

BAKERSFIELD COLLEGE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

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SENATE BODY

Wednesday, July 9th, 2025

4:00 - 6:00 p.m.

BCSGA Boardroom, Campus Center

Meeting Zoom link: <https://kccd-edu.zoom.us/j/87484152588?pwd=srbUXLw4bVzeILH9z/GyVjI4ZbLead.1>

1. **CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

4:00PM 7/9/25

2. **ASCERTAINMENT OF QUORUM**

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

VICE PRESIDENT MOORE: PRESENT

SENATOR GARCIA: PRESENT

SENATOR HERNADEZ: PRESENT

SENATOR RAMIREZ: PRESENT

SENATOR PEREZ: EXCUSED ABSENCE

SENATOR VELASCO: PRESENT

SENATOR WEST: PRESENT

6/7 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 for June 11, 2025, no corrections put forth

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)

- i. Scheduling meetings with BCSGA Advisors using Outlook
- **Use BCSGA email to book a meeting with advisors**
 - **Julianna helps with Wendy's and Nicole's Calendars**
 - **Veronica helps with Dr. Damania's Calendar**
 - **Use Scheduling Assistant to help view person's availability and unavailability**

5. **RECEIPT OF CORRESPONDENCE TO THE SENATE**

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

- a. Resignation of Leland Hernandez from the position of BCSGA Senator-at-Large
- **Review of resignation letter**
- b. BCSGA Committee Changes
- The Senate may make changes to committee assignments.*
- **Department on Academic Affairs: by binding resolution the motion carries to have Senator Hernandez and Senator Perez be put on this committee**
 - **Department on Advancement: by binding resolution the motion carries to have Senator West and Senator Velasco be put on this committee**
 - **Department of Finance: by binding resolution the motion carries to have Senator Ramirez and Senator West be put on this committee**
 - **Department on Government Operations: by binding resolution the motion carries to have Senator Garcia and Senator Velasco be put on this committee**

Notes:

Unless otherwise marked by an asterisk, all agenzized 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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- Department of Student Activities: by binding resolution the motion carries to have Senator Hernandez and Senator Velasco be put on this committee
- Department of Student Organizations: by binding resolution the motion carries to have Senator Garcia, Senator Hernandez, and Senator Ramirez be put on this committee

6. 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: informal brainstorming meeting for Student Activities; last Wednesday was townhall with Interim President Flugler
- b. Senators
 - Senator Velasco: plans given by President Flugler for the future of the College
 - Senator West: Student Activities meeting; townhall meeting was represented well by BCSGA; ICC meeting last week
- c. BCSGA Advisors (∞ mins.)
 - New Student Convocation: August 18th
 - Farmers market earlier in the day
 - August 25-28th week of welcome
 - Motion to move to Agenda Item 8 by Senator Velasco, seconded by Senator Garcia

7. 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: 1 on 1 conversations with members of the SGA, used as support for people in their respective roles; FY-26 appropriations bill reading, seek clarification if needing to amend or adopt
- b. Department of Student Organizations: activities done with student orgs at last ICC meeting; FAQ section on BCSGA website for Student Orgs; working on new club establishments, become a club in a day event
- c. Department of Student Activities: second activities meeting held today; Welcome week, idea for Art Gallery on balcony of CC building, recruitment strategy; flea market idea; Blood drive postponed to November, gift card incentive
- d. Department of Finance: review of annual budget
- e. Department of Public Relations: N/A
- f. Department of Secretary: Senator binders should be available by next week
- g. KCCD Student Trustee: N/A
 - Motion to move back to Agenda Item 6c by Senator Velasco, seconded by Senator Ramirez

8. **DIRECT REPORT OF THE SENATE COMMITTEES***

The Chair shall recognize the chairperson of each standing committee and then each special committee to report for no longer than five minutes on the committee's activities since the previous meeting.

