

BAKERSFIELD COLLEGE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

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SENATE BODY

Wednesday, October 8th, 2025

4:00 - 6:00 p.m.

BCSGA Boardroom, Campus Cen

Meeting Zoom link: <https://kccd-edu.zoom.us/j/87484152588?pwd=srbUXlN4bnZlLH9zL0YyVjI4ZlZlZGZkdz09>

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The meeting called to order at 4:10pm on 10/8/2025 by Vice President Moore.

2. ASCERTAINMENT OF QUORUM

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

The following members are a part of quorum and must be present to hold a bona fide meeting:

Vice President Moore: present

Senator West: present

Senator Ramirez: absent

Senator Hernandez: absent

Senator Perez: present

Senator Garcia: present

Senator Jawad: present

5/7 members present; quorum has been established; bona fide meeting may be held.

Other BCSGA members present: Advisor Damania, Advisor Cordova, President Mackey, Director Griepsma, Director Brown, Secretary Galindo.

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, September 24th, 2025.

Minutes approved no corrections put forth by the Senate.

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)

No public comment was made.

5. 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. Frankie Dirden for the position of BCSGA Student Organizations Funding Manager

- Review of LOI and Resume

- Introduction of candidate by Director Griepsma and President Mackey

Notes:

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- Candidate introduced themselves
- Questions from Senate floor:
 - o Senator Garcia: With your current responsibilities, are you well equipped with skills to manage your time wisely and support the Student Organizations Department?
 - Dirden: yes, feels equipped for it; First Renegades meetings will not conflict with SGA meetings
 - o Senator Jawad: will you be willing to give equal funding to each organization?
 - Dirden: yes, wants to be an ally for each club
 - Director Griepsma: SOF Grant manager cannot give favoritism to clubs by law
- Pros and Cons debate from Senate:
 - o Pro, Senator Jawad: great resume, believes will do well in position
 - o Pro, Senator Perez: sees valuable experience in already being an ICC Rep for a club
- Roll call vote: 4/4 members vote in favor of the election of Frankie Dirden to Student Organizations Funding Manager

6. 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.

a. Election of Mr. Emiliano Serna for the position of BCSGA Senator at-Large

- Review of LOI and Resume
- Questions from Senate floor:
 - o Senator Jawad: How do you manage your time?
 - Serna: stay organized and keeps self-accountable
 - Senator Jawad: Why did you choose the senator position?
 - Serna: senate position aligns with values and feels well equipped for position
 - o Senator Garcia: clarification on positions currently holding on campus
 - Serna: club president for Psi-Theta Psychology club on campus
 - o Senator West: How highly do you value joining BCSGA, aside from just adding it to your list experiences
 - Serna: lots of skill and responsibility that comes from being in a leadership role; see it as an opportunity to push self
 - o Senator Perez: Any ideas for resolutions?
 - Serna: gap between administration and the students; more advocacy for students having a voice in decisions on campus, get more students involved
- Pros and Cons debate from Senate:
 - o Pro, Senator Jawad: saw LOI and Resume as great and believes will be great fit for a senator
 - o Pro, Senator Perez: big heart for applying self and sees value in having the students heard on campus
- Roll call vote: 4/4 members vote in favor of the election of Emiliano Serna for the position of BCSGA Senator at-Large

- b. Election of Mr. Davon Kennedy for the position of BCSGA Senator at-Large
 - Agenda item skipped, candidate was not present.

7. **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 of office taken by Frankie Dirden and Emiliano Serna for their respective positions.

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

The Senate will present received communications. No action will be taken on communications, other than referring to committee.

a. Committee Changes

The Senate may make changes to committee or department assignments.

- Senator West removed from Department of Student Organizations
- Senator Emiliano Serna added to Department of Student Organizations
- Senator Hernandez communicated directly with Director Brown about being added to the Department of Legislative Affairs.
 - o Motion by Senator Perez to add Senator Hernandez to the Department of Legislative Affairs, seconded by Senator West; motion carries.

9. **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: attended Academic Senate meeting last week; helped out with Disability Awareness Day event

b. Senators

- Senator West: sat in on ICC meeting, Finance meeting, Government Operations meeting, Legislative Affairs meeting-went over Civic Engagement Plan
- Senator Jawad: Homecoming week events; first Academic Affairs meeting
- Senator Perez: movie night for Homecoming; completed agenda for first Advancement meeting; attended EODAC and Facilities and Sustainability committees;
- Senator Garcia: participated in Disability Awareness Day; ICC meeting; resolution for school funder/crowd funding will be done soon; would like to work with the new Funding Manager and new appointed Senator of the ICC meeting to get insight on the resolution; Facilities and Sustainability committee; would like to finish draft working on with Senator Jawad by the end of the weekend

c. BCSGA Advisors (∞ mins.)

