Los Angeles Pierce College Business Department

Meeting - Spring 2019

2/1/2019

Members present:
Martin Karamian – Department Chair
Robert Foster – CPA
Lena Baltakian – instructor
Stefan Ignatovski – instructor
Casey Grigg – Certified Financial Analyst
Jose Luis Fernandez - instructor
Babken Basmadzhyan – CPA
Tom Morehouse – Berkshire Hathaway Home Services
Rob Zand – Zand Insurance Services
Minas Torosian – Davis Dental Supply

1. Welcome and introductions
	1. Members of the meeting introduced themselves
2. Martin Karamian provided an update to Business Dep including new infrastructure such as wifi which will allow students and faculty to access industry information from the classroom.
3. Martin Karamian explained the process for students who enroll including deadlines. Waitlists are up, permission numbers on Sunday
4. Martin Karamian discussed that enrollment has been falling due to a strong economy. The members of the department agreed that business in “busy” and there are plenty of jobs available, which means that individuals will opt to take a job instead of enrolling in college.
5. Martin Karamian introduced new Guided Pathways and Dep website. Discussion followed on the importance of making access to courses easy, including offering courses online. The discussion included offering Accounting courses online to speed to process of earning Certificates, along with other various programs.
	1. <https://programmap.bakersfieldcollege.edu/academics>
6. Martin Karamian presented course updates including the current offering of Acct 2 in online modality and also the possibility of offering large distance education courses, where online enrollment would be capped at 80 students as opposed to the traditional 40 as is currently done. Members of the meeting agreed that it is important to offer large DE to increase access by students.