

BAKERSFIELD COLLEGE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

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SENATE BODY

Wednesday, February 17th, 2016

6:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Executive Board Room

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER*

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Orozco at 6 p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE*

The Senate conducted the pledge of allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL*

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

The following members were present: Vice President Orozco, Senator Zavala, Senator Nicholson, Senator Galvez, Senator Graves, Senator Sanchez, Senator Smith, and Advisor Damania.

The following members were absent: (none)

The following members were excused: Senator Chavez, and Senator Herndon

2/3 quorum was met, thus a bonafide meeting was able to be held.

4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

The Senate will discuss this agenda and may choose to amend or edit the agenda. Upon conclusion of the discussion the Senate may choose to adopt the agenda.

- a. Vice President Orozco sought any objections to the adoption of the agenda for Wednesday, February 17th, 2016.

Discussion: No further discussion occurred.

In seeing that there were no objections, the motion passed and the agenda was adopted.

5. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

The Senate will discuss those minutes and may choose to amend or edit the minutes. Upon conclusion of the discussion the Senate may choose to adopt the minutes.

- a. Vice President Orozco sought any objections to the adoption of the minutes from January 27th, 2016.

Discussion: No further discussion occurred.

In seeing no objections, the motion passed and the minutes were adopted.

6. 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 comments were made by the public.

7. RECEIPT OF PETITIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE TO THE SENATE AND REFERRAL

The Senate will receive communications addressed to the Senate and refer each to the appropriate committee. No action will be taken on communications other than referring them to committee.

- a. BCSGA Committee Changes.

The Senate may make changes to committee assignments by resolution.

- i. It was moved by Senator Graves to be removed from the Elections Commission.

Discussion: No further discussion occurred.

The motion passed by no objections.

8. REPORTS OF BCSGA OFFICERS

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 five minutes.

- a. Vice President, *Janell Orozco*: I am still doing research on the public service center, and I have had some people in helping to research about it, as well as that I will be sending out correspondence in asking for help from other students or officers. President Fowler, myself, Wesley Lyons, and Manager Vega will be participating on the panel for the “Redesigning of America’s Community Colleges” serving as the voice for the students of this campus and what we believe it’s effect would be. For all and any members of the Department on Student Activities, I ask that you correspond immediately

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with the Director Olague. The fact being that many informational booths are to be organized through that department but it is not occurring. Additionally, we can use future planned informational booths to connect with students to find out their concerns or to reach out about current issues that are being investigated.

- b. BCSGA Advisor, *Dr. Damania*: The mobile app is live and we are at around 1300 downloads for it being under a month of being live. There are many events underway, and I know that Director Olague will require a lot of your assistance. Open Mic Night was postponed for next week, and we are looking to generate more interest. We have only had one submission for elections, so please encourage your peers to file. Also direct them my way so that I can give a general good foundation for the entity and positions as a whole. This is critical in order to carry your work for next year. The President's Summit for "Redesigning California Community Colleges" is tomorrow. The author of the book will be speaking at the symposium. If you are interested in attending, please let me know. It will be from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., and tickets have been donated in order for officers to attend if they choose. Please let me know tonight in order to RSVP as soon as possible. KVC awareness has actually increased so thank you for your work and we ask for your continued support. Participatory Governance Committees are absolutely crucial at this time and during this semester. If you cannot attend your committees, then please step down.

9. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEES*

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

- a. Report from the Chair of the Committee on Academic Affairs, *Vice President Orozco*: We did not have a meeting last week due to booking room difficulties. We will be having a meeting this upcoming Monday.
- b. Report from the Chair of the Committee on Advancement of Bakersfield College, *Senator Graves*: There are various items that are still standing for our agendas. For the upcoming meetings, we will be addressing attending committee meetings, building effective communication between colleagues, and having our agenda reflect the concerns of the student body. The last point has been reiterated by several students, and I am hoping that BCSGA can end this year with a 'bang' by leaving something sustainable for the students. The Black Caucus is coming up this weekend. I have been organizing volunteers and generating a list. I will entertain any further officers who wish to participate in the conference. The Tobacco Policy is still at hand, and we are awaiting action. (It was addressed that it had already been voted on by students, and is currently at a district or college level. The process is that they are now figuring out the logistics of enforcing the no tobacco policy.) We will also address the equity plan, and I will further finalize the bill for the vending machine with President Fowler.
- c. Report from the Chair of the Committee on Finance, *Senator Sanchez*: We had an emergency meeting this week, so we will not be having a meeting next week. We went over the possibility of having 21 students attending the Black Caucus, but the request was denied. The request was denied due to a failure to pass by votes. (As further discussed, Senator Graves indicated that the reason it was being denied was because of the committee indicating that the request was not given with ample time. Furthermore, Senator Graves explained that it was because another process had been in place in order to accommodate those students, which had actually fallen through in the end. Senator Sanchez indicated that the source of funding requested was from a SOF grant as well as a CCA grant. WECOMM (part of the 21 students) had already reached their max SOF grant request, and the group had not qualified for the CCA grant. Additionally, the committee felt that the funding would indicate favoritism. Finally, only one member of the committee was in favor of the request.)
- d. Report from the Chair of the Committee on Government Operations, *Senator Herndon*: No report

10. COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS*

The Chair shall recognize in turn BCSGA Senators requesting the floor for a period not to exceed three minutes. The total time for Comments and Announcements before the first reading of legislation shall not exceed fifteen minutes.

- a. Senator Smith: For the Department on Student Activities, the Plush Toy event was not a huge success. Many students did not actually have a KVC sticker, and felt that \$12 was too much for the plush toys. Open Mic Night was scheduled for tonight but it was cancelled and moved to next week due to rain. We have allocated funds for future events that are planned for the rest of the semester. For the Department on Student Organizations, they are working on an Extra Life event, and I am personally working on a redraft of an ICC bill which is about mandatory attendance for the ICC body. I also get to work on a project for the non-tobacco or smoking policy, where I will be helping in publicizing various items across campus.

- b. Senator Zavala: For the Accreditation Institutional Quality Committee, all departments will be assessing one another through a survey. The survey will help show whether or not they can or need to improve in various aspects for both staff and students. I do not have a constituency report at this time. But I do plan to conduct a survey to see the need for the 'water bottle' fountains.
- c. Senator Nichelson: I had some club officers try to find out how to register for tables and general equipment online. I had some questions about it too, as I could not find the link on the Bakersfield College webpage. I would appreciate any help in that matter. Other clubs were asking about SOF grants and I directed them to the location on the BC website which shows how to apply and more. I think it would be a good idea for the Department on StudOrgs to go around directly to clubs to let them know what BCSGA can offer them.
- d. Senator Sanchez: During the plush toy event, I was surprised by the amount of students who did not know what the KVC sticker is. I did redirect many students, to see whether or not they had purchased one, to the Office of Student Life. (It was suggested by Senator Nichelson to have more frontline publication on the website and other avenues of publication in order to inform students about it.) I asked many students to say any changes that they would like at Bakersfield College. The number one change was for the counseling department, such that they spend more time with the students. Another change suggested was for getting more maps and counselors.
- e. Senator Graves: One issue I found with most students is that they complain that counselors supply them with information that is not applicable to their major.
- f. Parliamentarian Mann: Just a reminder that comments and announcements is not to serve as a discussion table. Informational statements can be made but they should not be all completely similar. For example, if a question is posed or an idea is framed, then an answer can be given or a counter suggestion.
- g. Senator Galvez: I have been talking to students, and it primarily consisted of the most common complaints, such as the need for better wireless internet connection, need for parking, better food provided, and more. But the latest suggestion was relatively new and it was that the bathrooms are always super dirty. This is one of the most prevalent concerns by students, where sanitation, cleanliness, and more were questioned. The building of most concern is the MS building. (It was recommended to bring it up to the Committee on Advancement.)

11. APPOINTMENTS OF BCSGA 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 BROWNACT during consideration of this item. Under BROWNACT, the meeting may not be closed.

- a. There was no motion to approve the appointment of Mohammad Amer for the position of BCSGA Senator, due to his absence.

12. FAST-TRACK APPOINTMENTS

The motion to fast track an appointment confirmation shall be in order if recommended by the committee of relevant jurisdiction. The Senate shall consider the following nominations to fast-track into an Association office.

- a. There was no motion to fast-track the appointment of BCSGA senator Mohammad Amer, due to his absence.

13. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The Senate of the Association may elect association officers at this time.

- a. There was no motion to elect Mohammad Amer for the position of BCSGA Senator, due to his absence.

14. COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS*

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- a. No further comments or announcements were made.

15. PUBLIC COMMENT*

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

16. ADJOURNMENT

- a. Vice President Orozco sought any objections to adjourning the meeting.
Discussion: No further discussion occurred.
In seeing no objections, the meeting was adjourned at 6:37 p.m.

