

BAKERSFIELD COLLEGE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

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SENATE BODY

Wednesday, June 11th, 2025

4:00 - 6:00 p.m.

BCSGA Boardroom, Campus Center

Meeting Zoom link: <https://kccd-edu.zoom.us/j/87484152588?pwd=srbUXLw4bVZqLH9zLjYVjI4ZbLead.1>

1. **CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

- 4:10pm on June 11th, 2025

2. **ASCERTAINMENT OF QUORUM**

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

Vice President Moore: present

Senator Ramirez: present

Senator Velasco: present

Senator West: present

4/4 Quorum has been met

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.
 - Minutes approved and accepted
- The Senate will consider any corrections to the minutes from the meeting held on Wednesday, May 28, 2025.
 - Minutes approved and accepted

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)

- Presentation on updated process for posting Agendas and Minutes, Dr. Damania (15 minutes)
 - Training next week on Monday June 16th from 12:30pm-1pm, and Tuesday 1pm-2:30pm
 - o One day on Brown act and parliamentary procedures; other day on Resolution writing and process of resolutions
 - Open invite for anyone interested
 - It is Chair of committee's responsibility that agenda is posted on Board in front of OSL building, must be posted at least 72 hours in advance of meeting
 - Minutes now sent out to whole student government for each meeting; feedback can be sent to secretaries
 - Motion to move back to agenda item 7 so moved by Senator Velasco, seconded by Senator West

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.

- Election of Mr. Leland Hernandez for the position of BCSGA Senator at-Large
 - Review of letter of intent and resume

Notes:

Unless otherwise marked by an asterisk, all agenda 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 accommodation for people with disabilities to attend 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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- Self-introduction from L. Hernandez
- Questions from Senate:
 - o Senator Velasco: What do you believe are the duties of a senator?
 - L. Hernandez: To use power that comes from the role of the senator because they are the voice of the people.
 - o Senator West: Do you have any specific resolutions in mind?
 - L. Hernandez: None at the moment.
 - o Senator Ramirez: How do you plan to use performer role with senator duties?
 - L. Hernandez: Use those skills that come with each role for people who are unable to do so
 - o West: Are you able to recognize the senator's role in representing people that are not just out of high school?
 - L. Hernandez: Recognizes ability to represent people from all walks of life, believes college students aren't just here to learn but to network and find open doors
- Open floor questions:
 - o Director Griepsma: What goals do you have to make changes happen on campus?
 - L. Hernandez: Men's mental health awareness
 - Griepsma: What programs to push to support mental health?
 - Hernandez: Therapy programs
 - Griepsma: What changes do your peers want to see?
 - Hernandez: More pantry selection
- Senate Pros and Cons debate:
 - o Pros: believes nominee is very eager and brings energy into the senate
 - o Cons: does not have a true vision on what the duties of the senator are
 - o Cons: ability to not let one event overshadow another
- Roll call vote: 2/3 motion is carried to the election of L. Hernandez
- b. Election of Mr. Elijah Hernandez for the position of BCSGA Senator at-Large
 - Review of letter of intent and resume
 - Self-introduction
 - Questions from senate:
 - o Senator Velasco: What are some issues on campus?
 - E. Hernandez: Lack of representation for dual and concurrent enrollment students; wants creation of new committee for these students
 - o Senator West: Will being a concurrent enrollment student affect responsibility as senator?
 - E. Hernandez: No, can balance time
 - o Senator Ramirez: How did you hear about the senator position?
 - E. Hernandez: Originally applied for student activities manager, was recommended to senator position
 - o Are you aware of committee meetings?
 - E. Hernandez: Yes, and committed to going to those meetings
 - Floor questions:
 - o Trustee Miranda: What is the reason for switching to senator position?
 - E. Hernandez: Was recommended for position and was not able to uphold requirements for student activities position
 - o Director Griepsma: prepared to stand ground in tough meetings with faculty?
 - E. Hernandez: Yes, is willing to stand ground with proposed ideas
 - Senate Pros and Cons:
 - o Pros: solid idea for concurrent committee, has good ideas
 - o Cons: time management
 - o Pros: provide representation for concurrent and dual enrollment members; able to verbalize commitment to meetings