- a. Committee on Academic Affairs, Senator Velasco
 - **First meeting next week or the following week, day TBD**
- b. Committee on Advancement of Bakersfield College, Senator Perez
 - **Skipped**
- c. Committee on Government Operations, Senator West
 - **Monday or Wednesday for meeting time**

9. **APPOINTMENT OF 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 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 Ms. Zaina Jawad for the position of BCSGA Director of Legislative Affairs
 - **Introduction of candidate by President Mackey**
 - **Review of letter of intent and resume**
 - **Questions from the Senate Floor:**
 - o **Senator West: clarification on resume**
 - o **Senator Hernandez: Could you expand on your adaptability skill listed on your resume?**
 - **Jawad: able to adapt to social environment**
 - o **Senator Velasco: What do you believe are the responsibilities of the Legislative Affairs Director?**
 - **Jawad: meetings, organization, time preparation**
 - **Senator Velasco: What do you think the Department of Legislative Affairs does?**
 - **Jawad: makes the student voice heard, based on what the students want**
 - o **Senator Ramirez: What do you see as the biggest legislative problems at BC?**
 - **Jawad: Focus on what the student body wants**
 - **Senator Ramirez: Do you believe you will be able to properly display the feelings of the students through the legislative process?**
 - **Jawad: yes**
 - **Questions from the General Floor:**
 - o **Director Griepsma: What are some of the policies that you want to see written?**
 - **Jawad: based on what the students want, mental health policy—help given on every campus**
 - **Director Griepsma: What else would you add to the current mental health resources at Bakersfield College?**
 - **Jawad: provide services whenever needed and not just on a schedule**
 - **Pros and Cons from the Senate:**
 - o **Pro, Senator West: has the intent to voice the needs of the students**
 - o **Con, Senator West: unsure of candidate's goals for position**
 - o **Pro, Senator Hernandez: right intent and goals, motivation to help students**
 - o **Pro, Senator Garcia: good understanding of what candidate is running for**
 - o **Con, Senator Garcia: sees mental health goals as more for activities than legislation; more confidence in goals**
 - o **Pro, Senator Velasco: organized and eager, great advocate for current goals**
 - o **Con, Senator Velasco: sees fit for other position**

- Pro, Senator Ramirez: great respect for the college and the student
 - Con, Senator Ramirez: sees fit for a senator roll
- Roll call vote:
 - Senator Garcia: Aye
 - Senator Hernandez: Nay
 - Senator Ramirez: Nay
 - Senator Velasco: Nay
 - Senator West: Aye
- 2 Ayes, 3 Nays, motion does not carry for the appointment of Zaina Jawad to the position of BCSGA Director of Legislative Affairs.

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.

- Item skipped

11. SECOND READING OF LEGISLATION

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

- a. ACTION ITEM: S.B. Appropriations Bill for the BCSGA Annual Budget (FY26)
 - Reading by Director Griepsma
 - Review of FY26 Budget
 - Floor questions:
 - Senator Garcia: How was money able to be moved around in the budget?
 - Director Handy: Was able to make changes to budget under President Mackey without Senate approval because money was moved around and new line items were NOT created
 - Director Griepsma: Moving money into just one section or moving from other Departments?
 - Director Handy: trying to keep money allocated for certain departments in their respective departments.
 - Senator West: Able to make a point of these changes as they go throughout the year?
 - Director Handy: yes
 - Director Griepsma: going to schedule meetings with departments with money that is not being used, before it is being moved from the department?
 - Director Handy: yes, wants to communicate these things throughout the year
 - Senator Ramirez: Was money subtracted equally between members giving up office hours?
 - Director Handy: yes, money was not added
 - 4 hours from Finance office hours
 - 2 hours from President office hours
 - 1 hour from Vice President office hours
 - Senator Ramirez: difference in \$9000?
 - Handy: some mistakes may be in the budget
 - Budget needs revising and must be approved at next Senate meeting
 - Motion by Senator Velasco to table item until next Senate Meeting, seconded by Senator West

12. NEW BUSINESS

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

- a. DISCUSSION: Volunteer recruitment for the BCSGA Tabling Events
 - Tabling event tomorrow for BCSGA recruitment
 - Director Baker: partnering with other departments, skills workshop and pitch joining BCSGA
 - Director Griepsma: student athletes wanting leadership positions
 - Director Griepsma: advertising BCSGA at Bridge to BC?

