Renegade Roundup

February 7, 2016

Renegade Colleagues:

Fun fact: Do you know why February only has 28 days? You might think it all has to do with lunar calendars or other scientific conclusions...and you’d be mistaken. Turns out, it’s got a lot to do with ego.

February started with 29 days -- until Roman emperor Augustus Caesar started messing with the calendar 2,000 years ago. The Roman Senate wanted to honor Augustus by naming a month after him, a month which ultimately became known as August. But that caused a problem...because July, renamed a few years earlier for Augustus' great-uncle Julius Caesar, had 31 days. And nobody wanted Augustus’ 30-day month to seem in any way inferior. So to balance things out, a day was pilfered from February and added to August, accounting for February’s even shorter 28-day run.

That is, except during a leap year...like here in 2016! So when we acknowledge Leap Year in a few weeks, you can nod appreciatively, secure in the knowledge that cosmic justice is being served and February has been reinstated to its former glory.

Enrollment Update:

The Feb 1, 2016 Enrollment Report shows BC’s growth rate is once again up, boosting our Spring 2016 FTES by over 7% over Spring 2015. Even with this phenomenal growth at BC, the district-wide FTES which is 5.5% over last Spring is still under the growth target set. Our Instruction and Student Affairs teams are strategizing on late start sections at the Fresno Pacific University (FPU) location in the Southwest. Also they are planning on a more comprehensive summer school for 2016. BC’s Spring 2016 productivity is at 16.2 FTES/FTEF. Remember, our target FTES/FTEF range remains between 17.0 and 17.5.

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<tr>
<th>Bakersfield College</th>
<th>Point-In-Time Comparison</th>
<th>Spring 2015</th>
<th>Spring - Census Day</th>
<th>Spring 2016</th>
<th>Diff</th>
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<td>Spring 2015</td>
<td>Spring 2016</td>
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<td>Current Headcount</td>
<td>17,308</td>
<td>18,574</td>
<td>1,266</td>
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<td>Duplicated Enrollments</td>
<td>48,423</td>
<td>51,521</td>
<td>3,098</td>
<td>6.4%</td>
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<td>Walllisted Enrollments²</td>
<td>1,751</td>
<td>123</td>
<td>-1,628</td>
<td>-93.0%</td>
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<td>Current FTES³</td>
<td>5,948.8</td>
<td>6,440.8</td>
<td>445.9</td>
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<td>Workload (FTEF)</td>
<td>362.0</td>
<td>398.5</td>
<td>36.4</td>
<td>10.1%</td>
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<td>FTES/FTEF⁴</td>
<td>16.6</td>
<td>16.2</td>
<td>-0.4</td>
<td>-2.4%</td>
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<td>Active Sections</td>
<td>1,502</td>
<td>1,711</td>
<td>109</td>
<td>6.8%</td>
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Spring 2015 FTES as a % of the Eventual Term-End⁵ 95.3%

Spring 2016 FTES as a % of Spring Target⁶ 95.4%
As our Spring growth rates attest, BC's enrollment continues to expand. In fact, our expansion puts BC among the fastest growing two-year institutions in the nation comparing Fall 2013 to Fall 2014. In their recently released 2015 rankings, in the Community College Week magazine tabbed BC as the 15th fastest-growing public two-year college in America with enrollment of 10,000 or higher. Bakersfield College showed a percentage change growth rate of 5% from Fall 2013 to Fall 2014. Note that the data for fall 2015 has not been released but the prediction is that we will be higher on the list.

A new southwest location for BC classes--
FPU:

BC’s student base in southwest Bakersfield has another alternative to taking courses on the main Panorama campus. BC has traditionally leased classroom space from local high schools in the southwest part of Bakersfield. However, we have had to limit classes to the evening timeslot when working with high schools. Therefore this term we have forged a partnership with Fresno Pacific University to use their facilities for classes.


