BAKERSFIELD COLLEGE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

1801 Panorama Drive, Office of Student Life | Bakersfield, California 93305

SENATE BODY

Wednesday, September 23, 2026 **4:00 - 6:00 p.m.** **BCSGA Boardroom, Campus Center**

Meeting Zoom link: https://kccd-edu.zoom.us/j/87120624545

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

- The meeting was called to order at 4:07 pm on 09/23/26 by Vice President Jawad

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

At this time, we invite those who wish to participate in the Pledge of Allegiance to please rise. Participation is voluntary. Anyone who prefers not to participate may remain seated. We recognize the Pledge of Allegiance as a unifying civic tradition and a practice commonly observed in governmental meetings across the country. Thank you for respecting the choices of others as we begin.

- The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

3. ASCERTAINMENT OF QUORUM

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

Senator Alvarado: Present
Senator Gilford: Not here- not excused
Senator Herrera: Present
Senator Ray: Present
Senator Warren: Present
5/6 members present; quorum has been established.

4. CORRECTIONS TO THE MINUTES

The Senate will discuss and correct minutes from previous meetings.

A. The Senate will consider corrections to the minutes from the meeting held on August 26.

- Minutes approved; no corrections put forth by the senate

5. 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)

A. Faith Bradham, Chair & Librarian | Library & Academic Technology

- Presentation given for a resolution to the academic senate regarding the move of counseling to the library. This move has limited the number of quiet places for students.
- There was no discussion on the impact it would have on the students before the move was made.
- The resolution with advocate for a clear timeline for when the study spaces will be restored. Also, the resolution will push back against using the library as a swing space.
- Requested to make this resolution a joint resolution with BCSGA.

B. Wendy Cordova, BCSGA Advisor BCSGA Communication Protocols

- Presentation on effective communication within BCSGA when using teams, email, and in person communications.
- Encouraged that group chats remain profession and business oriented.
- When communicating in email, advised reflecting if the response applies to just one person or to all who is included in the email.

- Encouraged the exchange of personal contact information among members while emphasizing appropriate communication boundaries. Personal cell phone numbers should be used for work-related communication only. Text messages should remain business-related unless an individual has given permission to communicate about personal matters.
- Pay attention to the personal stories that are shared in the BCSGA work room.

6. RECEIPT OF CORRESPONDENCE TO THE SENATE

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

7. Senator Gerardo Herrera, Statement of accountability and request for scheduling consideration

- Senator Herrera requested an accommodation due to work obligations that may prevent him from attending every Senate meeting.
- The Senate held a three-minute open discussion regarding concerns about maintaining quorum.
- Action: Work with the Parliamentarian to determine appropriate next steps regarding the accommodation request and quorum requirements.

8. ELECTION OF OFFICERS OF THE SENATE

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A. Appointment of Isabella Daisy Zepeda the position of BCSGA Senator

- Motion by Senator Warren to move 7a to move on to 7b.

Returned to 7a

- Reviewed the candidate's Letter of Intent and résumé.
- Candidate introduced herself to the Senate.
- Senators asked questions of the candidate.
- Pros & Cons Discussion: Senators noted the candidate's strong résumé and relevant experience as strengths. A scheduling concern was discussed, as the candidate is unable to arrive at Senate meetings until 5:00 p.m. due to her current class schedule. The candidate indicated that she plans to adjust her class schedule in the spring semester to ensure she can attend Senate meetings on time.
- A roll call vote was conducted.
  - Senator Alvarado: Aye
  - Senator Herrera: Aye
  - Senator Ray: Aye
  - Senator Warren: Aye

4/4 members vote in favor of the election of Isabella Daisy Zepeda for the position of BCSGA Senator at-Large.

- Motion to extend the meeting 10 minutes made by Senator warren, second by Senator Ray.

B. Appointment of Roujeh Alzaher for the position of BCSGA Senator

- Motion by Senator Hererra to table 7b until next meeting as candidate was not present, second by Senator Warren.

9. Appointment of John Korcok for the position of BCSGA Senator

- Reviewed the candidate's Letter of Intent and résumé.
- Candidate introduced himself to the Senate.
- Senators asked questions of the candidate.
- Pros & Cons Discussion was held.
- Roll call vote

  Senator Alvarado: Aye
  Senator Herrera: Aye
  Senator Ray: Aye
  Senator Warren: Aye

4/4 members vote in favor of the election of John Korcok for the position of BCSGA Senator at-Large.

Motion to move 8.

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.

- Parliamentarian offers the oath of office to John Korcok for the position of BCSGA Senator at large.
- Parliamentarian offers the oath of office to Isabella Daisy Zepeda for the position of BCSGA Senator at large.

