

BAKERSFIELD COLLEGE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

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BC SGA ADVANCEMENT COMMITTEE

Wednesday, September 7th,
2016

4:00 p.m.

BCSGA Boardroom

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

This meeting was called to order by the chair, Senator Bernal, at 4:04 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL*

A majority quorum must be established to hold a bonafide meeting

The following members were present: Senator Bernal, Senator Graves, Senator Van Horne, and Senator Goddard

The following members were absent: None.

The following members were excused: None.

4/4 members were present, quorum has been established and a bonafide meeting can be held.

3. AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

The Committee will consider any amendments to the agenda.

Senator Graves: Under item 6, Individual Reports, the advisor is Dr. Damania, not Mrs. Wright.

4. CORRECTIONS OF THE MINUTES

The Committee will discuss and correct any minutes from previous meetings

None.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT*

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Senator Graves: I'd like to take this opportunity and request a meeting with Dr. Rosales concerning the viewing of the movie *McFarland* on campus and have him come talk to the volunteers. Whichever procedure we wish to take, whether by phone now or through the committee, I'd like someone to come out and explain the event.

Senator Bernal: Dr. Rosales is working with Dr. Damania for the movie night, so we'll be helping with the event.

Senator Graves: I only wanted to make the event known to those who weren't yet aware of it.

Senator Bernal: For those who aren't aware of what we are talking about, Friday September 16th is Mexican Independence Day, and we will be showing the movie, *McFarland*, as well as having the cast of the movie present. We will have the high school come out as well for the movie night.

6. INDIVIDUAL REPORTS

The Chair shall recognize any officer of the Association, including the BCSGA Advisor, to offer a report on official activities since the previous meeting and make any summary announcements deemed necessary for no longer than five minutes.

a. Committee Chair for Advancement, Senator Bernal

No report.

b. Senator Graves

An event coming up this Friday, September 9th, at 10:30 a.m. is our first A.A.M.P Meeting in Room B11. The acronym stands for, "African-American Peer Mentor", and if anyone is interested or knows of anyone who might be interested, please send them our way. The program itself is very supportive and enlightening, as I myself have been a member for 5 years.

c. Senator Van Horne

No report.

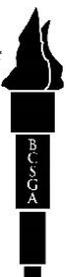
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d. Senator *Goddard*
No report.

e. BCSGA Advisor, *Dr. Damania*

The attendance for the McFarland movie night is only for migrant students currently in high school, but for BC student wishing attend, they are welcome to come. As for the movie night itself, we are looking for a group of SGA officers willing to stay the entire event and engage with the students, talk about their high school experience and BC; an email was sent about the volunteering. Another announcement I need to make, today after the Senate meeting, there will be another meeting concerning facility needs headed by Rayven Webb. We need officers to go talk with students during class about student facility needs, so if you're interested in that, please stay after today's Senate. And finally, the appointments set by the President have been finalized and sent to all Student Body committees, which have already begun this week, so please stay on top of that. President Frazer will announce these times at Senate so please, if you are on a committee, attend to confirm.

7. NEW BUSINESS

Items listed have not already been discussed once and thus are considered for approval by the committee

a. Appointment of Vice-Chair

Discussion:

Senator Bernal: I wish to appoint Senator Graves as the Vice-Chair of the Advancement Committee.

Senator Graves: I move to open discussion for the appointment of Senator Graves as the Vice-Chair of the Advancement Committee.

Senator Van Horne: I second.

Roll Call Vote:

Senator Van Horne: Aye

Senator Goddard: Aye

Senator Graves: Aye

Aye: 3 Nay: 0

The Ayes have the majority, the motion passes.

b. Discuss any potential new ideas

Discussion:

Senator Bernal: As a committee, I would like for us all to discuss potential new ideas for the students, if anyone has any ideas they want to discuss, email me so I can include them in next meeting's agenda. Reasons why and how you would pursue them.

Senator Grace: As a freshman, I didn't have any knowledge concerning programs such as EOP&S, the KVC Card or even events going around campus, in fact I had to go out of my way to discover the various help available on my own. I think I would benefit students if we could further inform them of all the help here at BC.

Senator Bernal: Just write out our plan in depth and email it to me, so by next meeting we can discuss to further.

Senator Graves: I suggest we, instead of a discussion of new ideas, submit a formal proposal of our ideas and submit them, in it included what the idea is, the expected outcome and what steps need to be taken to get it off the ground; this way we save time on discussion, it's a first read next meeting and then the following meeting we'll finalize.

Senator Van Horne: So the structure of this would be submitting our proposal to the chair, getting all the documents needed for the meeting to distribute, and then presenting; this is what we want to do from now on for idea submissions?

Senator Graves: Yes. It'll be a first read, this way we can speed through ideas easily.

Senator Van Horne: I think we should give everyone a notice in advance before the next meeting, that way they'll have time to finalize and brainstorm some more if they wish.

c. Schedule following meetings

Discussion:

Senator Bernal: Since this time seems to work with everyone's schedule, we'll be holding our meetings every-other Wednesday at 4:00 p.m. Since most of our schedules work against each other, this is the best time to get everyone together.

Senator Van Horne: So our Advancement meetings will follow that of Senate?