- Pros: shows maturity at young age for senator position
 - Roll call vote: 3/3 motion carried for the election of E. Hernandez
- c. Election of Mr. Gavin Perez for the position of BCSGA Senator-at-Large
 - Review of letter of intent and resume
 - Self-introduction
 - Questions from senate:
 - Senator Velasco: You previously advocated for students in high school, what were those things?
 - Perez: Co-founder of student outreach and advocacy club; would talk with students of concern every other week and work with them through their problems or concerns
 - Senator West: Do you take most of classes on main campus?
 - Perez: Majority yes, next semester with one at southwest campus
 - West: Plans for satellite campus unification; using Instagram to unify?
 - Perez: Two separate problems; opportunity to remind vendors about other events on campus; ensure access of main campus resources to satellite campuses
 - Senator Ramirez: What does this community look like to you?
 - Great community; lots of inclusivity; civil engagement
 - Floor questions:
 - Director Griepsma: In letter of intent, you wanted to see changes happen on campus. What are those changes?
 - Perez: People having access to resources; mostly awareness of scholarships and financial opportunities
 - Griepsma: How do you intend to stay connected with students across all campuses?
 - Perez: Events held at other campus; possibility of committees at each campus for events
 - Director Baker: What is your 5-year plan and its relatability to BCSGA?
 - Perez: is a history and political science major, would like to pursue law
 - Baker: How did you get involved specifically and how did you start SOAR program?
 - Perez: SOAR done in conjunction with advisor for organization
 - Pros and Cons:
 - Pros: admires how he represented students before this position
 - Pros: has strong resume
 - Pros: has a strong attitude and willingness to serve
 - Roll call: 3/3 motion carried for the election of Perez

6. ADMINISTERING THE OATH OF OFFICE

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

- Oaths taken
- Motion to move back to Agenda item 4a so moved by Senator Velasco, seconded by Senator West

7. 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.

- a. Vice President: working on agenda for next meeting; volunteers welcomed for farmer's market
- b. Senators:
 - Senator Ramirez: first ICC meeting last week; played out new guidelines for good standing of clubs
 - Senator West: grace period for clubs who did not meet good standing

- Senator Velasco: have not yet met with committee
- Senator L. Hernandez: thanks for opportunity to represent
- Senator E. Hernandez: How to start a new committee?
 - o Vice President Moore: to form a student led committee it has to be done through resolution; must be brought forth to the Senate or committee
- Senator Perez: thanks for opportunity to represent
- c. BCSGA Advisors (∞ mins.)
 - i. Bakersfield College has a New President, Dr. Stacy Pfluger
 - Advisor Cordova: new BC interim President
 - Advisor Damania: next senate meeting will be day of town hall in Renegade Event Center for Dr. Pfluger, so meeting time will be an hour later; make sure working with Advisor Cordova to coordinate office hours

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: program with Finance Director about promoting KVC sticker; no executive meeting next week
- b. Department of Student Organizations: ICC meeting with many participants; grade period implemented at end of spring semester because not enough time for clubs to meet good standing; next meeting on the 19th which will cover questions about SOF grants and tabling, workshops and activities from SGA so the clubs and thrive and grow; please notify Griepsma of any agenda items by tomorrow
- c. Department of Student Activities: meeting with previous Director Student Activities, sitting in on Student Orgs meeting
- d. Department of Finance: N/A
- e. Department of Public Relations: look out for opportunity to make a video for socials
- f. Department of Secretary:
 - Secretary Mendez: for returning SGA members, work on avoiding using acronyms when educating people about Student Government related items
 - Secretary Galindo: working with Senate body as designated secretary
- g. KCCD Student Trustee: board of trustees meeting tomorrow, explanation of KCCD and reports; written resolutions within BCSGA can also impact statewide legislative affairs

9. APPOINTMENTS OF ASSOCIATION OFFICERS

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- a. Appointment of Mr. Oscar “Ozzy” Hernandez for the position of BCSGA Parliamentarian
 - Skipped

10. 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.

- Skipped

11. 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. Appropriations Bill for the BCSGA Annual Budget (FY26)
 - Skipped

12. NEW BUSINESS

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

- a. DISCUSSION: Recruitment Strategies for More Potential BCSGA Candidates for Office
 - Director Griepsma: so many new people on campus especially with Bridge to BC; tabling with sign or activity specifically to be a leader on campus

- Director Pogue: tabling event at town hall; communication with people who stop by tables
- Trustee Miranda: need a productive full cabinet; word of mouth and talking with people; sending emails to professors about promoting SGA in classes; need to be prepared for questions coming from students about SGA
- Secretary Mendez: educate selves about SGA; make sure taking notes and paying attention at meetings
- Director Baker: free class or skill set for educating people and getting engagement for SGA
- President Mackey: stay familiar with audience
- Director Griepsma: utilize A-frames and Graphic design team, QR code with easy access to join BCSGA; utilize professors; short YouTube video that is informative and fun about SGA; Canvas notification with video about SGA
- Vice President Moore: reaching out to professors; sending out emails for student leaders
- Secretary Mendez: speak to everyone in class about SGA
- Director Baker: wanting a presentation about Trustee conferences or other resources
 - Trustee Miranda: binders available in office
- b. DISCUSSION: Promoting and Understanding the BCSGA Student Services Sticker Program
 - Motion to table discussion item by President Mackey so moved by Senator Velasco, seconded by Senator West

13. ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

- Advisor Cordova: new senators see advisor afterwards to set up emails

14. ADJOURNMENT

- 5:57PM on June 11, 2025