11. APPOINTMENT OF SENATORS TO BCSGA INTERNAL COMMITTEES

The Senate will recommend members to each of the BCSGA Internal Committees. Then, the Senate will appoint senators as members to the BCSGA department established by the BCSGA COBRA. The senate may consider the character, professional competence, physical or mental health, or other matters permissible under the California Brown Act, of certain individuals during considerations of this item. Under the brown act, the senate may not close the meeting.

12. BCSGA Internal Committee Change

- Senator Herrera requested that his appointment to Internal Committees be considered at the same time as Senator Korcok's appointment. This will allow Senator Herrera to review the committee meeting times and ensure they align with his work schedule.

13. Appointment of Senators to BCSGA Internal Committee Changes

14. APPOINTMENT OF SENATORS TO DEPARTMENTS

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A. BCSGA Department on Finance

- Motion to move 10a to later in the agenda by Senator Hererra, second by Senator Ray

- The upcoming Department of Finance meeting will be held on Friday, September 25, 2026, from 11:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Senators Gilmore and Alvarado currently serve on the committee.

B. BCSGA Department on Legislative Affairs

- Senator Herrera was requested to serve as an additional member of the committee. Senator Herrera accepted the appointment.

C. BCSGA Department on Student Organization

- Two Senators are currently appointed to the committee. An additional Senator was requested to serve on the committee to help ensure quorum is met.

15. **APPOINTMENT OF SENATORS TO PARTICIPATORY GOVERNANCE COMMITTEES**

Pursuant to chapter 2, section 04(f) of the BCSGA COBRA, the BCSGA President shall appoint currently enrolled students and officers to serve on Bakersfield College participatory governance committees. Participatory governance committee representatives serve as the official student voice in college governance and are responsible for representing student interests, attending committee meetings, and providing both written and oral reports to the Senate in accordance with Chapter 2, Section 04(g) of the BCSGA COBRA. The senate may consider the character, professional competence, physical or mental health, or other matters permissible under the California Brown Act, of certain individuals during considerations of this item. Under the brown act, the senate may not close the meeting.

A. Review and confirm BCSGA President's appointments to serve of Bakersfield College participatory governance committees

- President Mackey stated that an email containing the participatory governance committee appointments was sent and advised Senators to review it. He noted that the list will be revised as additional Senators join the Association and are appointed to participatory governance committees.
- Advisor Cordova requested that Secretary Dorsey and President Mackey collaborate to create an Excel spreadsheet containing the committee appointment information that can be updated as needed. Secretary Dorsey stated that an Excel spreadsheet is already in place and has been updated according to the appointment list provided by President Mackey.

- Motion to go back to 7c was made by Senator Hererra, Senator Ray second.

16. **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

- Thanked everyone for their assistance during her time out of the office. Attended Drinks with the Dean, Ballot Bowl, and Pizza with the Presidents events.

B. Senators

- Senator Herrera: Nothing to report.
- Senator Warren: Continues to work on the gym initiative and plans to reach out to the Wellness Center regarding potential collaboration.
- Senator Ray: Attended two ICC meetings regarding student organizations and is working with clubs to assist them with obtaining funding.
- Senator Alvarado: Raised a concern regarding the cafeteria being closed between 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m., during which the doors are locked, and students are unable to enter. Noted that the cafeteria serves as a gathering space for students and expressed interest in exploring whether the doors can remain unlocked during this time.
- Senator Korcok: Nothing to report.

C. BCSGA Advisors (∞ mins.)

- Advisor Cordova: Students interested in attending the Advocacy Academy 2026 Conference were instructed to submit a proposal to Dr. Damania, who will make the final selection. Priority will be given to students who have not yet attended a conference. Proposals are due September 24 at 10:00 a.m.
- Four students have been selected to attend a Student Leadership Conference on October 17 with Advisor Cordova.
- Bakersfield College will host the Leading into Possibilities Student Leadership Conference on October 21 from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Students who attend at least two sessions will receive a certificate of achievement. Marketing for the conference will begin on October 1. Zoom participation options will also be explored.
- The student organization approval process is nearing completion. Beginning September 28, student organizations should expect to receive email confirmation indicating either that they are approved or that they need to follow up with the Office of Student Life. Some organizations may need to update their officers.
- Homecoming Kickoff will take place on October 17. Spirit Week begins October 12, with Musical Genres as the theme.
- Senators were reminded to use the BCSGA student workspace during their scheduled office hours only. This is intended to minimize noise and distractions and ensure that students who are on the clock have adequate workspace and access to computers to complete their responsibilities.

17. DIRECT REPORT OF THE SENATE INTERNAL 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. Report from Chairperson of Academic Affairs Committee, Senator Gilford

- Motion to table 13a to the next meeting as Senator Gilford is not present by Senator Ray, second by Senator Warren

B. Report from Chairperson of Advancement Committee, Senator Alvarado

- One Senator is needed to serve on this committee.

18. 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

- Senators were encouraged to reach out to fellow Senators and refer to ELOS for information regarding how to attend participatory governance committee meetings.