Senator Bernal: Correct.

d. 40th Annual Allensworth Rededication Event

Discussion:

Senator Graves: Approximately 2 weeks ago, Cornel Montgomery contacted me and explained the importance of reestablishing the relationship between BC and the Allensworth Historical Park; the area was home to African-Americans who founded, established and lived where the park now stands. The park itself houses a number of structures from that time period, as well as tells the story of the families and businesses who persevered in a time where doing so was extremely dangerous and difficult. While some areas are closed off, the majority of the property houses the structures in a museum like way and not only does it give a serve as a beacon of history and connection to the past, but it can help a number of students better understand the difficulties many others are facing today. On October 10th, from 9:00 a.m. until night, the park will be hosting an event day with games, tours and various other things, and since it is a historical park, camping is allowed. To find a location of such cultural significance is difficult, which is way this place holds such importance too many. I'm hoping to set up a sign-up for volunteers, I'm not sure how many we can take or how inclusive we want to make it, but we can discuss this after the meeting.

Senator Bernal: And does the park want us to go to help with the event, or simply for personal experience?

Senator Graves: From what Mr. Montgomery has told me, he want us to volunteer and let it be known we are from BC. Apparently there is an already existing relationship between Bakersfield College and Allensworth Historical Park, and we both were in agreement that this tie is important to maintain and explore; not to mention it could open up a multitude of opportunities in the near future. I would like for us to be a part of it history.

Senator Bernal: We can get started on the volunteer list next meeting.

Senator Graves: by then I'll have more specifics on the events and what is to be expected of us while we're there. And this opportunity isn't just specifically directed towards this committee, this is for the entire association, I only wanted to bring it to you all first to see how well it is received before bringing it to senate later today.

Dr. Damania: I am very interested with your idea, perhaps you could have a charter bus drive from BC to the park, and along the way pass through Delano for those there who are interested, because I have been told that students and faculty at the Delano campus are very interested. You could work with Director of Activates to allocate funds for the bus, since it would be so costly.

Senator Bernal: And how would we go about looking for charter bus prices and fares?

Senator Graves: It's just a matter of looking on the internet, if you're planning on booking a charter bus from an outside source, then we'd have to look online at prices.

Dr. Damania: Aer you familiar with Melissa Hart? She is a part of the professional faculty and is in charge of the Tutoring Center in Delano. She was the one who approached us about this opportunity and may be interested in helping out.

8. Unfinished Business

Items here have already been discussed once and thus are considered for approval by the Committee

a. Reading Buddy

Discussion:

Senator Graves: Reading Buddies is a project which was first brought up at our last meeting, our aim is to visit schools with lower reading scores and high illiteracy rates and have a BCSGA member read to those students. I work for Panama Buena Vista and am using that doorway to speak with Kern City School District, they have provide me with the names of the schools most impacted by low literacy. Our first step in this is establishing a connection with those school and then building relations with the Holloway-Gonzales Branch Library. I spoke with Kerry Sanders at the Holloway Library and she's open to the idea of helping with illiteracy, as well as connecting us with other literacy programs, we only have to come up with a legitimate plan, with limited resources, that'll work; It's only a matter of consistency. We could do this once a month, which wouldn't cost very much, but if we were to do this every week, then we would begin to feel the strain. Currently am waiting for a call back from the Kern School District, after which we can move forward with planning. Once we get a list of schools in need, we can begin researching books and study plans to implement. And as another incentive for volunteers, the school district is hiring class room aides, so now they can gain experience while also getting paid.

Senator Goddard: When I attended Van Horne Elementary, I also had trouble keeping up with reading, but one thing the teachers did that I think would be an option is having students of higher grade level come and help children of lower grade level with their work.

Senator Graves: That idea did come up, but in the end, we thought that these students wouldn't have enough knowledge of depth that goes into critical thinking and other aspects that an older student might have. In addition to Ms. Sanders, we have Dr. Rosales is giving us insight into the project. With those two, I think we can come up with a solid plan. We are only putting this out to gain support. We have approximately 3 months until the next semester and we need a solid foundation before we go on break.

Senator Bernal: So we need volunteers who are willing to give their time and support in this endeavor. We'll be receiving proper training and possibly be doing these readings twice a month.

Senators Graves: And one more thing, I spoke with Julian West who is in charge of the African-American Mentoring advisor and they had the idea of, not only including BCSGA, but other specific programs, clubs and organizations on campus; once we initiate it, of course. If we are successful in persuading other departments and clubs on campus, we could show the administration how much effort we are willing to put into this project and back us up; this entire initiative could possibly expand into the field of scholarships in the future if we are able to properly organize and lead.

Senator Bernal: We will make sure our volunteers undergo the proper training, and if possible, perform background checks of some kind if we begin accepting people from outside of our departments and organizations.

Director Damania: Talk with Steven from the Outreach Department, if you are wanting to reach out into the community for resources and volunteers. And remember that for student workers on campus, we are insured if anything is to go wrong and we are given proper training for these sort of projects.

b. Surveys

Discussion:

Senator Bernal: I would like you all to think about possible needs for students on campus and email those survey questions to me so we can begin distributing those questions as surveys to students. We currently have two options on the form our survey will take: either an online survey we send out to students, or a paper-and-pen survey we ask students to fill out.

Senator Graves: The busiest times on campus are around 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., perhaps we could gather the responses of 200 students, have them write down their basic contact information, and ask

them to write down their concerns they want addressed. This way we can gather the concerns that appear most frequently and focus on those, but make the length of response very short and to the point. This could also be a great opportunity to ask students on their stance on Measure J.

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None.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 4:44 p.m.