

# BAKERSFIELD COLLEGE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

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## SENATE BODY

Wednesday, February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2025 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. BCSGA Boardroom, Campus Center Meeting Zoomlink: <https://kccad.edu.zoom.us/j/6194364449>  
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### 1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 4:12

### 2. ASCERTAINMENT OF QUORUM

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

Senator turner present  
Senator ochoa present  
Senator vargas present  
Senator lidget present  
Senator moore present  
Senator garcia present  
Senator leon absent  
Senator felix absent  
Senator winston absent  
Senator Munoz absent  
6/10  
Quorum has been established

### 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, December 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024 & Wednesday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2025.

Senator turner motions to approve the minutes  
Senator ochoa seconds

### 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)*

- a. BCSGA Representation at Bakersfield College campuses - Matthew Maddex.

Professor Maddex brought the idea of having official student government meetings at different campuses.  
So that students at other campus can come to our meetings and being a part of the meeting

Students don't understand what BCSGA does and going out to the different campuses will give them access to what we do.

Being a representative of the student means connecting with our other students and campuses.

Manager Griepsma- can we set up SGA and other campuses



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Maddex- maybe have senators that are assigned to different campuses to represent them.

Manager Jayasena- is there a method of communication to give to the different campus to encourage students to be a representative to our other campuses

Maddex- create a qr code to ask students what they need at our other campuses

Senator Turner- would you be open to allowing me come to your classroom and talk to your students about my office hours

Maddex- use your office hours to be at the different campuses

Senator leon- can we do a post of who is having office hours at the different campuses, we could also look into recruiting student ambassadors

Manager Jayasena- can we appoint executive officers to go to different campuses and talk to students in class

Maddex- talk to leo Ocampo and he will be able to speak to professors

Director Pogue- elections are coming up and we could table at other campuses

Maddex- start setting the groundwork so that future BCSGA members to keep this going

Manager Mendez- how do we hold meetings outside

Maddex- this brings many opportunities for you as leaders

Matt Riley- brought a spring semester sport schedule for students

Has purchased 3000 to be distributed around campus

22nd home softball game to recognize highschool softball coaches and appreciate them with awareness of what they do

March 29th Pack the house- giving away youth jerseys

Working with local restaurants to do giveaways at the games , will also be live streaming before the game with some interviews

At the last meeting we discussed having athletics come out and promote their games passing out flyers to students

We are trying to highlight one game every 2 weeks

Manager Jayasena- we have activities meeting where we plan events we would love to have athletics attend the meeting

Senator leon- should the athletics department assign representatives from each team

## 5. REPORTS OF THE ASSOCIATION

*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 three minutes, save the advisor, who has infinite time.*



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a. Vice President

VP

b. Senators

Senator Turner

Senator Ochoa

Senator Vargas

Senator Lidgett

Senator Moore

Senator Garcia

**c. BCSGA Advisors (∞ mins.)**

Advisor Damania- will be appointing 2 more to the election commission, there will be a meeting upcoming to approve the packet for elections

If you are running for a position, you are not allowed to use BCSGA supplies to promote yourself

Please encourage others to apply for the elected positions

If you are not able to attend one of your committee meetings please make sure that you let VP know so that someone else can be assigned to be there in your place

Please make sure that you are being vocal at these meeting you are the voice of the students, even in your own reports please make sure you say something even it was something you feel was insignificant

We can have representatives at other campuses and we should make something into the cobra

**6. 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 -absent

b. Department of Student Organizations

Went over the engagement agreement with student organizations had a lot of questions but no feedback

There was a lot of discussion around the teleconferencing just because a lot of of student orgs attend meeting viz zoom

c. Department of Student Activities

Every tuesday from 11-12 will be adding a new meeting to plan and do the logistics for the events

d. Department of Legislative Affairs

Senator vargas left at 4:54

Director Miller- Feb 14th is the last day to send out resolutions

The 21st of february is when we will receive the resolution packet from the SSCCC

Feb 18th region V will be coming to BC from 2-5 to see what we are doing here at BC

Legalative affairs meeting tomorrow 11-12 in the BCSGA boardroom

e. Department of Finance

Director Saminego - we do have physical copies of the appeals

People can not appeal future or past semesters only current semesters

f. Department of Public Relations

Please schedule one on one with me to do a video for elections coming up

Also please make sure that you have downloaded Whats app for our new conversation application

g. Department of Secretary

h. KCCD Student Trustee

**7. APPOINTMENT OF 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 nominations, 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 matter permissible under Brown Act during consideration of this item. Under Brown Act, the meeting may not be closed.*

a. Appointment of the Chair to the Government Operation Standing Committee

Senator Leon and Moore volunteered to be the chair of committee



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VP Arafah went over what the chairs duties are in this committee

Advisor Damania- we need to go through and review the cobra to update and make sure everything is cohesive and not overlapping

Senator Moore- I would like to be the chair because I would like to have a better understanding of our cobra, also I think it will help me better understand my role and benefit from what I learn

Senator Leon- i am interested in being the chair because I know there are many questions regarding the cobra and I would like to go over it

Pros for Leon- none

Cons for leon- Turner believes moore can move this past the semester

Pros for moore-

Cons for moore-

Majority voted for Senator Moore to become the chair of Government Operations effective today

**8. APPOINTMENT OF SENATORS TO COMMITTEES AND DEPARTMENTS** *The Senate will recommend members to each of the Senate Standing Committees and the BCSGA Departments. Then, the Senate will consider a binding resolution to appoint Senators as members 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 on Finance

