

Renegade Roundup



...on engagement and learning

December 21, 2013

Renegades, we have wrapped up another term, going full throttle to give our students a rich learning environment. Now is the time to unplug, connect with family and friends, curl up with your favorite book in front of the fireplace (as long as the air is not in the unhealthy range ☺) and generally rejuvenate our bodies, minds and souls. I plan to do all of the above!

There's a lot ahead of us, so let me quickly brief you on a few items.

Spring 2014 Opening Day

In Keeping with our core value of learning, opening week will have a series of learning opportunities. [Take a moment to read and reflect on the core value. See insert to the right.] Check out the SDCC portal *InsideBC* for the full schedule. January 15th will be dedicated to curricular matters including a focus on TMCs, ADTs etc. Nan has invited the past state-wide Academic Senate President Michelle Pilati to participate in these discussions. January 17th is opening day. This will be an opportunity for me to give you a mid-year update as well as brief you on the Student Success Legislation and BC's continuing development of our institutional score card. **Please make sure that you plan on attending this all-campus gathering on Jan 17th.**

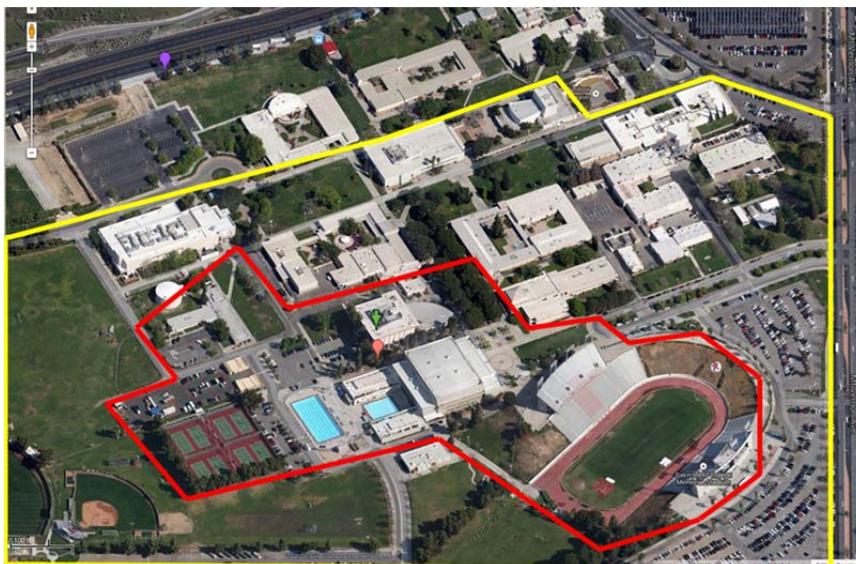
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We foster curiosity, inquiry, critical thinking, and creativity within a safe and rigorous academic environment so that we might be empowered to radically transform our community into one that gives voice and power to all people.

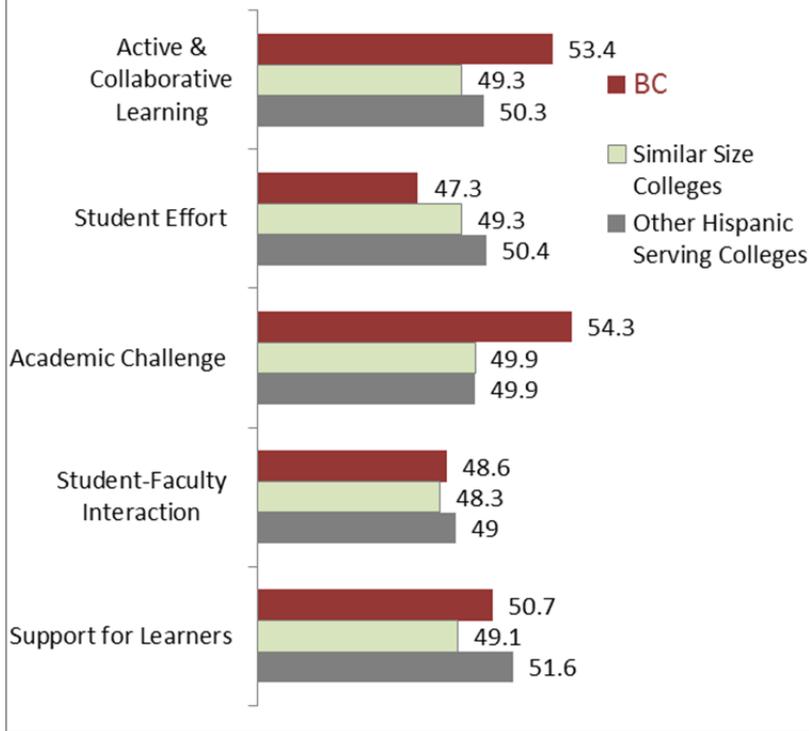
Emergency Exercise with County Emergency Services

In keeping with our growing focus on safety we are continuing our efforts on emergency preparedness. An important part of that emergency preparedness is making sure that local law enforcement and emergency services are familiar with Bakersfield College and know what challenges and opportunities the campus provides. On January 2nd, with the help of Chief Chris Counts and Amber Chiang, the Bakersfield Police Department,



Kern County Sheriff's Department, Kern County Fire Department, Bakersfield City Fire Department and more will have a significant event exercise on campus. The college will be open, so there will be a significant impact to campus. Members of Administrative Council are working to provide alternative work locations for staff who have offices within the operational perimeter (the yellow line on the map). We appreciate your support and encouragement as we train for emergencies here at Bakersfield College.

BC CCSSE 2011 Student Engagement Benchmark Score Comparisons



CCSSE Survey in Spring 2014:

Did you know that Bakersfield College scored **at** or above average compared to other similar large colleges in benchmarks of student engagement? We know this because BC participated in the Community College Survey of Student Engagement (CCSSE) in Spring 2011, providing benchmarks and important baseline information. There is a lot we can learn about each of these benchmarks and how our students perceive our college and educational processes.

In Spring 2014, approximately 85-90 classes will be randomly selected to distribute the CCSSE survey again. Expect to see workshops explaining these **survey** data during flex week. CCSSE is an important tool for assessing our

Habits of the Mind (POSSIBLE) strategy and our Institutional Learning Outcomes. Although only a small portion of our classes will be surveyed, we hope this early notice will encourage all faculty to allow some flexibility in the spring schedule in case your class is selected.

Chiller Installation Complete

Back in November, new chillers (air conditioning units) were installed on the Industrial Technology building. This work, which included bringing in a crane to remove the old units and install the new Trane units, will not only improve our ability to moderate temperature in the building, but allow us to provide that climate control in a more cost-effective manner.

That's all for now..... Until next time.
With Renegade pride and collegiality,
Sonya

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