

# BAKERSFIELD COLLEGE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

1801 Panorama Drive, Campus Center, Room 4 | Bakersfield, California 93305

## ELECTIONS COMMISSION

Wednesday, December 9, 2015

5:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Executive Board Room

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**1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER\***

Advisor Damania called the meeting to order at 5:14 p.m.

**2. ROLL CALL\***

*A two-thirds quorum must be established to hold a bonafide meeting*

**The following members were present:** Senator Graves, Senator Herndon, Student-at-Large Ruezga, and Student-at-Large O'Neal, Student-at-Large Post, and Advisor Damania

**The following members were absent:** (none)

**The following members were excused:** (none)

**2/3 quorum was met, thus a bonafide meeting was held.**

**3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

- a. It was moved by Senator Herndon and seconded by Student-at-Large Post to adopt the agenda for Wednesday, December 2, 2015.

**Discussion:** No further discussion occurred.

The motion passed by majority vote of "aye" through voice vote.

**4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

- a. It was moved by Senator Student-at-large Ruezga and seconded by Senator Graves to adopt the minutes from Wednesday, December 2, 2015.

**Discussion:** No further discussion occurred.

Advisor Damania sought any objections to the motion. In seeing none, the minutes were adopted.

**5. PUBLIC COMMENT\***

*The Chair may elect to take public comment on any action items on this agenda and may impose reasonable limits on the length members of the public may speak.*

- a. There were no comments made by the public.

**6. INDIVIDUAL REPORTS**

*The Chair shall recognize any officer of the Committee, 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 five minutes.*

- a. BCSGA Advisor, *Dr. Damania*: No report.

**7. OLD BUSINESS**

*Items listed in this agenda item have already been read or discussed once and thus are considered for approval of the committee*

- a. There were no items to be considered under old business at this time.

**8. NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Elections Review and implement strategies for:

- i. BCSGA Elections Candidate Packet

**Discussion:** The packet has been updated with the notes of revision from the previous meeting, and is currently updated, as well as uploaded, on the Bakersfield College website.

- ii. BCSGA Elections Candidates Meeting PowerPoint

**Discussion:** The commission reviewed the PowerPoint presentation, and spoke out for any revisions to be made. The presentation first addressed the attendee's pursuit to know more about looking to go further in civic engagement. For running for one of the elected positions, all candidates must attend a candidates meeting as it instructs each candidate on the rules and regulations of the elections process, as well as to address any questions. There are fifteen elected positions, and the appointed positions will be opened once elections end. It was highly recommended for all interested applicants looking at appointed positions to meet with the current officer of that position. Applicants can also always look/read COBRA. There are certain paid positions, which will be denoted by having an asterisk. All candidates must respect others items, ideas, and all are responsible for their actions.

Regardless of running against one another, the main goal for each candidate is to better Bakersfield College for future persons. An organizational breakdown chart was broken down

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and presented, which addressed the checks and balances within BCSGA. The eligibility to hold office is a minimum GPA of 2.0, enrollment of at least 6 units in both spring and fall semester, and be in good standing with BCSGA. Each applicant will be reviewed for verification of items written on their respective application. Applicants must have at least completed 12 units, must be able to attend the Senate meetings held on Wednesdays at 6 p.m. if their position requires that to do so, and can only file for one office, or seat, at a time. The commission went over the duties/powers of each respective position. March 11<sup>th</sup> at noon is the deadline to file, so it must be submitted by noon. General elections open on March 11<sup>th</sup>, and close on April 14<sup>th</sup>. Withdrawals from elections must be done by March 28<sup>th</sup>. A failure to do so will require that the person submits in writing a resignation, or request to be removed from office, if they are elected into a position. All voting will be done online through the InsideBC, but there will be polling locations around school. By April 15<sup>th</sup>, all campaign materials must be removed. The presentation also addressed the campaign rules. Candidates are not allowed to use BCSGA or Bakersfield College resources for any campaigns. The Office of Student Life is neutral zone, and there are no parties or adjustments to that. Any resources given by professors must be declared on the budget form. No campaigning is allowed within 20 feet of physical polling locations. Destroying, defacing, or removing anyone else's campaign materials is strictly prohibited. Any posting on bulletin boards or on social media must be approved beforehand. In regards to social media, posting on any pages or using any listserv, it must be approved beforehand by the page administrator in writing to be able to post there. Failure to do so will result being sent to the judicial review board. Do not claim any endorsements without their consent. Equipment can be checked out from the Office of Student Life to be used. Negative campaigning is strictly prohibited, so candidates are not allowed to slander other candidates. Any negative campaigns should be reported to the Elections Commission, as it is their duty to review the relationship between the negative campaign and the candidate. Each candidate must provide one copy of all of their elections materials through images. This includes all social media posts. The copies can be made by the Office of Student Life, or it can be emailed to the OSL. There are two different spending caps for executive and legislative officers. Budget forms will be handed out at each candidate meeting. On the form, the top portion is for anything bought directly, and the bottom portion is for anything donated. For items donated, 50% of the original cost will be used for the budget form. The total of all purchased and donated items cannot exceed the spending cap. Failure to list items that are further donated or purchased will result in the commission taking the market value of the item, which is looking to find a similar item or calculating the cost of each piece to put it together. The market value will not use the 50% rule, and will be totaled as the actual cost. Exceeding the finding limit will result in being sent to the judicial review board. The last page of the candidates packet has the donations form, and more copies can be given. All training sessions have been set, and all officers are required to attend, either by person or conference call. The Elections Code will be given to each candidate, and any violations or infractions of the code will result in a charge. The charge can be made on the elections website. If the charge is through student conduct, it is sent to the Office of Student Life, but if just an infraction then it is sent to the judicial review board. All elections filing submitted will post the applicant's picture and bio on the website within 24 hours. If there is no posting, then the commission is still reviewing it as the application might have been submitted wrong. If still no posting, contact the Office of Student Life immediately and before the March 11<sup>th</sup> deadline. The presentation finally presented ways to be innovative about campaigning, how to be organized about campaigning, talking to current officers and attending meetings, to ensure their platform, as well as urging to read the COBRA, Constitution, Robert's Rules of Order, and the Brown Act. Additionally, the campaigning commencement rule was set for March 14<sup>th</sup> at 8 a.m., and no mentions of campaigning can be made before that date/time.

- iii. BCSGA Elections Filing Form  
**Discussion:** No further discussion occurred.
- iv. BCSGA Elections Website  
**Discussion:** No further discussion occurred.

## 9. COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS\*

*The Chair shall recognize in turn Senators requesting the floor for a period not to exceed three minutes.*

- a. Student-at-Large O'Neal: What if we cannot do any of the dates/times for those campaign meetings?  
(It was addressed that they must be able to attend all, or to speak with Danyel Owens to write their availability to attend to change the meetings.)

#### 10. PUBLIC COMMENT\*

*The Chair may elect to take public comment on any action items on this agenda. The Chair may impose reasonable limits on the length members of the public may speak which is stated before comment commence.*

- a. No further comments were made by the public.

#### 11. ADJOURNMENT

- a. It was moved by Student-at-Large Post and seconded by Senator Graves to adjourn the meeting.

**Discussion:** No further discussion occurred.

Advisor Damania sought any objections to the motion. As there were no objections, the meeting was adjourned at 5:51 p.m.