

BAKERSFIELD COLLEGE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

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SENATE BODY

Wednesday, June 18th, 2025

4:00 - 6:00 p.m.

BCSGA Boardroom, Campus Center

Meeting Zoom link: <https://kccd-edu.zoom.us/j/87484152588?pwd=srbUXLn4bVzqILH9zIGYVJl4ZbLead.1>

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

4:00pm on 6/18/25

2. ASCERTAINMENT OF QUORUM

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

- Vice President Moore: present
- Senator Hernandez: not present
- Senator Ramirez: present
- Senator Perez: present
- Senator Velasco: present
- Senator West: present
- 5/6 Quorum met therefore 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 11, 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)

None

5. ELECTION OF OFFICERS OF THE SENATE

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- a. Election of Mr. Aydin Garcia for the position of BCSGA Senator at-Large
 - Self-introduction
 - Questions from the Senate:
 - Senator Ramirez: You have plans of launching a moderated discord server for student engagement, how will it align with the goals of SGA?
 - o Garcia: plans to moderate the discord and enforce rules for it; different channels for communication and to make connections
 - o Senator Ramirez: How will you measure your initiatives for success?
 - o Garcia: Monitoring
 - Senator West: How will you continue to develop the preexisting office of student life discord?
 - o Garcia: figure out how to advertise the current discord; willing to take charge of promoting it
 - o Advisor Cordova: not an official discord that is monitored through OSL or SGA, uses Microsoft Teams so there is no anonymity
 - o Garcia: states there are mandates and such for people to actually access and chat in the discord

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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- Senator Velasco: how comfortable are you with representing students in a formal and nonformal setting?
 - o Garcia: is able to do so and believes would be great for doing so
- Senator Perez: how do you plan to promote events?
 - o Garcia: word of mouth, social media
- Floor questions:
 - o Director Griepsma: Do you have any ideas of working with IT and SGA so that discord is an official service?
 - Garcia: has a background in IT and is willing to work with people to get it qualified
 - o Director Baker: Will you have the time to work on such ideas?
 - Garcia: Yes.
 - o Director Griepsma: Do you understand the role of a senator?
 - Garcia: representing the voices of students and to connect people
 - Director Griepsma: What are some things that your peers want to have changed on campus?
 - Garcia: making of new clubs and wants to make that process easier
 - Director Griepsma: Any ideas to help make the process easier for students to start clubs?
 - Garcia: is interested in helping in the process; experience in wanting to lead workshops
- Pros and Cons from Senate:
 - o Pro, Senator Ramirez: knowledgeable about topics of expertise
 - o Pro, Senator West: creating more communication between students and SGA
 - o Con, Senator West: the usage of discord
 - o Pro, Senator Velasco: is eager
 - o Pro, Senator Perez: believes has knowledge about what to do
 - o Con, Senator Perez: being too busy to fulfill senator work
- Roll call vote:
 - Senator Ramirez: Aye
 - Senator Perez: Aye
 - Senator Velasco: Aye
 - Senator West: Aye
 - o 4/4 Ayes, motion carried to the election Mr. Aydin Garcia for the position of BCSGA Senator at-Large

6. ADMINISTERING THE OATH OF OFFICE

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

Oath taken

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: volunteered at farmers market, other volunteers are appreciated
- b. Senators
 - Senator Ramirez: first finance meeting, discussed the budget and promotion KVC sticker; decided to wait on approval of budget to add new line for KVC sticker
 - Senator Perez: first office hours, learning humanity
 - Senator Velasco: first 2 office hours today, researching committees
 - Senator West: finance committee; budget not pushed through as of yet, but further appropriations will be discussed; SGA workshop on how to write resolutions
 - Senator Garcia: no report

- c. BCSGA Advisors (∞ mins.)
 - Advisor Cordova: training on Monday and Tuesday; Friday is Sexuality and Gender Symposium workshop in Renegade Event Center 8am-3pm

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: N/A
- b. Department of Student Organizations: no ICC meeting this week, moved to Tuesday July 1st 4-5pm in Boardroom; Nicole out of office so contact Director of Student Orgs with any questions
- c. Department of Student Activities: meeting with PJ today; Houchin Bloodbank blood drive in the works, possibility of free Kern County Fair tickets for donors; nominations for Student activities manager
- d. Department of Finance: N/A
- e. Department of Public Relations: N/A
- f. Department of Secretary:
 - Working on informational Binders for Senators and new Name plates
- g. KCCD Student Trustee: N/A

9. APPOINTMENT OF ASSOCIATION OFFICERS

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- a. Appointment of Mr. Oscar “Ozzy” Hernandez for the position of BCSGA Parliamentarian
 - Appointed by President Mackey
 - Self-introduction
 - Questions from the Senate:
 - o Senator Velasco: How do you plan to hold SGA accountable for their respective positions?
 - Hernandez: pinpoint each meeting and sending emails for an overview what will be discussed in each meeting
 - o Senator Ramirez: How will you ensure your advising opinions are neutral?
 - Hernandez: intends to treat people how they treat everyone else; maintain professionalism and respect
 - o Senator Perez: Do you have experience reading and interpreting SGA documents? Any experience doing so?
 - Hernandez: helped run and coordinate the Choir departments events in high school; ICC for club on campus
 - o Senator West: Why is there a gap in education while attending BC?
 - Hernandez: resume typo
 - Senator West: Was there reason to not write a concise letter of intent?
 - Hernandez: wanted to show who they were, wants to treat issues with unbiased opinions
 - o Senator Ramirez: You have experience with tracking, but how does it relate to SGA documents?
 - Hernandez: studied for position and student rights at BC and for club
 - Senator Ramirez: Do you plan on working towards the goals of students and not your own personal goals?