B. Department of Legislative Affairs

- Encouraged increased participation in Ballot Bowl. Noted that the rural campuses have responded positively to SGA's presence and that additional events will be scheduled at the rural campuses. Expressed interest in adding rural campus engagement opportunities to COBRA to encourage greater Senator participation at these locations.

C. Department of Finance

- Reported that the SOF Grant Workshop was successfully held and went very well. Thanked Secretary Dorsey and Professor Woldridge for their presentations.

- Announced that a photo will be taken for the Budget Committee and requested that members wear professional attire to the next meeting.
- The next Department of Finance Committee meeting will be held Friday, September 25, from 11:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Senators Gilford and Alvarado serve on the committee.

D. Department of Student Organizations

- Club Rush is currently in development, with additional details to be provided upon approval. Continuing to work on confirming student organizations and updating the Student Organizations section of the website.

E. Parliamentarian

A. Report on Accountability of Membership

- Reviewed Chapter 3 of COBRA regarding membership accountability. All paid officers are required to complete the appropriate form when missing scheduled time. Unpaid officers are also required to complete a form when missing office hours or participatory governance committee meetings.
- Reviewed the COBRA point system and the process for tracking points. Moving forward, the Parliamentarian and Secretary will be responsible for tracking points.
- Further clarification is needed regarding what constitutes an "Association meeting" for accountability purposes.
- QR codes will be posted above the computers for Senators and officers to sign in and out for their scheduled office hours. This process will serve as an accountability measure to document attendance and completion of required office hours.
- Advisor Cordova requested that this information be summarized and communicated by email. The updated accountability and tracking process will begin Monday, September 28, as a fresh start for all members.

F. KCCD Student Trustee

- Expressed a desire to send more BC students to leadership events, noting that some colleges with smaller student populations send more students to conferences. Emphasized that BC is actively investing in and training student leaders.
- Asked the Senate to consider how BCSGA can increase student participation in leadership opportunities. Noted that 27 students applied to attend the Student Leadership Conference on October 17, while only four students are currently able to attend, demonstrating student interest in these opportunities. Senators were encouraged to reflect on ways to expand access to future leadership conferences and events.
- Emphasized the need for consistent communication and information sharing across all BC campuses. Senators were encouraged to increase engagement at the rural campuses to strengthen student representation and ensure rural campus students feel represented by BCSGA.
- Met with Marketing regarding updates to the committee photos on the website. Plans are underway to replace outdated photos so the website accurately reflects the staff and students currently serving on each committee.

Ray motion, warren second

19. NEW BUSINESS

Items listed have not already been discussed and thus are considered for senate consideration.

Discussion: California Secretary of State Students Vote Project Ballot Bowl

- Developing a voting engagement plan and will collaborate with the Campus Life Program Board to coordinate tabling alongside Homecoming activities.

- Motion to move to 10a by Senator Ray, second by Senator Warren

20. ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

- The Parliamentarian will make the required forms available as soon as possible.
- President Mackey encouraged everyone to register to vote.

21. ADJOURNMENT

- Meeting Adjourned at 6:09 on September 24, 2026 by vice president Jawad.

Outlook

Resigning from BCSGA VP

From BC SGA Vice President ·
Date Thu 10/22/26 1:35 PM
To Wendy Cordova

Hi everyone! It's been really nice working with you all as BCSGA VP, and I'm grateful for the opportunity to be part of the team. After giving it some thought, I've decided that I would like to transition from BCSGA VP to Activities. I've realized that I'm more passionate about planning and organizing activities and events. Creating activities for others to enjoy genuinely makes me happy, and I would love to focus more on that passion and contribute to the team in this way. Thank you all for the great experience and for understanding my decision!

Zaina Jawad
Vice President
Bakersfield College Student Government Association

About BCSGA

Outlook

Re: BCSGA Resignation Confirmation

From Sakai Gilford
Date Thu 10/15/26 4:48 PM
To Wendy Cordova

Yes, I resign from BCSGA.

On Thu, Oct 15, 2026 at 4:42 PM Wendy Cordova wrote:

> Hello Ms. Gilford,
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> I wanted to acknowledge that during our conversation, you verbally expressed your intention to resign from BCSGA.
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> For our records, if you wish to move forward with your resignation, you may simply reply to this email stating, **"Yes, I resign from BCSGA."** This will serve as sufficient written confirmation, and no separate resignation letter is needed.
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> Please know that your decision regarding your continued participation in BCSGA is respected and remains entirely yours.
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> Thank you again for your openness and willingness to share your experiences.
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> Best,
> Wendy

Wendy Eloiza Cordova-Machado, M.A. (she/hers/ella)
Director, Campus Engagement & Leadership
Office of Student Life | Student Services
Phone: (661) 395-4613

Book time to meet with me

Statement to The Bakersfield College Student Government Association

Bakersfield, CA USA October 28, 2026

Prepared by Alexander Joel Alcala Ayala, Parliamentarian, Judicial Review Board

Mandate from the Judicial Review Board to issue an advisory opinion from the Office of the Parliamentarian on the actions taken by the association given the vacancy of the Office of Vice President.

