

# Calendar Committee Minutes

Thursday, March 14, 2019  
APL 207  
1:30 – 2:30pm

**Type of Meeting:** *Regular*  
**Note Taker:** *Cheyenne Odenthal*  
**Please Review/Bring:** The proposed calendars.

**Committee Members In Attendance:**  
Dr. Erin Vines, Calendar Committee Co-chair  
Scott Tuss, Calendar Committee Co-chair  
David Lyday, ASO Representative  
Kyle Jacobsen, Academic Affairs Specialist  
Dr. Scott Lee, Faculty Union President  
Rick Shaw, ITS  
Joseph Owens, Vocational Faculty  
Dr. Edward Beyer, Faculty Representative  
LaDonna Trimble, Dean Enrollment Services  
Nichelle Williams, Director Financial Aid  
Dr. Jill Zimmerman, Dean Student Development and Services  
Van Rider, Academic Senate President

**Committee Members Not In Attendance:**  
Elizabeth Sundberg, Faculty Union  
Cynthia Wishka, Student Services Faculty

**Guests:**  
Dr. Jessica Eaton  
Audrey Moore

Items	Person	Action
I. Opening comments from the co-chair	<i>Dr. Vines /Mr. Tuss</i>	<p><b><u>Issues Discussed:</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Action Taken:</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Follow Up Items:</u></b></p>
II. Counselor's Perspective	<i>Dr. Jessica Eaton/ Audrey Moore</i>	<p><b><u>Issues Discussed:</u></b> Both Counselors where in agreeance that extending the summer session to 12 weeks would be beneficial for the students due to the unit limit being removed, and that the current intersession did not benefit many. Dr. Jessica Eaton shared a poll taken by counselors: 10 counselors where in favor of Proposal #2, 3 where in favor of Proposal #3 and 3 where in favor of no change.</p> <p><b><u>Action Taken:</u></b> None</p> <p><b><u>Follow Up Items:</u></b> None</p>
III. Calendar proposal Discussion	<i>All</i>	<p><b><u>Issues Discussed:</u></b> Dr. Vines opens up the discussion by giving context to the initial calendar proposal: we have to create a calendar that allows students to complete in a timely manner by allowing more units to be completed in a calendar year. As far as financial aid, students could have an additional \$4,000 if they qualify for the</p>

Promise Grant. These are some of the things that lead to the first proposal and the three others followed.

Faculty shared data showing that Bakersfield Community College has the same enrollment rate (by percentage) as AVC, therefore if AVC is proposing a change based upon comparing to Bakersfield Community College then there is no difference, and AVC system not necessarily “broken” and Bakersfield Community College is not better.

Dr. Lee shares a faculty survey:

266 Faculty answered (30%)

46% voted to keep current system

21% voted for proposal #2

13% voted for proposal #1

11% voted for proposal #4

7.5% voted for proposal #3

Dr. Beyer states that the change is not being based on data, but instead on speculation. Also showed concern that only 30% of faculty were actually willing to teach the second six week session in the summer. Maybe we need to look at the way we offer classes.

Students are not in favor of change because:

- Intersession and summer kept them on track to graduate
- Summer is when students work so they can save for school
- Insufficient data
- Will take away from family time
- Concerned about the closeness of fall and spring because of the expenses of the holidays combined with expenses for Spring term
- Having two back to back 6 week courses would decrease the amount of time for internships
- 6 week courses are hard
- The three week turn around might effect the quality of work of the Instructors

Students are in favor because:

- Want to take classes over intersession but are limited because some classes need to be longer to have a better learning experience
- The increased amount of weeks for summer would actually help with internships because internships could be longer

- The ability to take more classes in that time period

Faculty are in favor because:

- Increase the amount of classes offered
- Will speed up process for students to graduate faster

Faculty are not in favor because:

- If one 6 week course is rigorous then 2 six week courses would be double rigorous
- The courses could potentially have to watered down to fit into tight time frames
- Vast majority leave during summer and majority of faculty are commuters
- The limited time in between the spring and summer will make it difficult for students to enroll in a different class if tier class was canceled
- Insufficient data
- Turnaround time would affect the quality of work

Dr. Zimmerman: Intersession is helping the 4,000 students but what are we doing for the rest of the students during that time

Dr. Vines: the options for the 4,000 who use intersession and the 8,000 that use the summer classes are very limited in their options

Nichelle Williams : Financial aid does not pay for intersession and with no intersession Financial Aid will get pay out sooner (January) for Spring. Students would get financial aid for Fall Spring and Summer, just as they are now.

