

BAKERSFIELD COLLEGE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

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SENATE BODY

Wednesday, August 27th,
2025

4:00 - 6:00 p.m.

BCSGA Boardroom, Campus Center

Meeting Zoom link: <https://kccd-edu.zoom.us/j/87484152588?pwd=srbUXIw4bnZlLH9z/GyVjI4ZbLead.1>

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

4:04 pm on 8/27/2025

2. ASCERTAINMENT OF QUORUM

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

Vice President Moore: present

Senator West: present

Senator Ramirez: present

Senator Velasco: present

Senator Hernandez: absent (came in later)

Senator Perez: present

Senator Garcia: present

Senator Jawad: present

Quorum established 7/8 members present

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, August 13, 2025.

Minutes approved 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)

None

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 Harkamal Randhawa from the position of BCSGA Student Activities Manager

- Review of resignation letter

- b. BCSGA Committee Changes

The Senate may make changes to committee assignments.

- Senator Zaina Jawad added to Academic Affairs committee

6. REPORTS OF THE ASSOCIATION

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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If you would like a copy of any of the agenda items listed, please contact the Office of Student Life at 661-395-4355 or studentlife@bakersfieldcollege.edu.

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: **Resignation of Danielle Baker from Director of Student Activities, Welcome Week events**
- b. Senators
 - Senator West: **worked Welcome Week Tent**
 - Senator Jawad: **helped with Office of Student Life and directing students for the first week; working on resolution with Senator Garcia**
 - Senator Garcia: **volunteered at Welcome Week event; resolution about health and wellness, and tutoring; Open-resource first policy for students, free-transportation access, sustainable landscapes and aesthetics, advertising of certificates that can be achieved through BC**
 - Senator Perez: **office hours last week, New Student Convocation; working on resolution; working on first Advancement meeting**
 - Senator Velasco: **New Student Convocation, Welcome Week**
 - Senator Ramirez: **Welcome Tents and helping with OSL building**
 - Senator Hernandez: **New Student Convocation; looking forward to Karaoke Night event**
- c. BCSGA Advisors (∞ mins.)
 - Advisor Cordova: **Welcome Week; Student Involvement next Thursday; US Constitution Day September 17th; Hispanic Heritage Month events**
 - Advisor Damania: **review COBRA on Senator position**

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: **N/A**
- b. Department of Student Organizations: **helping with OSL; helping student orgs get their renewal applications; Curriculum Committee meeting tomorrow; Student Involvement Fair and the Forge; ICC meetings at satellite campuses**
- c. Department of Student Activities: **N/A**
- d. Department of Finance: **N/A**
- e. Department of Public Relations: **N/A**
- f. Department of Secretary: **how to make agenda presentation posted; working on meeting recordings**
- g. KCCD Student Trustee: **KCCD Board meeting this month; safety concerns about students who will be here on campus 24/7, hiring of 6 officers**

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: **tentative date for next meeting**
- b. Committee on Advancement of Bakersfield College, Senator Perez: **working on meeting time**
- c. Committee on Government Operations, Senator West: **next meeting on September 8th**

9. **NEW BUSINESS**

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

- a. DISCUSSION: Priority Registration Concerns.

- Town hall question from last session: “Many long-term students who are close to graduation are unable to enroll in required courses due to registration issues. Raises concerns about Bakersfield College prioritizing matriculating seniors; website crashing during registration.”
- Concerns about the classes being full after the 1st priority registration
- Student survey about experience with priority registration
- Discussion item to be referred to Committee on Academic Affairs
- b. DISCUSSION: Recap of the New Student Convocation that was held on August 19th
 - Senator West: suggestion to move tabling to before the main event so it is not skipped out on
 - Senator Garcia: wish process to filling water cases was a bit faster; sun being a problem at the Outdoor Theater
 - Senator Perez: suggestion to move tabling to beginning of event
 - Senator Jawad: people coming to tables while the presentation was happening in the Outdoor Theater
 - Senator Velasco: tabling before the event so it is not so hot in the Outdoor Theater
 - Senator Hernandez: suggestion to move the event indoors

10. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

None

11. **ADJOURNMENT**

5:28pm on 8/27/2025