Members of the Association,

Honorable Representatives

I find myself writing this advisory opinion for Mondays', 26th 2026 email regarding the vacancy of the Office of Vice President. It was apparently decided that Quinlan Ray would assume the role of Senator Pro-tempore.

In the Senate meeting on June 17, 2026, it was confirmed and voted upon that Sa'kai Gilford would be in the position of Senator Pro-Tempore. First and foremost, this apparently wouldn't be the remedy for the vacancy given she too resigned from her position. This ultimately leaves the senate with no choice but to hold a special meeting to determine who would be stepping into the position of the Senator Pro-Tempore temporarily until a Vice President could be confirmed and nominated by the Senate. However, prior to this we would also need the receipt of resignation from Sakai Gilford to open that position back up or if the advisors were to remove her from her position within a meeting to afford everyone the equal opportunity to be able to have been equally considered for the position of Senator Pro-Tempore.

As we look to pivot from this moment, we need to first establish a clear line of succession given the problem may happen again. I've asked Director Placencia to reach out to SSCCC and other Student Government's to see their mechanisms/clauses written into place to allow for continuity of governance. Ultimely this means Government Operations would be the charging authority tasked for seeing these amendments brought to the association given the need for them. Consequently, I would advise any senator not already on a committee or department that they join Chairman Warren's GOVOPS Committee to address these issues immediately.

In closing I believe the vital importance of the Office of the Vice President, forces us to decide how we choose to pivot from this moment, with our faithful adherence to our founding document or to arbitrarily make decisions not codified by the Association. I ask that the advisors ask Former Senator Pro-Tempore Sa'kai Gilford for the formal letter of resignation from her position. That I, alongside the Department of Legislative Affairs, will research how we would write a proper line of succession. That the advisors advise the senators to hold a special meeting as soon as possible for them to decide who will serve as senator pro-tempore. I look forward to working alongside everyone as we navigate this tumultuous time.

Section 25: Meetings at the Call of the Chair

a) The Chair, or the Presiding Officer, shall call meetings as deemed appropriate.
b) Additional meetings must be confirmed by the BCSGA Advisor.

Section 26: Meetings at the Call of the BCSGA Advisor

a) In times of need or emergency, the BCSGA Advisor may also call a meeting of any Association body as deemed appropriate.

Section 27: Meetings by Petition of Members

a) A petition to call an Association meeting, signed by at least three Officers, must be submitted to the Chair, BCSGA President, or BCSGA Vice President, and the BCSGA Advisor, setting the date and time of the meeting.
b) Upon receipt of a valid petition, the Chair, BCSGA President, or BCSGA Vice President shall provide notice of the additional meeting to all members of the Association in compliance with the Brown Act.

Chapter 10. RESIGNATIONS

Section 50: Resignation from Office

a) When a BCSGA Officer wishes to resign, the resigning officer must send a letter to the President, Vice President, and the BCSGA Advisor to be placed on the next scheduled Senate meeting.
b) Unless otherwise stated in the resignation letter, the date listed on the letter will be the last date of appointment for said Officer.

Section 51: Termination of an Executive Officer

a) All Executive Officers are at the will of the President and may be terminated from Office with the approval of the BCSGA Advisor.

Section 52: Termination of an Officer by the BCSGA Advisor

a) When necessary, the BCSGA Advisor may announce at a scheduled Senate meeting the resignation of an Officer without cause.
b) Due to Federal laws, the BCSGA Advisor may not be able to explain the cause of termination.
c) Some reasons may include:
    1) Confidential meeting between resigning officer and BCSGA Advisor
    2) Officer did not meet the minimum standards of scholarship
    3) Officer may not be in good standing with Bakersfield College
    4) Medical or personal crisis may have occurred to the officer

Chapter 11. ORDER OF SUCCESSION

Section 53: Line of Succession

a) Succession of the BCSGA President
    1) If, by reason of death, resignation, removal from office, inability, or failure to qualify, there is no President to discharge the powers and duties of the office of President, then the Vice President shall, upon the resignation as Vice President, act as President.

b) Succession of the BCSGA Vice President
    1) If, by reason of death, resignation, removal from office, inability, or failure to qualify, there is no Vice President to discharge the powers and duties of the office of Vice President, then the BCSGA President shall appoint any current officer of the Association to fill the office of the Vice President. The proposed Vice President shall be appointed by the President, approved by the BCSGA Advisor, and confirmed by the Senate.

c) Succession of BCSGA Senate Pro-Tempore
    1) If, by reason of death, resignation, removal from office, inability, or failure to qualify, there is neither a President, Vice President, nor Senate pro-Tempore to discharge the powers and duties of the office of President, then the BCSGA Officer who is highest on the following list, and who is not under disability to discharge the powers and duties of the office of President, shall act as President:
        i. Director of Student Organizations
        ii. Director of Legislative Affairs
        iii. Director of Finance

d) An individual acting as President under this subsection shall continue so to do until the expiration of the then-current Presidential term.

