

BAKERSFIELD COLLEGE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

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SENATE BODY

Wednesday, May 28th, 2025

4:00 - 6:00 p.m.

BCSGA Boardroom, Campus Center

1. CONVENING OF THE 101ST SESSION OF THE BCSGA SENATE

4:14 pm 5/28/25

2. ASCERTAINMENT OF QUORUM

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

- Vice President Moore: present
- Senator West: present
- Senator Ramirez: present
- Senator Velasco: present
- Quorum: 4/4

3. CORRECTIONS TO THE MINUTES

The Senate will discuss and correct minutes from previous meetings.

- The Senate will consider any corrections to the minutes from the meeting held on Friday, May 9, 2025.
 - Approve at next meeting

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)

- None

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.

- Vice President: gratitude for those attending the meeting
- Senators:
 - Senator West: happy to be here
 - Senator Ramirez: glad to see people interested in joining
 - Senator Velasco: excited to get started
- BCSGA Advisors (∞ mins.)
 - Advisor Damania: getting agendas sorted out, new process
 - Advisor Cordova: pride month event announcement

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.

- Office of the President:
 - gratitude for people wanting to join administration
- Department of Student Organizations:
 - introduction about self and role
- KCCD Student Trustee: N/A

7. APPOINTMENTS OF ASSOCIATION OFFICERS



Notes:

Unless otherwise marked by an asterisk, all agenzied items are action items upon which the Senate may act. Action items may be taken out of the order to be presented at the discretion of the Chair. BCSGA supports providing equal access to all programs for people with disabilities. Reasonable efforts will be made to provide accommodations to people with disabilities attending the meeting. Please call the Office of Student Life at (661) 395-4355 as soon as possible to arrange for appropriate accommodation.

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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 the Brown Act during consideration of this item. Then, the Senate will consider a binding resolution to appoint a Senator as the Senate Officer established by the BCSGA COBRA. Under the Brown Act, the meeting may not be closed.

- a. Appointment of Mr. Samuel Handy for the position of BCSGA Director of Finance
 - President Mackey: believes Handy is an excellent advocate for students on campus; understands numbers and finances of students at BC campus
 - Sam Handy: introduction, has strong presence on campus
 - Senate questions
 - o Senator West: background in finance?
 - Handy: none, but is a math tutor, takes personal finances seriously
 - o Senator Ramirez: plan on how to manage budget?
 - Handy: None at moment but plans to; doing what is good for the people
 - Ramirez: Interested in doing more than finance?
 - Handy: would like to be involved where helpful; awareness of sticker program; advice from former Director of Finance
 - Floor questions
 - o Director Griepsma: Why choose finance position?
 - Handy: Had insight from former director and fit interests.
 - Griepsma: What are strengths in relation to position?
 - Handy: Communication, especially with money, wants to make everything understandable
 - Griepsma: How to promote KVC stickers?
 - Handy: unsure of limits and restrictions of promoting sticker, interested in brainstorming and advocacy through counseling center; applying principles from tur
 - o Danielle: Any experience outside of BC?
 - Handy: Worked for solar and construction company; interim design team lead
 - Pros and Cons debate from the Senate:
 - o Pros: admired work ethic and would be suitable
 - o Pros: motivation
 - o Cons: ability to split time properly between BCSGA Finance role and outside duties
 - o Pros: eager
 - o Cons: no background in Finance
 - 4/4 Ayes; members in agreement with appointment of Sam Handy to Director of Finance
- b. Appointment of Ms. Sara Pogue for the position of BCSGA Director of Public Relations
 - President Mackey: has confidence in Pogue since she has done roll already and is well loved by peers, great work ethic
 - Pogue: introduction; previously worked with Lavendar initiatives and as Senator with BCSGA before being appointed to first term of PR role
 - Senate Questions:
 - o Senator Ramirez: Do you love your role in BCSGA?
 - Pogue: Yes, role solidified interest in marketing career
 - o Senator West: What do you classify as something well made for the role of PR?
 - Pogue: believes content must hit different points and demographics
 - Pros and Cons debate from Senate:
 - o Pros: nice background and eagerness
 - o Pros: solid previous work
 - 4/4 Ayes; members in agreement with appointment of Sara Pogue to Director of Public Relations
- c. Appointment of Ms. Danielle Nicole Baker for the position of BCSGA Director of Student Activities
 - President Mackey: narrowed down what position Danielle was fit for, very complex and understands many things, was passionate about student activities