Advisor Cordova: Many events and ways to get involved at BC; Homecoming parade on Saturday; dress code for conducting business in the OSL, it is mandatory to wear BC gear to help identify that you are working in the office; Domestic Violence Awareness Month Halloween tabling/giving out candy/resources event 10/25 at football stadium; October 30th Halloween costume contest

- Director Griepsma: will Lavendar Initiatives be having a contest for student organizations to win a prize that will be participating in the event on 10/25?

10. **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: skipped, officer not present

- b. Department of Student Organizations: had a meeting with Dr. Damania and Advisor Cordova to go over the template that Student Orgs can use for their Constitution- StudentOrgs don't have an actual constitution, just bylaws because they abide by the BCGSA Constitution since they are a branch of BCSGA through the

Department of Student Organizations; first ICC meeting at BC Arvin, 3 SOF grants passed; Graphic Design Team planning to give a presentation on their services for student organizations

- c. Department of Legislative Affairs: first Legislative Affairs meeting yesterday; Every Voice Matters collaboration event with student organizations before election day; planning to meet with DSPS Director to discuss ways on how to better support DSPS students
- d. Department of Finance: skipped, officer not present during this time
- e. Department of Public Relations: skipped, officer not present during this time
- f. Department of Secretary: skipped, officer not present during this time
- g. KCCD Student Trustee: skipped, officer not present during this time

11. REPORTS FROM THE PARTICIPATORY GOVERNANCE COMMITTEES

The Chair shall recognize the officer of each participatory committee to report for no longer than three minutes on the committee's activities since the previous meeting.

a. Academic Senate

Vice President Moore: last meeting was held on October 1st; Student Equity Plan 3.0 was presented by Vice President Dr. Jimenez; visiting admin officials expressed concerns over what they view as “atrocious” distance learning (online) classes at Bakersfield College; Vice President of Instruction has transferred funds from her own budget towards STEM programs

b. Accreditation & Institutional Quality Committee

Senator Garcia: nothing to report; has not yet attended a meeting

c. Assessment Committee

Agenda item skipped, no committee member present.

d. Budget Committee

Agenda item skipped, no committee member present.

e. College Council

Agenda item skipped, no committee member present.

f. Curriculum Committee

Director Griepsma: new catalog update for the academic year 2026-2027, catalog will change from Summer to Summer to Fall to Summer, expected to help students planning to transfer and students receiving financial aid; the following items were passed at the committee: Charge Gold, Business Education, Correspondence Education, General Education; CRIM BIO P10 rejected on GE and CalGETC because of error

g. Equal Opportunity & Diversity Advisory Council (EODAC)

Senator Perez: EODAC concerned that students no longer have a rep within the Professional Development Committee, were hoping to get a person from EODAC to sit on that committee; EODAC wants to make sure HR is conducting a DEIA screening of incoming faculty or of people who professors and instructors are hiring at Bakersfield College
Senator Jawad: reason for screenings was that it was found not a lot of diversity was found within each department

h. Enrollment Committee

Agenda item skipped, no committee member present.

i. Facilities & Sustainability Committee

Senator Perez: greenhouse is now being used at the new Agricultural Sciences building; parking lot expansions; Parking lot 8 solar power energy not being fully utilized as of now; Student Housing will open in Fall of 2026

Senator Garcia: 623 work orders in 2024, 599 this year; decrease in work orders due to HVAC workers limitations, now two people doing work orders; Fine Arts has had significantly more work orders than last year; next meeting November 5th

- j. Information Services & Instructional Technology (ISIT)

Senator West: was unable to make it to last meeting but will attend the next one on Monday

- k. Program Review Committee

Agenda item skipped, no committee member present.

- l. Safety Advisory Committee

Director Griepsma: was unable to make it to the first meeting today but will attend the next one.

12. 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 Jawad: first meeting will be held on October 24th.
- b. Committee on Advancement of Bakersfield College, Senator Perez: first meeting on October 13th at 4:00pm
- c. Committee on Government Operations, Senator West: reviewed COBRA at last meeting, Student Life Programming Board; next meeting tomorrow.

13. NEW BUSINESS

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

- a. DISCUSSION: Review of the 2025 Civic and Voter Empowerment Action Plan
Director Brown: needs to be in compliance with California AB 963
- b. DISCUSSION: Overview of Homecoming Week from October 6th to October 11th.
Motion sought by Vice President Moore to table Agenda item 13b until next Senate meeting, motion carries.

14. ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

- Movie Night tonight in Fine Arts room 30
- Vice President Moore: New officers, connect with Julianna in OSL to get onboarded with BCSGA

15. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 6:02pm on October 8th, 2025, by Vice President Moore.