

BAKERSFIELD COLLEGE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

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SENATE BODY

Wednesday, July 10th, 2024

4:00 - 6:00 p.m.

BCSGA Boardroom, Campus Center

Meeting Zoomlink: <https://kccd-edu.zoom.us/j/82006624965?pwd=PQGL44qYzXde7G4t6OnCQQLFEFq1a.1>

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Meeting called into order Wed July 10th 2024 , 4:03 PM

2. ASCERTAINMENT OF QUORUM

A majority quorum must be established to hold a bona fide meeting

VP Arafah- Not Present - Excused and President Miranda is chairing in place of.

Senator Turner- Present

Senator Winston - Present

Senator Ochoa- Present

Senator Felix -Present

Majority members are present, quorum has been established and a bonafide meeting may be held.

3. CORRECTIONS TO THE MINUTES

The Senate will discuss and correct minutes from previous meetings.

- a. The Senate will consider any corrections to the minutes from the meeting held on Wednesday, June 26th, 2024.

Senator Turner moves to approve the minutes from 6/26/24 Senator Felix seconds the motion

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

This segment of the meeting is reserved for persons desiring to address the Senate on any matter of concern that is not stated on the agenda. A time limit of three (3) minutes per speaker and fifteen (15) minutes per topic shall be observed. The law does not permit any action to be taken, nor extended discussion of any items not on the agenda. The Senate may briefly respond to statements made or questions posed, however, for further information, please contact the BCSGA Vice President for the item of discussion to be placed on a future agenda. (Brown Act §54954.3)

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No Public Comment

5. ELECTION OF OFFICERS OF THE SENATE

The Vice President shall administer the oath of office to the newly elected Association Officers.

The Senate will consider the following nominations for an Association Office. When the Senate has concluded its deliberations, the Senate may approve the nomination, reject the nomination, or take no action upon the nomination. The Senate will consider the names nominated to the Association Office. The Senate may consider the character, professional competence, physical or mental health, or other matters permissible under Brown Act during consideration of this item. Under Brown Act, the meeting may not be closed.

- a. Election of Mr. Elijah Lidgett for the position of BCSGA Senator at-Large

Senator Turner - As a senator who do you feel you would be representing? As a senator you have many people who must be included as much as the ideas. I feel the need to bring more audience to these meetings and encourage those to voice for themselves and best represent their needs.

Senator Felix- I see you have previous experience in advocacy, what needs do you feel you will be working on for students. I do not want to make up an answer. I need time to find out what is needed.



Notes:

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Senator Winston- As a student here what have you noticed needs to be done to better BC? To be honest I've had a great experience at BC however, my interactions have been mostly online. I feel I need to experience time on campus before answering.

Pro: Clear goals , Encouraging, Clear understanding of representing all, Not afraid to say IDK. Well versed when speaking to a crowd. Positive views of incorporating others.

Con: Lack of on Campus experience

Roll Call

Senator Turner - Aye

Senator Ochoa - Aye

Senator Felix- Aye

Senator Winston - Aye

4/4 members in favor of motion, motion carries.

b. Election of Ms. Nelly Evette Guadamuz for the position of BCSGA Senator at-Large

Senator Felix- Desire for a more inclusive community, what ideas? I am a first gen hispanic woman. I would like to include more undocumented students and LGBTQ students.

Senator Turner - One specific idea to include undocumented group? - Give them insight and a familiar approach to the undocumented to make this a safe space.

Senator Winston - Share a past experience? - About a year ago I started my own business, as a side hustle to create extra income and I learned to do much one on one and meet and greet with others in the community and I plan on bringing those strengths.

Senator Ochoa- What do you feel you bring to the team? Resilience, we often come from the bottom and I know what it takes to be where I am.

Pros: Personal experience to connect with other vulnerable groups. Has specific goals and ideals, Motivation and perseverance. Passion and experience from being around other SGA members.

Cons: None

Roll Call

Senator Turner - Aye

Senator Ochoa - Aye

Senator Felix- Aye

Senator Winston - Aye

4/4 members in favor of motion, motion carries.

c. Election of Ms. Sara Pogue for the position of BCSGA Senator at-Large

Senator Ochoa- Specific Student concerns? Accessibility on campus buildings for disabled.

Senator Winston -Public Servant definition? One that hears and addresses concerns. for those on and off campus

Senator Felix Personal Reason for joining? Lack of student involvement, I came to college thinking there was no student life at community college like there is at universities. I want to add to that student life.

Pro: Experience , add student involvement, specific issues to address, ready to listen to student need

Con: None

Roll Call

Senator Turner - Aye

Senator Ochoa - Aye

Senator Felix- Aye

Senator Winston - Aye

4/4 members in favor of motion, motion carries.

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6. OATH OF OFFICE

The Parliamentarian (or Vice President, if absent) shall administer the oath of office for all newly appointed positions or elected officers.