Section 54: Compensation of Successor

a) During the period that any individual acts as President under this Chapter, compensation shall be paid at the rate provided by law and established by the BCSGA Annual Budget.

Section 94: Senate Committee Vice Chair

a) ESTABLISHMENT:
A Vice Chair is appointed by each committee to serve as a substitute for the absence of the Committee Chairperson or Recording Secretary.

b) DUTIES:
The duties of a Committee Vice Chair include, but are not limited to, the following:
   1) Assume responsibility in the absence of a Committee Chair.
   2) Draft Minutes for the Senate Committee to which they have been elected.
   3) Other duties pertain to the position of Senate Committee Vice Chair.

Section 95: Committee Minutes

a.) The Vice Chair shall be the Recording Secretary.
b.) All committee meetings shall be recorded.
c.) If no Vice Chair has been elected, the responsibility of drafting the minutes will be designated to the Chair.
d.) All committee minutes are to be submitted to the Secretary within forty-eight (48) hours of the meeting adjournment.

Section 96: Standing Committees Duties

a) The Senate shall elect members to the following standing committees and their duties:
   1) COMMITTEE ON ACADEMIC AFFAIRS
      i. The Committee on Academic Affairs shall be responsible for policies regarding academic reform, College academic policy, evaluation of professorships and courses, calendar issues, and library operations. The Committee on Academic Affairs shall establish liaison with the Faculty Senate committee with similar jurisdiction, the office of the Vice President, and the Office of Admissions and Records. The Committee shall also be responsible for promoting the Association among the Student Body, creating and distributing materials concerning BCSGA, and communicating with the Bakersfield community.
   2) COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS
      i. The Committee on Government Operations shall be responsible for reviewing the BCSGA Constitution and the COBRA, creating new initial interviews of appointments, and all internal Senate matters.
   3) COMMITTEE FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF BAKERSFIELD COLLEGE
      i. The Committee for the Advancement of Bakersfield College shall voice student concerns regarding the Bakersfield College Tuition and Fees and review all matters of student concern external to the college. The Committee shall be responsible for policies concerning the College's safety, buildings and grounds, parking and transportation, campus planning and construction, the Student Health Center, Food Services, environmental issues, and other BC-related programs.

Section 97: Special Committees

a) Appointment of Special Committees
   1) The formation of a Special Committee may occur at the discretion of the Vice President or by binding resolution of any Senator, with the approval of the Senate.
   2) The Vice President shall appoint the Chair and other members of the Special Committee, unless the motion creating the committee specifies some other method of selection.

b) Meetings and General Duties
   1) Special Committees shall meet at the discretion of the Chair, subject to any conditions which may be stated in the committee's formation.
   2) Special Committees shall be responsible for the consideration of all questions referred to them by the Senate and the preparation of legislation as directed by the Senate in their formation or subsequent instructions.

9) Shall be expected to participate in BCSGA events, work in the Renegade Pantry, and help in promotions and activities of the association.
10) Perform all other duties as needed by the Office of the Senator.

Section 76: Senate Pro-Tempore

a) ESTABLISHMENT:
The Senate shall elect from its membership a Senate Pro-Tempore (pro-Temp), subject to the majority approval of the Senate. The pro-Temp will adopt the duties of the Vice President when in absence or appropriate, serving at the discretion of the Vice President.

b) DUTIES:
The duties of the pro-Temp include, but are not limited to the following:
1) Run meetings of the Senate Body in absence of the Vice President.
2) In the case of illness, leave, or omitted to make such an appointment of the Vice President, the pro-Tempore may perform the duties of the Vice President for a period not exceeding fourteen (14) days.
3) In the case of a vacancy in the Vice President, the pro-Temp shall act as Vice President until the appointment of a new Vice President.
    i. Pending such appointment, the pro-Temp may exercise such authorities of the Vice President as may be necessary and appropriate.
4) Chair the Senate Standing Committee on Academic Affairs.
5) Perform all other duties as needed by the Office of the Senate Pro-Tempore.

Section 77: Term Limits of Legislative Officers

a) All legislative Officers serve for a term of one year beginning at the convening meeting of the Senate until the *Sine Die* meeting of the current session.

Section 78: Compensation of Officers

a) Due to the nature of this servant leadership position, Senators within the Legislative Branch of the Association are not compensated monetarily for their public servant duty.
b) The Vice President is paid for the administrative component of their position.
c) Officers may receive other incentives as deemed appropriate by the BCSGA Advisor and BC Administration.

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SENATE BODY

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THE MEETING STARTED AT 4:15.