- Secretary Mendez: tabling is not an event more of setting up a table and promoting, 10:30-3:30pm; Bridge to BC does not get talked about in detail officially
 - Director Griepsma: using quarter sheets to put in Bridge bags?
 - Secretary Mendez: coordinate with director of bridge to include items in bag
 - Director Baker: would appreciate
- b. DISCUSSION: Review of the Bakersfield College Participatory Committees
- Persons sitting on each committee will be determined by President Mackey
 - a. Academic Senate: Represents the faculty to the Administration and the Board of Trustees with respect to academic and professional matters (AB 1725) outside the scope of the bargaining unit.
 - b. Accreditation & Institutional Quality Committee: This committee provides leadership for the overall direction and support of college accreditation and institutional effectiveness.
 - c. Assessment Committee: Coordinates all student learning outcomes assessment processes and reports to Executive Vice Presidents of Academic Affairs and Student Services.
 - d. Board of Trustees: Not available to students.
 - e. Bookstore Committee: The Bakersfield College Bookstore Advisory Committee (BAC) is a shared governance committee that supports the college mission, goals and values through a comprehensive evaluation for providing access to instructional materials.
 - f. Budget Committee: Makes recommendations to the President regarding budget processes and procedures to ensure alignment of college-wide planning and budget allocations.
 - g. College Council: Gathers input from all constituency groups and makes recommendations to College President, particularly on college goals, strategic planning, budget matters, facilities, planning, accreditation, and other college-wide matters.
 - h. Commencement Committee
 - Skipped
 - i. Curriculum Committee: Oversees all curriculum changes, additions and requirements, makes recommendations to President and seeks Board approval.
 - j. District Budget
 - Skipped
 - k. District Consultation
 - Skipped
 - l. Equal Opportunity & Diversity Advisory Council (EODAC): Educates and orients the college on diversity issues. Reports to Affirmative Action Officer.
 - m. Enrollment Committee: Establishes process for setting enrollment goals, defining actions to meet the goals, and monitors progress toward achieving them. Reports to College Council and Academic Senate.
 - n. Facilities & Sustainability Committee: To review and provide recommendations for new and improved facilities and infrastructures, to enhance current and future learning environments as well as a responsibility to maintain, sustain and renew our institution's fiscal, human and environmental resources for all current and future students, community, faculty, and staff. Communicates with College Council, Faculty Chairs, Staff and Students. Reports to the College President and to the Academic Senate.
 - o. Information Services & Instructional Technology (ISIT): Recommends policy, procedure on college information systems and instructional technology to Academic Senate, College Council. ISIT stands for "Information Systems and Instructional Technology"
 - p. Professional Development Committee
 - Committee no longer available to students

- q. Program Review Committee: The Program Review Committee acts as a resource to administrative, instructional & student services programs to develop their assessment plan and program review. Makes recommendations based on program reviews to President, College Council, and Curriculum Committee.
- r. Safety Advisory Committee: To identify health and safety concerns and issues on campus and address them. Inform the college community of new policies and procedures as they relate to health and safety. To develop and maintain current emergency response plan.
- Vice President Moore: research these committees and contact President Mackey for consideration for such committees
- More information about each committee found here:
<https://committees.bakersfieldcollege.edu/>

13. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

- Secretary Mendez: need volunteers for Thursday 10:30-12:30pm, July 17th tabling

14. **ADJOURNMENT**

5:56pm 7/9/25