The campus is located on River Run Blvd. off Stockdale Highway across from the Riverwalk. Across the street from Panera Bread, Eureka Burger, Chipotle, etc.
Thank you Rich McCrow and the Delano staff in taking on this additional responsibility. You cover Delano as well as our outreach to rural kern.

**Strategic Direction 3: Facilities**

Please plan on attending the first campus-wide forum at 4:00 p.m. tomorrow, Monday, Feb 8th, to discuss our facilities and a potential 2016 bond. The presentation will include the results on a recent polling to determine if the voters are inclined to support a bond for BC and KCCD, the potential projects, as well as an update on the 2002 bond. Tom Burke, Vice Chancellor of Finance and Facilities, Anthony Culpepper, Vice President of Finance and Admin Service will facilitate this session along with me. I hope to see you there.

**Opening Day**

Thank you for attending Opening Day. It was wonderful seeing our full campus community coming back together to gear up for our students.

For Opening Day materials check out the website at [https://www.bakersfieldcollege.edu/president/spring-2016-opening-day](https://www.bakersfieldcollege.edu/president/spring-2016-opening-day)

Also, here is a fun blog post that I did on Opening Day. Check it out. [http://bcpresidentblog.com/2016/01/23/spring-2016-opening-day-the-force-is-with-bc/](http://bcpresidentblog.com/2016/01/23/spring-2016-opening-day-the-force-is-with-bc/)

**Campus Budget Meeting on Jan 25, 2016**

This year the Budget Committee decided to have two Budget presentations rather than just one. The first one, right after the Governor’s budget was made public in January. The second presentation will be in April when BC finalizes the tentative budget to submit to the District Office.

The state of Bakersfield College's finances remains strong. And through prudent use of resources and sharp long-term planning, I fully expect BC to remain not only fiscally sound, but a prime example of institutional responsibility, regardless of pressures applied by external forces.

And according to the projections from our Vice President of Finance, Dr. Anthony Culpepper, those external forces will only become more and more prominent over the next few years. During the presentation of his proposed 2016-2017 budget last month, Gov. Jerry Brown said that given the historic pattern of the ten recessions that have occurred in California since 1945, a time of recession is likely "not too far off."

"Fiscal restraint must be the order of the day," Gov. Brown said. Or as Anthony puts it, “After a feast comes a famine.” At BC, we are actively preparing for our likely famine, coming in the form of state budget cuts. In
addition to how a recession would likely impact community college funding, we’re also preparing for a limiting of state funds once much-needed Proposition 30 funds come to an end. Approved by voters in 2012, Prop 30 has boosted the state’s personal income tax revenue by over $15 billion and sales and use tax revenue by another nearly $3 billion. However, those temporary boosts to the state budget conclude beginning this year.

With those harsh realities coming into stark focus, Bakersfield College has embarked on a series of programmatic measures and grant augmentation to help continue BC’s drive to innovate, even during fallow budget times. We’re repurposing funding, conducting a one-time allocation for one-time expenditures and allocating $5.5 million to long term debt payoff and construction costs to prepare for a potential “rainy day.”

Just to offer some context, BC is already working from a position of relative strength in getting ready for lean funding years. Bakersfield College’s current projected reserve is approximately $6.5 million, or about 7% of our operating budget for 2015-2016. That’s more than double the 3% college reserve mandated by the district.

In addition, BC is paying close attention to supporting the district’s adherence to California’s 50% law. For 55 years, community colleges have been required to allocate at least 50% of its general fund expenditures to instructor salaries.

As outlined in the meeting by Academic Senate President Steven Holmes, BC currently apportions approximately 65% of its adopted budget to classroom instruction, a figure that leads the district. Not only does that projection help keep the district within state mandates, it also means an overwhelming percentage of BC’s entire operating budget is being spent exactly where it should be -- on students in the classroom.