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a. Election of Miss Dorsey for the position of BCSGA Senator at-Large
Miss Dorsey joined the meeting late. According to the roll vote, the senators elected Mrs. Dorsey to the position of BCSGA Senator at-Large.

b. Election of Miss Gilford for the position of BCSGA Senator at-Large
According to the roll vote, the senators elected Miss Gilford to the position of BCSGA Senator at-Large.

c. Election of Miss Alvarado for the position of BCSGA Senator at-Large
According to the roll vote, the senators elected Miss Alvarado for the position of BCSGA Senator at-Large.

c. d. Election of Mr. Ayala for the position of BCSGA Senator at-Large
According to the roll call vote, the senators elected Mr. Ayala for the position of BCSGA Senator at-Large.

6. 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.
Miss Gilfprd was there on the meeting on zoom. She took the oath over zoom. Miss Alvarado and Mr. Ayala oath was taken in person.

7. ELECTION OF OFFICERS OF THE SENATE

The Senate may elect a Senate Pro-Tempore, pursuant to the BCSGA Constitution Article VI, section 6, and Chairperson of each Senate Standing Committee. The Senate may consider the character, professional competence, physical or mental health, or other matters permissible, of certain individuals during consideration of this position. 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 Senate may not close the meeting.

a. Election for Senate Pro-Tempore

Notes:
Unless otherwise marked by an asterisk, all agenized 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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An explanation of the senator's pro-tempore role was given. Miss Gilford self-nominated herself, but we are waiting for Miss Dorsey to join the meeting.

b. Election of Chairperson to the Senate Committee on Academic Affairs

8. APPOINTMENTS 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 BCGSA COBRA. Under the Brown Act, the meeting may not be closed.

a. Appointment of Frankie Dirden for the position of Director of Finance
The senators elected Frankie Dirden for the position of Director of Finance

b. Appointment of Mathew Placencia for the position of Director of Legislative Affairs
At this point we skipped item 8 b, went back to item 5a and 7 b. The senators selected Mathew Placencia for the position of Director of Legislative Affairs.

9. 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.

Mathew Placencia and Frankie Dirden took the oath of office.

10. APPOINTMENT OF SENATORS TO COMMITTEES AND DEPARTMENTS

The Senate will recommend members to each of the Senate Standing Committees and the BCSGA Departments. Then, the Senate will consider a binding resolution to appoint Senators as members to each Senate Standing Committee or BCSGA Department established by the BCSGA COBRA. The Senate may consider the character, professional competence, physical or mental health, or other matters permissible under the California Brown Act, of certain individuals during considerations of this item. Under the Brown Act, the Senate may not close the meeting.

a. BCSGA Department on Finance
- Meetings are scheduled based on the appointment senators and chair's availability
Vice President opened the floor. Frankie Dirden explained about her committee. She wants her committee to meet on mondy at 7 in the morning, it's once a month. SENATOR AYALA and Senaor Dorsey WANTED TO BE PART OF FINANCE DEPARTMENT.

b. BCSGA Department on Legislative Affairs
- Meetings are scheduled based on the appointment senators and chair's availability
- Director Planciea said that he wants to have meeting at 8 am on Monday. Senator Alvarado and Senator Ayala want to be on that committee.

c. BCSGA Department on Campus Life Programming Board
- Summer Meetings: Wednesdays 2:30 PM

d. BCSGA Department on Student Organization
- Summer Meetings: scheduled based on the appointment senators and chair's availability | Fall Meetings: Friday's at 10 AM

11. 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
b. Senators
c. BCSGA Advisors (∞ mins.)
Motion was passed to table 10 c,d, 11 and 12 and we will move to agenda iteam 13.

12. 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
b. Department of Student Organizations
c. Campus Life Programing Board

d. KCCD Student Trustee

13. FIRST READING OF LEGISLATION

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

a. ACTION ITEM: S.B. Appropriations Bill for the BCSGA Annual Budget (FY27)
Senators reviewed the annual budget.

b. ACTION ITEM: S.B. Authorizing Remote Attendance Under AB 1855 For Bakersfield College Student Government Association Meetings
Senator ray read the reoslution.

14. FAST-TRACK LEGISLATION

a. ACTION ITEM: S.B. Authorizing Remote Attendance Under AB 1855 For Bakersfield College Student Government Association Meetings
The senators agreed to fast track it.

b. ACTION ITEM: S.B. Appropriations Bill for the BCSGA Annual Budget (FY27)
The senators agreed to fast tack it.

15. SECOND READING OF LEGISLATION

a. ACTION ITEM: S.B. Authorizing Remote Attendance Under AB 1855 For Bakersfield College Student Government Association Meetings
The resolution was passed by the senators.

b. ACTION ITEM: S.B. Appropriations Bill for the BCSGA Annual Budget (FY27)
The annual budget has been passed.

