

BAKERSFIELD COLLEGE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

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EXECUTIVE & SENATE BODY

Wednesday, March 2nd, 2016

6:00 p.m.

BCSGA Board Room

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER*

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

2. ROLL CALL*

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

The following executive members were present: President Fowler, Parliamentarian Mann, Director Burke, Manager Vega, Director Olague, Manager Roberts, Director Mendoza, and Advisor Damania.

The following senate members were present: Vice President Orozco, Senator Nichelson, Senator Graves, Senator Herndon, Senator Galvez, Senator Smith, Senator Sanchez, and Advisor Damania.

The following executive members were absent: Secretary Rodriguez

The following senate members were absent: none

The following executive members were excused: Director Hidalgo, and Manager Scott

The following senate members were excused: Senator Chavez, and Senator Zavala

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

3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

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

- a. President Fowler sought any objections for the adoption of the Executive & Senate agenda for Wednesday, March 2, 2016.

Discussion: No further discussion occurred.

In seeing no objections, the agenda was adopted.

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

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

- a. President Fowler sought any objections from the Executive body to adopt the minutes from Monday, November 23, 2015.

Discussion: No further discussion occurred.

In seeing no objections, the minutes were adopted.

- b. President Fowler sought any objections from the Senate body to adopt the minutes from Wednesday, February 17, 2016

Discussion: No further discussion occurred.

In seeing no objections, the minutes were adopted.

5. 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. Nan Gomez: Hello! I am the Academic Affairs Vice President. I cannot believe that this is the first time I have spoken to leadership. So I encourage a relationship between our student leaders and the rest of the college, as I would love to hear more from your perspective on Academic Affairs and how we can better ourselves. The reason I am here today is to talk about a proposed bond. The proposed bond is taxing our constituents in the community of Kern County and in the Tulare County to provide funding to improve the buildings and infrastructure here on campus. We are talking about taking a 1950s campus into the future. Many of these buildings could have new technology placed inside, or to place more desks, but the buildings would maintain the same size as a 1950s classroom. We started with a moderate proposal where we would renovate one building, but then it would not be sufficient because another building, such as the Fine Arts building, would need to be renovated as there are new programs being added next year. Additionally, the Speech classes are completely crammed, but the new space would not increase the amount of students that would be in that classroom. So this bond is allowing the campus to grow with room for the future. The bond is currently at \$600 million dollars for the proposal, but this would also include a permanent building in Delano. This would raise Delano to two permanent buildings, along with the other portables that are

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currently there. We know that there is state funding, but we have been waiting for the last 12 years until there was enough state funding available to fix the Fine Arts building. First it could not be a bond at the state level, and then it was not supported ongoing. We have been on a holding pattern for three of the four big buildings on campus. So we really need to go to the community, and there are many in the community who have attended, will attend, or are planning to attend. As such, we can see how much this bond will progress us. Around 77% the square footage that we are proposing is all classroom space and service space. This also includes a maintenance and operations building. This would allow for better storage and more. The STEM MESA building had much support from the community, and we want to continue to improve it. In the plan, the science and engineering with the courtyard in the middle would be gone, as a new building would be created that also includes the math building while the math building is renovated. This would be approximately about a decade of building so that we don't disrupt classes. For the Ag building, it is taking out the Horticulture Lab and creating a new Ag Pavilion, as well as a state of the art lab and ag area. There is not enough space to accommodate the ag science classes or to schedule them as need be. The Science, Language Arts building will have the bottom revamped so that classrooms and service space is added. The Delano campus will renovate their Humanities building, the Student Services building, the Basic Skill lab, and a two story building where the Business office, the culinary program, administrative offices, and a big conference room will be placed. H&R will then become the Welcome Center where Admissions and Records will be found. If the Board of Trustees gives us the green light for this bond, the timeline for this plan will begin in Fall of 2016. We really need to have you informed so that we can start talking about how to best harness the 19,000 to 20,000 students that are here on campus, such that they are educated, that their questions are answered for this bond, and in that they vote in favor of the bond. It will take a lot of yes votes for this measure to pass. The length or life of this bond imposes about \$25 in taxes for every \$100,000 of property. I personally think that this is a small investment and considering that we have not made an investment as consistent as this over the years. The other bond that was passed, we are now down to the last \$63,000 is already committed so it cannot be used for this. We would like to work with BCSGA, and student committees, so that we can make this work. Mine is the first conversation. We have a PowerPoint that we would be delighted to show you, or you can come to the meetings, and we also have tours. I attended one of the tours, and it was shocking to how much we really do have a 1950s campus. There are many safety issues, and it is wiser to have equipment that really benefits the students. The plan as far as feasibility and the "specs" is more than just theory because we had someone come in about three years ago to come in and work on the facilities plan. For example, we addressed that we need a better science and engineering building. We need better passages for students with disabilities in the lower parking lots because it is a very large incline to just make it to the flat part of campus. So we talked about roads, parking space, elevators, the kinds of building needed, and there is already a master plan for parking and the logistics of buildings. The parking space would be added to where the soccer field is, but removing another space to create the practice field that will be used for the Women's and Men's Soccer team for next year. The soccer teams will then play in the stadium for games. We will be adding another solar field that has covers for shade; we are adding drought tolerant plants, and new water support systems. Bathrooms will be up to current standards and codes. It would also be a great idea for clubs and students to help in the beautification of the campus. A third party source has been used to make the facilities master plan, which includes the landscaping plan, but the drought tolerant plan came more recently when we were addressing our signage plan. These were suggestions all made by third party expertise. There will be more in-depth meetings for each of these topics. BCSGA can help us by attending the information meetings or bringing the meetings to you, and connecting out with community leaders that deploy out teams to the rest of the community. It would be really beneficial to offer a student's viewpoint on what it is like to attend college here. We are looking to have you help represent us. The nonsmoking policy will not be included in this plan, but it is a campaign that is still being pushed for.

