upper division Industrial Automation faculty designed and built a plaque of appreciation using a laser cutter and expert woodworking skills which was also presented to AERA and Christina during the ceremony.

I'd like to take a moment to thank Dean Liz Rozell, Dean Steve Waller, and MESA director Connie Gonzales in addition to all BC staff and faculty who participated and dedicated themselves to this project. Our goal for this facility and the entire college campus is to create a home away from home where learning is the focus and goals can be accomplished. I'm confident that the AERA STEM Success Center will be this hub of transformation for our current and future STEM students.



McFarland USA

On Friday, September 16, students from the Kern High School District's Migrant Education program attended a worthwhile movie screening of *McFarland, USA* followed by Q&A discussion panel. The film chronicles the achievements of the local McFarland cross-country team in the 1980s. Led by coach, **Jim White**, McFarland's runners overcame tremendous obstacles in order to succeed in athletics, education, and ultimately life. The story is significant because it symbolizes the challenges faced by our rural migrant student population in Kern County and how hard work and discipline, both within and beyond the classroom, so clearly evident in the lives of the runners, can uplift entire communities.

Hosting events like these are one way BC is able to connect with the younger generation in our community, inspire them to do great things, and introduce them to a college campus and environment. Thank you to all who were involved with the planning and execution of this fantastic event. Particularly Oliver Rosales and Mary Jo Pasek.



Serving Foster Youth

BC is to serving former foster youth and has a team of faculty/staff dedicated to identify and address these unique needs. Just last week, this team hit the road for a summit at CSU Fresno where they learned from other colleges about innovative ways to serve our students. For weeks, the Office of Student Success & Equity has been working with Independent City and the Dream Center to organize a community wide event to help foster youth in Kern County get connected to resources that will help them be successful. Special thanks to Kelley Fullerton and Juanika Barnett

at Independent City for their collaboration and thanks to BC's entire planning team, including Lisa Kent, Karla Young, Shauna Turner, Manuel Rosas, Vanessa Bell, Angela Williams, Debi Anderson, and more!

Homecoming 2016! A Better Renegade Knight!

After much anticipation and a jam packed homecoming week, Homecoming 2016 was a great celebration of friends, family, and Renegades. The Big Red Dinner was nostalgic and delicious, the parade with joyous and spirited and the evening was topped off with a big win against Cerritos!

Let the excitement continue over the next few weeks as we continue to build *A Better BC!*

That's all for now.

Until next time.....

With Renegade Pride and Collegiality

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