Scott Tuss: 22 Classified Personnel responded to survey

- 5: in favor of no change
- 1: neutral
- 16: in favor of no intersession

Personally in favor of no intersession and for longer summer, because it can speed up the process for students completing their degree.

Dr. Beyer: We have already done our best to plan our degrees for the two year time frame, maybe we need to do that better with the current system.

Faculty who already have 8 week classes are most likely going to keep to the 8 week course, so how many 12 week courses are we actually going to offer? We would have to add 196 12 week classes to make up for getting rid of Intersession.

		<p>Van Rider: If we are adding classes and work load this will cost more and where will this funding come from? Also consider the work load on the different departments.</p> <p>Dr. Vines: The increase in funding would come from the increase in enrollment due to there being more opportunity with the longer summer session.</p> <p>LaDonna Trimble: There needs to be efficiency in enrollments and offerings of courses. There needs to be a balance between all the different components it takes to run a class. Intersession did not make economic sense. If a certain amount of faculty where hired yet not enough student enrolled to make up that cost, there is a deficiency factor that we have to be aware of.</p> <p><b><u>Action Taken:</u></b> None</p> <p><b><u>Follow Up Items:</u></b> None</p>
<p><b>IV. Calendar Recommendation</b></p>	<p><i>All</i></p>	<p><b><u>Issues Discussed:</u></b> Dr. Vines reviews Calendar proposals</p> <p><b><u>Action Taken:</u></b> Calendar Committee vote whether or not to change: Dr. Erin Vines, Calendar Committee Co-chair <b>Yes</b> Scott Tuss, Calendar Committee Co-chair <b>Yes</b> David Lyday, ASO Representative <b>Yes</b> Kyle Jacobsen, Academic Affairs Specialist <b>Yes</b> Dr. Scott Lee, Faculty Union President <b>No</b> Rick Shaw, ITS <b>Yes</b> Joseph Owens, Vocational Faculty <b>No</b> Dr. Edward Beyer, Faculty Representative <b>No</b> Elizabeth Sundberg, Faculty Union <b>Absent</b> LaDonna Trimble, Dean Enrollment Services <b>Yes</b> Nichelle Williams, Director Financial Aid <b>Yes</b> Cynthia Wishka, Student Services Faculty <b>Absent</b> Dr. Jill Zimmerman, Dean Student Development and Services <b>Yes</b> Van Rider, Academic Senate President <b>No</b></p> <p>Votes for change shown by constituents</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Administrators – 5 voted yes</li> <li>• Faculty – 4 voted no (2 faculty members were absent)</li> <li>• Students – 1 voted yes</li> <li>• Classified – 1 voted yes</li> <li>• Confidential, Management &amp; Supervisory – 1 voted yes</li> </ul>

<p>NEXT MEETING DATE: TBA</p>		<p>Vote for change shown overall</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 8 voted in favor of a change</li> <li>• 4 voted in favor of no change</li> <li>• 2 were absent</li> </ul> <p>Calendar Committee vote on which Calendar to recommend to the President</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 0 voted for Proposal #1</li> <li>• 3 voted for Proposal #2</li> <li>• 5 voted for Proposal #3</li> <li>• 1 voted for Proposal #4</li> <li>• 3 did not choose a proposal</li> <li>• 2 were absent</li> </ul> <p>Dr. Ed Beyer: Let the record show that the majority of the committee did not vote for one proposal</p> <p><b><u>Follow Up Items:</u></b></p>
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