President’s Report to College Council
Sonya Christian. February 10, 2020

Enrollment Update

The February 8 enrollment update from Institutional Research shows:
- Enrollment at BC for spring 2021 is 14.10% lower than the same time last year which is a 1055 FTES decrease this spring over last spring.

- Enrollment districtwide for spring 2021 is 18.40% lower than the same time last year which is a 1879 FTES decrease this fall over last fall.

BC Approved as a COVID-19 Vaccination Site

Bakersfield College has been approved as a COVID-19 vaccination site and we are eagerly waiting to hear when we will be designated our first shipment of vaccines. Over the past number of weeks, there has been great work done by Kern County Public Health to expedite the rollouts, but there is still much more to be done. Throughout this pandemic, we have been committed to being a part of the solution, offering our community ways to stay informed and engaged. We are now proud to step up and offer our campus, the home of the Renegades, as the next vaccination site in Kern County. Our institutional commitment to academic quality, student support, and community engagement remains uncompromised thanks to the work of many devoted faculty and staff using innovative tools.

Our planning team is working on multiple vaccination events which are contingent upon vaccine availability. Once Kern County Public Health announces an allotment for Bakersfield College, we will send an email notice to all BC employees. The email could come as early as this week. As the vaccine becomes more available, the campus is looking to be utilized as a mass vaccination clinic as early as the beginning of March. We are also working to design a plan that would bring pop up clinics to both Delano and Arvin.
Fourteen third and fourth semester BC nursing students had the opportunity to volunteer last Saturday at Adventist Health’s Tehachapi Valley Hospital COVID-19 vaccine clinic to help administer over 400 vaccines. Students have also been volunteering at Bakersfield Heart Hospital since last month.

**President’s Virtual Seminar Series with Dr. Michael Saag**

On February 2, BC welcomed Dr. Michael Saag, a dean of global health at the University of Alabama-Birmingham to help educate our community about the coronavirus. Dr. Saag provided simple explanations about how specifically the virus attacks the body and the efficacy of vaccines. He also answered questions from BC Pre-Med Student Ian Spark and Public Health Sciences student Kassandra Sweeney about his Washington Post article, “Even With a Vaccine, This Virus will Take Time to Conquer,” which describes how the body takes time to develop a “memory” of how to fight a new infection during the immunization process.
**Data Snippet**

Bakersfield College has been widely recognized and emulated for its data coach program. The Chancellor’s Office, the Career Ladders Project, and the Continuous Learning Institute among others have praised the innovative program for empowering a wide array of college faculty and staff and enabling them to support student success in data-focused ways. For example, data coaches have received training on how to identify students who are have not yet completed a math or English class and follow up with them to encourage their completion of key guided pathways momentum points. As part of their continuous review and improvement process, the Office of Institutional Effectiveness recently completed a survey of 43 faculty and staff who participated in BC’s Data Coach program in Fall 2020. Twenty-three (53%) of the data coaches responded to the survey. Twenty of the respondents (87%) indicated that they had attended two or more training events in fall 2020 and 91% indicated that they were satisfied with the training. Other highlights from the survey include the following:

- 100% were familiar with the 1st year guided pathways momentum points.
- 91% knew how to obtain data on guided pathways momentum points.
- 74% knew how to access data coach reports in Cognos.
- 91% of data coaches indicated that they knew how to manipulate data in Excel.
- 83% knew how to create figures and graphs in Excel.
- 87% were comfortable using Starfish to access data on students.

**Bakersfield Californian Tours Measure J Construction Sites**

The Bakersfield Californian visited the Panorama Campus on Monday to report on the latest developments with Measure J. Vice President of Finance and Administrative Services Mike Giacomini led reporter Emma Gallegos and photographer Alex Horvath on a tour of the renovations in the Campus Center, the new Science and Engineering building and Memorial Stadium while answering questions about construction timelines, infrastructure, swing space, and more.
President’s Virtual Seminar Series: Learning Together with the Library

The Library’s Learning Together with the Library Seminar, part of the President’s Virtual Seminar Series returns on Feb. 18. Pam Boyles and Erin Miller will be sharing their thoughts on a 2020 webinar titled “Fighting Racism Without Shaming” featuring Irshad Manji, founder of the Moral Courage Project and author of the book “Don’t Label Me: An Incredible Conversation for Divided Times.”

BC in the News

- "Madden" game designer Gordon Bellamy to speak at Bakersfield College’s Distinguished Speaker Series  
  o KERO, Feb. 2
- Potential for mass COVID vaccination site at Bakersfield College, thousands on waitlists for vaccine  
  o KGET, Feb. 1
- Measure J funds give Bakersfield College a face-lift  
  o Bakersfield Californian, Feb. 1
- BC holding virtual forum on COVID-19 featuring prominent doctor  
  o KGET, Feb. 1
- Bakersfield College Registered Nursing students help with vaccination efforts in Tehachapi  
  o Bakersfield Californian, Feb. 1
- Bakersfield College still accepting students for late-start classes this spring  
  o KGET, Jan. 26

President’s Whereabouts

- February 2: President’s Virtual Seminar Series with Dr. Michael Saag
- February 3: CCRC Webinar, Funding Guided Pathways in California

Upcoming Events

- President’s Virtual Seminar Series: Learning Together with the Library  
  o February 18
- Energy Technology Transfer and Workforce Development Webinar: Energy Water-Food-Nexus  
  o February 24, 10 - 11:30 a.m.