

Dear BCSGA Selection Committee,

I am writing to express my interest in the position of Director of Legislative Affairs. As a student who is deeply committed to inclusivity, cultural understanding, and student advocacy, I am eager to serve in a role that allows me to represent the voices of my peers, influence positive policy change, and help foster a campus environment where every student feels seen, heard, and valued.

As a proud Muslim student, I've often encountered misconceptions about my identity. Instead of allowing frustration to take root, I've used those moments as opportunities to connect, educate, enhance my interpersonal skills and ultimately build bridges. That experience has fueled my desire to advocate for underrepresented students and to help shape policy that ensures equity and respect across all cultures and beliefs.

The Director of Legislative Affairs plays a vital role in strengthening student representation, and I'm ready to lead the Legislative Department with energy, responsibility, and transparency. I understand the importance of chairing department meetings, drafting agendas in accordance with the Brown Act, and coordinating policy initiatives that reflect the diverse needs of the Bakersfield College student body. I am confident in my ability to maintain accurate calendars, communicate clearly, and engage students through both outreach and legislation.

In this role, I am especially excited to serve as the primary representative for BCSGA at Region V meetings and the SSCCC General Assembly. I see these forums as opportunities to advocate not only for BC students, but for broader systemic improvements across California's community colleges—focusing on issues such as accessibility, affordability, cultural awareness, and student mental health.

My past leadership experience as a student ambassador at South High School gave me the foundation I need to succeed in this position. I led orientation tours, spoke at events, organized materials, and helped shape incoming students' first impressions of campus. Through that experience, I developed strong skills in public speaking, event coordination, time management and team collaboration—all of which I will bring to the legislative events, student forums, and advocacy initiatives I hope to lead at Bakersfield College.

In addition to policy and planning, I bring a creative spirit and a knack for engagement. I'd love to collaborate with the Director of Activities to co-host meaningful student events—such as cultural showcases, interfaith panels, and student voice forums—that not only celebrate diversity but also spark important conversations and create a sense

of belonging.

I'm also excited about the administrative and organizational responsibilities this role entails—from preparing department budgets to securing volunteers and mentoring Legislative Affairs team members. I take pride in staying organized, following through on commitments, and leading with empathy and integrity.

Student government was created, so that student voices can be heard. Ultimately, my goal as Director of Legislative Affairs is to amplify student voices, represent our campus with pride at the statewide level, and ensure that Bakersfield College's policies and programs reflect the diverse, talented, and passionate student body we serve. I am ready to commit to weekly office hours, active participation, and being a trusted liaison between students and administration.

Thank you for considering my application. I would be honored to serve Bakersfield College in this capacity and contribute to a student government that is inclusive, impactful, and student-driven.