### 2015-16 Adopted Budget 50% Law Target

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<th>Kern Community College District</th>
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<td>Percentage Chg in 50% Ratio</td>
<td>2013</td>
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<td>Bakersfield</td>
<td>68.74%</td>
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<td>Cerro Coso</td>
<td>53.98%</td>
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<td>Porterville</td>
<td>57.85%</td>
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<td>District</td>
<td>2.64%</td>
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**Canvas**

Bakersfield College is considering the move to Canvas as a replacement for Moodle, which is our current Learning Management System (LMS). Canvas has been chosen as the official LMS for the statewide Online Education Initiative (OEI), which will establish a statewide network of online classes to make a wider array of subject matter available to a larger number of students throughout the state.

The OEI initiative will cover the full cost of Canvas implementation for any community college in the state through Spring 2018 -- and likely beyond that. While Bakersfield College doesn't have to participate in the OEI to take advantage of this benefit, adopting Canvas would open the door for those faculty and departments who are interested in doing so.

The Academic Senate will vote in two weeks on whether to proceed with adoption, starting with a pilot this summer and full adoption in Fall 2016. The adoption process will include a wide variety of different
training opportunities and support for faculty. Cerro Coso voted to pursue this timeline for adoption in December. If the BC Senate votes to do the same, then we will likely collaborate with them. Porterville College is also deciding whether to adopt in this coming academic year.

**Mark Your Calendars**

Feb. 1 - Mar. 2 - Financial Aid Awareness Month  
Feb. 9 - Softball vs. College of Sequoias, 3 p.m., Sports Complex  
Feb. 10 - Women’s Basketball vs. Glendale, 5 p.m., Gym  
Feb. 10 - Men’s Basketball vs. Glendale, 7 p.m., Gym  
Feb. 11 - Tennis vs. Imperial Valley College, 11 a.m.  
Feb. 12 - Lincoln Day Holiday - Campus Closed  
Feb. 12 - Track & Field, Battle of the Regions, 10 a.m., Memorial Stadium  
Feb. 12 - Baseball vs. Fullerton College, 6 p.m., Collis Field  
Feb. 13 - Tennis vs. Imperial Valley College, 11:00 a.m.  
Feb. 13 - Baseball vs. Fullerton College, 12 p.m., Collis Field  
Feb. 13 - Softball vs. Santiago Canyon, 1 p.m./3 p.m., Collis Field  
Feb. 15 - Washington Day Holiday - Campus Closed  
Feb. 16 - Tennis vs. Glendale College, 2 p.m.  
Feb. 17 - Women’s Basketball vs. West Los Angeles College, 5 p.m., Gym  
Feb. 17 - Men’s Basketball vs. West Los Angeles College, 7 p.m., Gym  
Feb. 18 - Tennis vs. Antelope Valley College, 2 p.m.  
Feb. 20 - Softball, BC Classic Tournament Day 1, 11 a.m., Collis Field  
Feb. 20 - Tennis vs. Fresno City College, 11 a.m.  
Feb. 21 - Softball, BC Classic Tournament Day 2, TBD, Collis Field  
Feb. 23 - Tennis vs. L.A. Pierce College, 2 p.m.  
Feb. 25 - Tennis vs. Santa Barbara College, 2 p.m.  
Feb. 26 - Track & Field vs. COC, SBCC, Cuesta, AHC, 12 p.m., Memorial Stadium  
Feb. 26 - Tennis vs. Mt. SAC, 1 p.m.  
Feb. 18 - Guided Pathways Conference, Indoor Theater  
March 31 - Sterling Silver, Petroleum Club  
Apr. 21 - Renegade Talks, 7 p.m., Indoor Theater  
April 29 – Public unveiling of the Renegade Promise  
May 5 – Chicano/Latino commencement  
May 6 – Honors Reception  
May 7 – Performing Arts combined concert  
May 10 – Black Graduates recognition ceremony  
May 13 – Commencement  
May 16, 17, 18, 19 – Paid summer professional development.

That’s all for now.....until next time.

With Renegade pride and collegiality,  
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