16. NEW BUSINESS

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

a. ACTION ITEM: Adoption of the FY 27 Revisions of the Codes of the Bakersfield Renegade Association (COBRA)
It was skipped, as we did not have enough time. We will table 16 for later

17. ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

18. ADJOURNMENT

10,11,12,16 WILL BE DISCUSSED AT THE NEXT DAY. WE ADJORUNED AT 6:40 PM.

Letter of Intent

October 21, 2026

BCSGA
Office of Student Life
Bakersfield College

Good afternoon,

I am interested in running as a Justice in student government for a variety of reasons. I know that being a Justice will be a great opportunity for me to be able to expand my knowledge and leadership skills in a way that isn't too demanding, as I am still learning how to improve my time management. This opportunity will introduce me to the world of student government and help me develop my leadership skills.

I am an assertive, detailed person that likes to get things done as soon as issues arise. I am really passionate about student advocacy, equity, and diversity. Also, I am a good mediator, and can definitely help ease out any discord that might come up and can help make the correct decisions about disciplinary actions.

Bakersfield College has a student government association to give students a voice and a choice in decisions that affect us. Student government allows us to give input on issues that affect the entirety of the student body. It is definitely an opportunity to be more involved in your community and to help make the campus a better place.

I will help bring justice and efficiency to the renegade campus. I will make sure that issues within the association and beyond are dealt with in accordance to the standards necessary. I will be sure to do everything within my power to advocate for what is right.

Emely Chavez

Objective

College Student seeking work experience to be well-rounded and help the community

Skills

- Basic safety and standards
- Bi-Lingual Communication and Customer Service
- PTCB Certified
- Inventory Management
- Attention to Detail
- BLS Certified
- Data Entry
- Clerical Duties
- HIPAA Certified

Education

Shafter High School

2022 - 2026

College Prep Courses: Honor Chemistry, Principals of Biomedical Science, Biomed Human Body Systems, Biomed Medical Interventions, Honor Statistics

Career Technical Education Center

Pharmacy Technician Program 2025 - 2026

This course is a PTCB-approved course that is aligned with the most recent ASHP curriculum standards. CTEC's Pharmacy Technician program is an introductory course that includes a variety of topics such as an overview of the different pharmacy practice settings, safety standards, communication and patient care skills, pharmacology and medications, medication management and preparation, laws and regulations, and the overall principles of pharmacy practice.

Bakersfield College Currently Enrolled

Public Speaking, Expository Composition, General Psychology, Philosophy, Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation, Spanish 1, Spanish 2, Elementary Statistics

Experience

Shafter Medical Express Pharmacy

Pharmacy Technician Intern February 2026- May 2026

Gained hands-on experience at a local pharmacy. Mastered Data-Entry, Production, Pick-up, and organized will-call.

Kern Medical Hospital

Volunteer June 2024-August 2024

Assisted as a cashier in the gift shop; scanned, organized, and filed resident and patient files; shadowed Doctors and Residents in the trauma center and radiology.

Dignity Health (CBCC)

Volunteer September 2026 - Current

Provides patients with comfort and commodities in the Infusion Center; restock carts, blankets and pillows; clean and sanitize patient areas after each use

Activities & Awards

- Vice President, LMSA+ (Latinos in Medicine Student Association), Current
- Active Member, MPP (Medical Professional Program), Current
- Member, Drama Club, 2022– 2025
- Member, Biomedical Science Club, 2023-2025
- Member, Faithful and Fearless, 2024-2025
- Member, Chill Pills Club, 2025-2026
- Band Freshman MVP, 2022-2023

Emely Chavez

Roujeh Alzaher

OBJECTIVE

Friendly and kind aspiring student currently pursuing an Associate in Arts for Transfer Degree in Kinesiology. Passionate about learning about the sports industry and searching for opportunities to expand my current skillset.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Stocker
Sunny Liquor Store, **June 2022**

- Maintained inventory by stocking merchandise and liquor, ensuring shelves were organized, fully replenished, and visually appealing to enhance the customer shopping experience.
- Delivered strong customer service by engaging with customers, answering questions, and accurately taking and processing orders in a fast-paced retail environment.
- Processed transactions efficiently by assisting customers with purchases, handling cash and card payments, and providing accurate change while maintaining a positive interaction.
- Balanced and verified cash register drawers by counting money at the beginning and end of shifts, ensuring accuracy and identifying discrepancies when necessary.