- Hernandez: yes
 - Floor questions:
 - Director Baker: What skills are you bringing to the table for this position?
 - Hernandez: open communication, equality, freeness of speech; wants to give info for people who miss meetings
 - Director Baker: What are other people's perspectives on your work ethic?
 - Hernandez: looks at feedback and works to make improvements
 - Pros and Cons from Senate:
 - Pro, Senator Velasco: believes candidate is eager
 - Con, Senator Velasco: hopes opinions will not be biased if elected for position
 - Pro, Senator Ramirez: believes candidate is caring for students
 - Con, Senator Ramirez: sees no vision for this role; lack of experience; lack of understanding of role
 - Pro, Senator West: motivated and well intent
 - Con, Senator West: resume and letter of intent are lacking
 - Pro, Senator Perez: eager and determined for position
 - Con, Senator Perez : shaky idea for position; wrong idea for Parliamentarian, more senator
 - Motion by Senator West to table agenda item until next meeting for further consideration or for candidate to apply for senator position, Seconded by Senator Velasco
- b. Appointment of Mr. Angel Perez for the position of BCSGA Student Organizations Funding Manager
 - Review of Resume and Letter of Intent
 - Self-introduction
 - Questions from Senate:
 - Senator Velasco: How will you ensure transparency with allocating student org funds?
 - Perez: sending documents to whoever needs it; will not lead into favoritism
 - Senator Ramirez: What strategies do you have to explain the process of allocating funds to clubs?
 - Perez: willing to make self available for people with such concerns
 - Senator Ramirez: Are you willing to say no to clubs who do not meet criteria for funds?
 - Perez: Yes, is willing to do so
 - Director Griepsma: SOF manager is limited in operating and extending money grants; certain steps to go through to approve funds
 - Pros and Cons from Senate
 - Pro, Senator Velasco: was able to answer questions thoroughly
 - Pro, Senator Ramirez: understands the role at a well level
 - Pro, Senator Perez: knew about role without being appointed to it
 - Pro, Senator West: did a great job presenting self to the senate
 - Roll call vote
 - Senator Garcia: Aye
 - Senator Perez: Aye
 - Senator Ramirez: Aye
 - Senator Velasco: Aye
 - Senator West Aye

- 5/5 Motion carried to the election of Mr. Angel Perez for the position of BCSGA Student Organizations Funding Manager

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.

Oath taken

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- a. Election of the Chairperson to the Senate Committee on Advancement
 - Senator Perez nominated by Senator Velasco
 - o Nomination Accepted
 - Senator West nominated by Senator Ramirez
 - o Nomination Accepted
 - Senator Perez: deals with satellite campuses; idea for pantry at Southwest, move forward with unfinished pantry resolution
 - Senator West: will serve committee to best of ability
 - Questions from the Senate:
 - o None
 - Pros and Cons Debate:
 - o Pro for Perez, Senator Velasco: appreciates idea of picking up resolution
 - o Pro for Perez, Senator Ramirez: resolution
 - o Pro, for West, Senator Ramirez: no ideas presented
 - o Pro, for Perez, Senator Perez: believes had understanding
 - o Pro, for Perez, Senator West: believes is a good candidate
 - o Pro, for Perez, Senator Garcia: good candidate
 - o Con, for Perez, Senator Garcia: no ideas for other resolutions
 - o Con, for West, Senator Garcia: copied ideas from Senator Perez
 - Roll call vote:
 - o Senator Perez:
 - 5/5 Ayes
 - o Senator West:
 - 0/5 Ayes
 - Motion carried for Senator Perez to election of chairperson
- b. Election of the Chairperson to the Senate Committee on Government Operations
 - Senator West nominated by Senator Velasco
 - o Nomination accepted
 - Senator West: believes is well experienced for chair position, has experience in American legal system
 - No questions
 - Pros and Cons Debate:
 - o Pro, Senator Velasco: experience in legal system will enhance ability to carry out duties
 - o Pro, Senator West: will give good judgment for COBRA
 - o Pro, Senator Perez: internship will help in reviewing and making changes to COBRA
 - o Pro, Senator Garcia: great experience and leadership skills
 - o Pro, Senator West: well versed in legal system and is motivated

- Con, Senator West: has not read entirety of COBRA
- Roll call vote:
 - 5/5 Motion carried to the election of Senator West for chairperson

12. RECEIPT OF CORRESPONDENCE TO THE SENATE

The Senate will receive communications addressed to the Senate and refer each to the appropriate committee.

- a. BCSGA Department on Academic Affairs
 - Motion by Senator Velasco to table until a further date, seconded by Senator Ramirez
- b. BCSGA Department on Advancement
- c. BCSGA Department of Finance
- d. BCSGA Department on Government Operations
- e. BCSGA Department of Student Activities
- f. BCSGA Department of Student Organizations

13. NEW BUSINESS

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

- a. DISCUSSION: Recap of the BCSGA Training Days that were held on June 16 and 17
 - Vice President Moore: found the training days useful
 - Senator Velasco: ability to communicate possible goals
 - Senator Ramirez: Brown Act and Roberts rules helpful overview
 - Senator Perez: got to understand how resolutions are made; simplification of Roberts Rule and COBRA
 - Senator West: found workshop to be informative and insightful
 - Secretary Mendez: Senator binders will contain info from the training as well as the COBRA
- b. DISCUSSION: Resolution process & the process of establishing Special Committees
 - Formed by a Senator; made through a resolution; trainings helped clarify the process

14. ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

- Director Baker: postponing the appointment of a new Student Activities Manager
- Director Griepsma: ASL club got new officers, new ICC representative
- Vice President Moore: new SGA members get in contact with Julianna for getting employee emails

15. ADJOURNMENT

- 5:38pm 6/18/2025