[DISCUSSION DRAFT]

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Senate Bill

**ADOPTION OF THE**

**BCSGA ANNUAL BUDGET (FY26)**

In the Senate of the Student Government Association

of BAKERSFIELD COLLEGE

Wednesday, May 21, 2025

Submitted by President MacKey to the BCSGA Senate

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**A BILL**

**Adoption of the BCSGA Annual Budget (FY26)**

*Whereas, one the Bakersfield College’s goal is “Student Success: Become an exemplary model of student success by*

*developing and implementing best practices”*;

*Whereas, BCSGA is developing a more efficient and effective government to represent the student population at Bakersfield College*;

*Whereas, BCSGA needs to be able to manage and expend in a fiscally responsible manner*, *while* *maintaining order for the government to be more direct and strategically plan for future growth* *and* *ensuring transparency and accurate representation of the budget;*

*Whereas, the direction of the BCSGA Budget is by dividing the total budget into three equal disbursements per areas under BCSGA and to allocate funding for the Office of Student Life initiatives:*

1. *Department of Finance account is for the Bakersfield College Student Government Association to be the official voice for the students at Bakersfield College and to ensure that the students are represented in all matters of the participatory governance. Through lobbying, advocacy, and student representation, the Association ensures a supportive educational environment while promoting unity and cooperation with students, faculty, staff, and administration. It is the intent of the Association to promote campus life, student involvement, and engagement. The fiduciary expenditures rest in the managerial duties of the Director of Finance. The fiduciary controls rest in the managerial duties of the BCSGA Department of Finance.*
2. *The Department of Student Activities account is to inspire and unite the Bakersfield College students through programming derived from traditions, cultural diversity, large-scale entertainment, academia, and athletics. The Department of Student Activities is a programming entity committed to providing the Bakersfield College community with multicultural, social, recreational, educational, and entertaining programs in alignment with the BCSGA’s mission statement. The Department of Student Activities exists to enhance the BC experience by providing programs to enhance the intellectual, intercultural, social, spiritual, physical, and recreational aspects of students' lives. The Department of Student Activities provides a wide range of activities to students, consisting of new and different events as well as traditional programs. The Department of Student Activities encourages student engagement on campus to attract a diverse range of involvement and ideas, creativity in event planning, and excellence in event implementation and leadership. The fiduciary expenditures rest in the managerial duties of the Director of Student Activities. The fiduciary controls rest in the managerial duties of the Department of Student Activities.*
3. *The Department of Student Organizations account is to engage students in the development of their strengths, skills, and leadership using student organizations as foundation by way of programs, workshops, conferences, and leadership positions. The fiduciary expenditures rest in the managerial duties of the Director of Student Organizations. The fiduciary controls rest in the managerial duties of the Department of Student Organizations.*
4. *Office of Student Life account is to further develop new and sustain reoccurring initiatives and programs which are directly under the supervision of the Office of Student Life. The foundation for these funds are vested in providing for an professional KCCD Employee, student employment, and projects that are to enhance student life at Bakersfield College. The fiduciary expenditures rest in the managerial duties of the BC Dean of Students. The fiduciary controls rest in the managerial duties of the BC Office of Student Life.*

*Whereas, the funds from Student Representation will be used by BCSGA for regional, state, and national affairs:*

1. *The Legislative Affairs account is accountable and transparent to inform the BC Student Body, the Bakersfield community, where various laws are proposed and passed that affect our students and the community. Legislative Affairs stays updated with all legislation that is pertinent to the BC Student Body, KCCD District, Bakersfield City, Kern County, and the State of California, and Federal legislations and affairs. Legislative Affairs is to be a representing voice of BC Students to the California Community College System. The fiduciary expenditures rest in the managerial duties of the Director of Legislative Affairs. The fiduciary controls rest in the managerial duties of the BCSGA Department of Legislative Affairs.*

*Whereas, the funds from the Campus Center Fee will be used by BCSGA for on-campus student center related*

*expenses:*

1. *Education Code Section 76375 authorizes the student body government to approve expenditures of these funds for the use of the student body center facility, operations, and programs. The fiduciary controls rest in the managerial duties of the BCSGA Department of Finance or the Senate. The fiduciary expenditures rest in the managerial duties of the BC Dean of Students. The BC Campus Center Building shall be deemed the Campus/Student Center along with the DST Lobby of the Delano Campus.*

*Be it enacted by the Senate of the Bakersfield College Student Government Association, the outlined model of the*

*BCSGA Annual Budget FY26 (Addendum A) is used as a guide and philosophy for all BCSGA expenditures to ensure transparency and accuracy of the BCSGA planned expenditures;*

*Be it also enacted by the BCSGA that the Senate hereby adopts the BCSGA Annual Budget FY26 (Addendum A)*

*for expenditures;*

*Be it further enacted by the Senate of the Bakersfield College Student Government Association, the fiduciary controls*

*and expenditures of each section of the Annual Budget rests in the managerial duties of the respective departments and the Dean of Students.*

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