EDUCATION

Bakersfield College, **Expected May 2028**
A.A.-T. – Kinesiology

PROFESSIONAL SKILLS

- Strong Communication
- Leadership
- Teamwork
- Growth Mindset
- Problem Solver
- Time Management
- Cash Handling
- Basic Computer Skills
- Work Ethic

Outlook

Nominations for VP

From BCSGA President <bcsgapres@bakersfieldcollege.edu>
Date Wed 11/4/2026 2:21 PM
To BC SGA Secretary 1 <bcsgasecretary@bakersfieldcollege.edu>

BAKERSFIELD COLLEGE

Student Government Association (BCSGA)
Office of the President | 102nd Session

MEMORANDUM

Date: November 4, 2026
To: BCSGA Senate and Student Government Advisors
From: Khalfani Mackey, BCSGA President
Subject: Official Nominations for BCSGA Vice President Vacancy

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In accordance with my responsibilities as President of the Bakersfield College Student Government Association, I am formally submitting the following two senators for consideration to fill the vacant position of BCSGA Vice President:

1. Senator Gerrardo
2. Senator John Korcok

These nominations follow careful consideration of each candidate's leadership potential, commitment to student government, willingness to serve, and ability to contribute to the continued advancement of BCSGA.

Both individuals bring distinct qualities and perspectives that I believe warrant consideration by the Senate. My decision to nominate these senators reflects my commitment to maintaining an effective executive leadership team while ensuring that the selection process remains fair, transparent, and consistent with our governing documents.

I respectfully request that these nominations be placed before the BCSGA Senate for consideration and any required action in accordance with the BCSGA Constitution and applicable procedures.

As President, I remain committed to supporting the Senate throughout this process and ensuring a smooth transition of leadership.

Respectfully submitted,

Khalfani Mackey
President, Bakersfield College Student Government Association
102nd Session
Kern Community College District Student Trustee

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Library, Counseling, & SGA Joint Resolution

WHEREAS, in order to create swing space for Counseling & Advising during the CSS building's demolition and rebuild, 75% of the Bakersfield College Grace Van Dyke Bird Library's quiet study space and 1 of the library's 5 group study rooms were annexed, library shelving for approximately 4,800 titles were removed, and Counseling and Advising faculty and staff were moved into student study spaces without full consideration of confidentiality needs or FERPA violations,

WHEREAS, in Fall 2025, average hourly headcount in the library proper was 119 students (with noon headcounts regularly over 200), while the 5 study rooms were checked out a total of 1,233 times,

WHEREAS, the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges affirms that "library facilities should be large enough to allow students to find space… for a variety of activities, including research, individual or group study, the use of district or personally owned computers, and quiet reading or reflection"[1],

WHEREAS, Bakersfield College has no comparable facility to the Library for student study space in size, open hours, or availability to the general student population,

WHEREAS, community college libraries in California are considered instructional spaces for library faculty[2],

WHEREAS, collection development is part of the role of California community college library faculty[3], which is impacted by shelf removals not requested by library faculty,

WHEREAS, use of the California community college library and hours spent in that library are significant predictors of student success and persistence[4],

WHEREAS, the nature of Counseling involves discussions with students regarding both academic and personal information, which is protected by FERPA,

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[1] *Standards of Practice for California Community College Library Faculty and Programs* (Academic Senate for California Community Colleges, 2010), 3, https://www.asccc.org/sites/default/files/Role_of_Library_Faculty.pdf.

[2] *The Role of the Library Faculty in the California Community College* (Academic Senate for California Community Colleges, 2019), 10, https://www.asccc.org/sites/default/files/publications/Library-paper-fall2011_0.pdf.

[3] *The Role of the Library Faculty*, 11.

[4] *Standards of Practice*, 2

WHEREAS, the environment required for Counseling appointments with students should be free from distractions and disruptions,

RESOLVED, that the Academic Senate of Bakersfield College support and advocate for a clear timeline for regaining the Library student study space and shelving lost due to the Counseling and Advising move,

RESOLVED, that the Academic Senate of Bakersfield College oppose any further reallocation of library space or use of library space as “swing space” implemented without clearly documented consultation with Library faculty and BCSGA and without documented strategies for mitigating the impact this reallocation may have on Library student services, relevant student services, and student space,

RESOLVED, that the Academic Senate of Bakersfield College oppose future relocation of student service areas without clear documentation of consultation related to the nature of the work provided by the area and environmental requirements to maintain the quality of service for students.

RESOLVED, that the Academic Senate of Bakersfield College support consideration of flexible work arrangements, including rotating remote-work schedules where appropriate, as an interim measure when adequate confidential in-person workspaces are unavailable, provided that student access to counseling and advising services is maintained.

Approved by the Library & Academic Technology Department, XX/XX/XXXX

Approved by the Counseling Department, XX/XX/XXXX

Approved by BSGA, XX/XX/XXXX

[DISCUSSION DRAFT]

102st SESSION
2026-2027

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OPPOSE ANY FURTHER REALLOCATION OF LIBRARY SPACE OR USE OF LIBRARY SPACE AS "SWING SPACE"

IN THE SENATE OF THE BAKERSFIELD COLLEGE
STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

OCTOBER 6TH, 2025

SUBMITTED BY SENATOR RAY TO THE ACADEMIC SENATE
AUTHORED BY FAITH BRADHAM

A RESOLUTION

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