Senator Winston

Senator Vargas

b. BCSA Department on Legislative Affairs

Senator leon

Senator turner

c. BCSGA Department on Student Activities

Senator Ochoa

Senator Garcia

Senator Lidgett

d. BCSGA Department on Student Organizations

Senator Winston

Senator Moore

Senator Garcia

e. Senate Committee on Government Operations

Senator Leon

Senator Lidgett

**9. REPORTS FROM THE PARTICIPATORY GOVERNANCE COMMITTEES** *The Chair shall recognize the officer of each participatory governance committee to report for no longer than three minutes on the committee's activities since the previous meeting.*

a. Academic Senate – Turner

29th did a screening appointments

Banner 9 will soon be live

Discusses dinning commons hours

Reorganization in Acedemic Affairs

Looking into getting a week off for thanksgiving

Next meeting we will discuss the smudging resolution



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Official transportation to satellite campus

b. Accessibility and ADA Task Force – *Lidgett*

Nothing to report

c. Accreditation & Institutional Quality Committee – *Cornejo*

Went over ISS data and core values

d. Assessment Committee

Nothing to report

e. Bookstore Committee - *Vargas*

f. Budget Committee - *Samaniego*

Jan 27th went over lots of updates and were able to go over some data and numbers regarding budget

g. College Council - *Miranda*

h. Curriculum Committee – *Felix*

Nothing to report

i. Enrollment Management Committee – *Felix*

Enrollment has gone down by 6 percent

j. Equal Opportunity & Diversity Advisory Council (EODAC) – *Arafab*

Manager Jayasena- still working on their charge, college council has not approved

Stated that we are not ada compliant

Pitched a new event with two professors a panel on women and people of color

k. Facilities & Sustainability Committee – *Miller*

First meeting didnt go through the entire agenda

Re-evaluated the mission statement of the committee

Student housing is supposed to be completed spring 2026 and opening fall 2026

The new gym is completed

Next meeting march 5th

Want to get more feedback from BC community

The new Arvin campus is open and are open to having events held there

l. Information Services & Instructional Technology (ISIT) – *Leon*

There were some issues since the chair is no longer in the meeting

There was many presentations from departments asking of supplies and what they need for their departments

m. Professional Development Committee – *Jayasena*

No Report

n. Program Review Committee – *Ochoa*

Going over the program reviews, will be following up with their programs wanting to be rolled on by April 1st

o. Safety Advisory Committee – *Winston*

p. KCCD Strategic Planning – *Jayasena*

The administration is leaning towards AI for internal programs

q. AB928 Task Force – *Cornejo*

Within the next 2 weeks this will be rolled out

The program will flag students that don't have an ed plan and put them on probation till they meet with a counselor

Still waiting to get feedback from UC and CSU on accreditation for some majors

## 10. FIRST READING OF LEGISLATION

*The Senate shall read the legislation for the first time and then may choose to refer to the committee.*

a. DISCUSSION: Senate Resolution: Authorizing Remote Attendance Under AB 1855 for Bakersfield College Student Government Association Meetings

Senator Turner read the resolution

No Discussion



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b. DISCUSSION: Extension of Basic Needs Facilities to Support Student Housing Initiative

Read by Director Miller

Director Pogue- Point of clarification, is this a typo in the resolution

Director Miller- not a typo just needs to be clarified

Will add this to next senate meeting for second reading

### 11. FAST-TRACK LEGISLATION

*A Senator may move legislation to be considered for fast-track at this meeting, moving legislation directly from first reading to second reading.* a. ACTION:

Senate Resolution: Authorizing Remote Attendance Under AB 1855 for Bakersfield College  
Student Government Association Meetings

Turner Motions to fast track legislation

Senator Ochoa seconds

Senate resolution has been fast tracked

### 12. SECOND READING OF LEGISLATION

*Legislation listed has already been read once on the Senate floor or approved for fast-track, and thus are considered for approval by the Senate.* a. ACTION:

Resolution: Authorizing Remote Attendance Under AB 1855 for Bakersfield College Student  
Government Association Meetings

Senator Ochoa moves to approve resolution

Senator Turner seconded the motion

Resolution Passes

### 13. NEW BUSINESS

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

a. ACTION: BCSGA Student Organizations Engagement Agreement

Senator Turner Motions to approve

Senator Leon seconds

Engagement agreement is approved

b. DISCUSSION: BCSGA Representation at Bakersfield College campuses

Manager Jayasena- can we assign someone to each campus

VP- can anyone volunteer to be a representative

Manager Mendez - new role/ representative

Director Pogue- it is possible to hold meetings using zoom while reps on other campuses

What about having sub chapters of student organizations at different campuses

c. DISCUSSION: Region V Leadership Summit

Tuesday Feb 18th 2-5pm

d. DISCUSSION: BCSGA Spring Town Hall

Director Cornejo town hall will be held at the renegade crossroads with a collaboration with the BC  
archives

March 11th from 1-3pm

e. DISCUSSION: Transitioning to WhatsApp for BCSGA Communication

VP- please download Whatsapp

Senator Lidgett- make sure to update the app to get notifications

### 14. ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Turner- video project on thursday between 12-3 for rising scholars

Moore- looking for students interested in gardening for a gardening club

Director Samieago- going to SDSU during the weekend if anyone wants to go with

Manager Mendez- will have an event for Leg affairs if you can be there to promote elections



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## 15. ADJOURNMENT

5:51 adjourned



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