- Baker: was interested in Student Activities or Finance role; had experience in humanitarian roles and volunteer experience; has a focus in helping others and team building
- Senator Questions:
 - o Senator Ramirez: What narrowed down decision for student activities role?
 - Baker: the big picture and what could do in short term; enjoyed attending student activities
 - Senator Ramirez: events in mind?
 - Baker: football games; emerging events and subjects that haven't been present for a while
- Floor Questions:
 - o Director Griepsma: Activities in mind that you want to implement other than sports?
 - Baker: promoting reading and learning, education, creativity
- Pros and Cons debate from Senators:
 - o Pros: previous experience
 - o Pros: eagerness to work
 - o Cons: potential ideas but wondering which will help
- 4/4 Ayes; members in agreement with appointment of Danielle Nicole Baker to Director of Student Activities
- d. Appointment of Mr. Javier Alvarez Cortes for the position of BCSGA Director of Legislative Affairs
 - President Mackey: believes Cortes is well organized and a leader; is able to learn and teach
 - Cortes: no experience with SGA, works with NAASSP
 - Senate Questions:
 - o Senator Ramirez: Will you be able to understand the role of legislative affairs?
 - Cortes: Believes will get hang of role, has experience with helping people understand tribal recognition and ancestry
 - Ramirez: How to properly advocate for college students?
 - Cortes: believes proposed legislation should affect all people and recognizes different backgrounds
 - o Senator Velasco: Why are you a good addition for the role of legislative affairs?
 - Cortes: has current understanding of how laws affect people
 - Velasco: What is your major and are you familiar with the legal system?
 - Cortes: believes teachers should be knowledgeable with forms of government, so is familiar with such things
 - Floor Questions:
 - o Director Pogue: Are you aware of the conference SSCCC?
 - Cortes: no but is willing to attend conference meetings
 - o Director Griepsma: Are you willing to help with change outside of current programs?
 - Cortes: goal is to advocate for everyone and recognize all demographic groups
 - Griepsma: Are you willing to discuss hard-hitting topics and questions?
 - Cortes: yes
 - o President Mackey: Have been in situation where you didn't feel qualified, but you overcame that?
 - Cortes: seasonal position role
 - Pros and Cons debate from Senators:
 - o Motion to move voting until next meeting by Senator Velasco, seconded by Senator Ramirez
 - o Motion approved and item tabled until next meeting
- e. Appointment of Mr. Oscar "Ozzy" Hernandez for the position of BCSGA Parliamentarian
 - Item skipped

8. ADMINISTERING THE OATH OF OFFICE

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

- Oaths taken by Director Pogue, Director Baker, and Director Handy

9. ELECTION OF OFFICERS OF THE SENATE

The Senate may elect a Senate Pro-Tempore, pursuant to the BCSGA Constitution Article VI, section 6, and Chairperson of each Senate Standing Committee. The Senate may consider the character, professional competence, physical or mental health, or other matters permissible, of certain individuals during consideration of this position. Then, the Senate will consider a binding resolution to appoint a senator as the Senate Officer established by the BCSGA Cobra. Under the Brown Act, the Senate may not close the meeting.

- a. Election for Senate Pro-Tempore
 - Senator West nominates Senator Velasco
 - Senator Velasco: believes in control of conversation and able to call out decisions, and has good moral standing
 - Pros: most malleable person of current senate
 - Pros: positive demeanor
- b. Election of Chairperson to the Senate Committee on Academic Affairs
 - 3/3 Ayes from senators, motion carries to approve Senator Velasco to be Pro-Tempore

10. 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 Committee or BCSGA Department 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 Ramirez and Senator West
 - Motion carries
- b. BCSGA Department on Legislative Affairs: Senator Velasco and Senator Ramirez and Senator West
 - Motion carries
- c. BCSGA Department on Student Activities: Senator West and Senator Velasco
 - Motion carries
- d. BCSGA Department on Student Organization: Senator West and Senator Ramirez
 - Motion carries

11. FIRST READING OF LEGISLATION

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

- a. ACTION ITEM: S.B. Appropriations Bill for the BCSGA Annual Budget (FY26)
 - Motioned by Senator Velasco and seconded by Senator Ramirez
 - Motion carried Aye 3/3
 - Referred to Department of Finance
- b. ACTION ITEM: S.B. Authorizing Remote Attendance Under AB 1855 For Bakersfield College Student Government Association Meetings

12. 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 ITEM: S.B. Authorizing Remote Attendance Under AB 1855 For Bakersfield College Student Government Association Meetings
 - Motion by Senator Ramirez to lay all remaining agenda items to next meeting, seconded by Senator Velasco
 - o 1/3 Aye by Senator Ramirez motion does not carry
 - Motion to fast-track legislation item by Senator Velasco, seconded by Senator West
 - o 3/3 Ayes motion carries

2. SECOND READING OF LEGISLATION

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

- a. ACTION ITEM: S.B. Authorizing Remote Attendance Under AB 1855 For Bakersfield College Student Government Association Meetings
 - Motion to fast-track agenda item by Senator West, seconded by Senator Ramirez
 - 3/3 Aye motion carries

13. NEW BUSINESS

Items listed here have not already been discussed once and are considered for approval by the Senate.

- a. ACTION ITEM: Adoption of the FY 26 Revisions of the Codes of the Bakersfield Renegade Association (COBRA)
 - Motion to approve revision by Senator Velasco, seconded by Senator Ramirez
 - 3/3 Ayes motion carries

14. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

- Director Griepsma: ICC meeting times?
 - o Advisor Damania: ICC meeting times can be announced and need no approval from the Senate
- Griepsma: ICC meeting held every other 1st and 3rd Thursday from 4-5pm
- 2/3 Motion carries to review agenda item 7d “Appointment of Mr. Javier Alvarez Cortes for the position of BCSGA Director of Legislative Affairs”
 - o Senator Velasco: believes too many tangents were said by nominee
 - o Senator Ramirez: felt nominee was speaking towards current interests and roles but not towards Director role
 - o Senator West: believes they will work closely with individual and wants to hear more from nominee
 - o Director Baker: reconsider action plan from nominee
 - o Director Griepsma: Asks if it is possible to see all letters of intent and resumes from candidates at another meeting?
 - o Motion to conclude discussion of item 7d by Senator Velasco, seconded by Senator Ramirez

15. **ADJOURNMENT**

16. **6:11PM 5/28/25, UNTIL NEXT MEETING ON JUNE 11, 2025**