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7. REPORTS OF THE ASSOCIATION

summary announcements deemed necessary for no longer than three minutes, save the advisor, who has infinite time.

a. Vice President -

b. Senators- Senator Winston - Maps on campus outdated, Making more specific instructions on campus signs. Hanging various campus club or department banners around campus on flagpoles. All other senators nothing to report

c. BCSGA Advisors (∞ mins.). Ask VP Arafah to add this marketing piece to the agenda for the next meeting. You approved the budget last meetings and that was the first piece, our income stream comes from student fees and we are planning to have costful implementations on campus. Then we must promote the payment of the student services fees. Learn about the fee and understand it. I feel the eagerness and I want you to hold on to it, because later on you might hit a wall and feel stuck. I want you to remember how to overcome those interpersonal feelings and strengthen your leadership skills and harness those when most applicable. Ballot Bowl is the competition statewide for the most registered voters in the CCC. We are a commuter campus so they come and go, we are looking to hold our title as we were the winners in 2022.. We want to promote much more as it kicks off on August 12th. Equally important that our students are informed voters. KCCD retreat is happening on Aug 12th all day event, check your calendar. If you already have a solidified fall schedule please get me a copy of it, specially exec members. Your schedule availability should reflect the fall schedule. I need to confirm by next week your attendance to the retreat and the ROPES leadership challenge to CSUB, mainly to secure the meals. Vast majority of ASO do not meet in the summer and as needed to approve items with senators or action bodies. This time is for reflection as to zero in on things that you want to be done. What do we want to accomplish individually or as a group? In terms of summer meetings I have been meeting, complete your intake and schedule your one on one with me. Stay after the meeting if needed. Dir Cornejo as DSO remembers that at Universities we have individual departments for all needs, however here at OSL we encompass all those needs within one office. Now that we have a full team there are many hands and please know that you will be covering a

lot of these areas. My job is to get you to the next level, always think critically about what the experiences here will lead you to. I hope you know how to market those on the next job or interview. You have tremendous power in your roles, I will not coddle and will rely on you to get things done. Aug 6th through the 8th for OSL training, to learn all other happenings in the office.

8. REPORTS FROM EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

The Chair shall recognize the Executive Officers and Departments to report for no longer than three minutes on the activities since the previous meeting.

- a. Office of the President- my first exec meeting will be on July 17th at 4:00 PM Andrea thorson will be in public comment. She is the chair of the accessibility committee. One on ones with my exec members.
 - b. Department of Student Organizations - Had our first weekly meetings with Advisor Ayala, Mngr Dexter and I discussed SOF grants, Will be emailing ICC with variety info and to promote find your classroom. Went to the safety advisory committee and spoke about a sworn officer on campus and they want further student input mainly about AB540 and Rising Scholars to find their views. This will be covered more in depth at the Exec meeting. Question worksheet must be responded to in two weeks. I have some requirements of the ICC- for those senators assisting I will require for the senators to at least have a brief report instead of no report.
 - c. Department of Student Activities- Held first meeting on June 27th, Another meeting tomorrow at 4:00 PM. We will cover more details about Student Convocation and town hall.
 - d. Department of Legislative Affairs- We have not held a meeting, Ad Ayala, Mngr Mendez and I will be joining tomorrow to create a plan for outreach and to inform students of the voting ballot bowl process.
 - e. Department of Finance- Started working on the appeals process, understanding the fees. Working on a PP to assist other students to understand the fee.
 - f. Department of Public Relations - Interviewed all Exec board and just needed to interview newly appointed senators to complete videos.
 - g. Elections Commission- Skip this section. Not applicable.
 - h. Department of Secretary- I will be moving away from including your student emails on calendar invites, By now everyone has access to the sga email. I will also ask that you are responding to the invites as this lets us know who is here and for attendance purposes.
 - i. KCCD Student Trustee - Recently appointed.
- 4.

9. APPOINTMENT OF SENATORS TO COMMITTEES AND DEPARTMENTS

The senate will recommend members to each of the Senate Standing Committee and the BCSGA Departments. Then, the Senate will consider a binding resolution to appoint Senators as member to each Senate Standing Committees or BCSGA Departments established by the BCSGA COBRA. The Senate may consider the character, professional competence, physical or mental health, or other matters permissible under the California Brown Act, of certain individuals during considerations of this item. Under the Brown Act, the Senate may not close the meeting.

- a. BCSGA Department of Finance - Senator Guadamuz, Senator Winston- self nominated. Both accept the appointment to the committee.
- b. BCSGA Department of Legislative Affairs - Senator Turner, Senator Pogue- self nominated. Both accept the appointment to the committee.
- c. BCSGA Department of Student Activities - Senator Felix, Senator Ochoa, Senator Pogue self nominated, no objections by others and all have accepted the appointment.
- d. BCSGA Department of Student Organization- Senator Guadamuz, Senator Winston- self nominated. Both accept the appointment to the committee.

- e. BCSGA Department of Academic Affairs - Chair is Senator Turner. Senator Ochoa, Senator Felix- self nominated. Both accept the appointment to the committee.
- f. BCSGA Department of Advancement - Chair - Senator Guadamuz , Senator Felix , Senator Winston have self nominated All accept the appointment to the committee.
*Motion from Senator Lidgett to add a third senator to the the BCSGA Department of Advancement, Senator Winston seconds the motion. No objections from the remaining senators. Motion carries.
Self-nominated to the third seat from Senator Lidgett, he accepted the appointment to the committee.
- g. BCSGA Department of Government Operations - Chair - Senator Lidgett , Senator Turner , Senator Pogue have self nominated All accept the appointment to the committee.

10. NEW BUSINESS

Items listed have not already been discussed and thus are considered for Senate consideration.

- a. DISCUSSION: BCSGA Summer Training Recap - Dir Samaniego- It was a comfortable experience to get to know eachother better. Mngr Jayasena - believes there should be less socializing and more training materials in consideration of everyone's time.
- b. DISCUSSION: Participatory Governance Committees Review - Reviewed Charges and senators will have to communicate their preferences. VP and Pres will have to communicate to the chairs of each participatory committee. Thereafter, it will be each senator's responsibility to reach out via email to the chair and present themselves to make that connection.

11. ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chair shall recognize in turn BCSGA Officers requesting the floor for a period not to exceed one minute.

Photos have been postponed and TBD. Looking to re-allocate the space as our team is growing.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 6:29 PM