6. 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. There were no BCSGA Committee Changes

The Senate may make changes to committee assignments by resolution.

7. 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. *President and Chair*, Clayton Fowler: Thank you all for coming tonight. If you have not noticed, the portraits of past BCSGA presidents are posted on the wall. We are working on creating a BCSGA Presidents Award and scholarship on campus. On April 29th, we will be inviting back all of the living presidents that we can get ahold of to attend the Student Involvement Awards. This is also the same day as the Spring General Assembly. This will help to create institutional memory, and will help give direction for the five year plan.
- b. *Vice President*, Janell Orozco: I need someone on the Elections Commission, and I am still working on the public service center. I am trying to get a time that works for everyone signed up for it, and if you are interested then feel free to contact me. If you also have any connections that would like to be involved, then feel free to invite them as well.
Senator Nicholson left the room at 6:32 p.m.
- c. *Director of Student Activities*, Geena Olague: We talked about Open Mic Night at our last meeting and it had very good feedback. We will be holding this monthly. The volleyball tournament will be on the March. Pie Day is on March 14th, and clubs can sign up to participate. We will be doing battleships, air band, and pizza fest in April.
- d. *Director of Legislative Affairs*, Robert Burke: The County is also launching an app for volunteering and all programs that people can get in involved with, which I can relate to Vice President Orozco in the Public Service Center Endeavor. General Assembly is in April. Our meetings have been inconsistent due to poor attendance.
- e. *Director of Finance*, Epifania Mendoza: For Budget Allocation Model committee, we did not have a meeting for February. We are doing research on how we can allocate better to the different schools. There is a forecast that there will be a recession within the next two years. Since the model is reviewed every five years, we are trying to get as much research done so that we allocate to the colleges and all students can be benefited.
Senator Nicholson returned at 6:38 p.m.
- f. *Parliamentarian*, Kyle Mann: There is an event the week before Spring General Assembly. Parliamentarian Lorenzo will be giving a four hour workshop on how to hold an efficient meeting. This will be entirely beneficial for the new and incoming officers, clubs, and students for next year. He will also review our constitution and bylaws. He does this service within the charge. It was about \$800 for his travel, and about another \$1000 for feeding all the attendees and printing costs of paper materials. This workshop has been opened up for all of Region V, Porterville College, and our sister colleges. We will also open this up to the participatory governance committees. It is free of cost for everyone to attend.
- g. *Public Relations Manager*, Raquel Vega: We have been planning the BCSGA Retreat. The date is for April 2nd, and it will be on campus from around 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. There will be some fun activities planned. I have been working with Senator Smith on the nonsmoking policy. As of March 10th, we will have the KCCD board pass a nonsmoking policy. On March 16th, we will be having an event on campus to have a nonsmoking or no tobacco day. We are in the mix of getting signs on campus about this too.
- h. Senator Smith: Department on Student Organizations will have a meeting soon which will go over the bill about ICC mandatory attendance. I am also working on having someone from Truth.Org to come down to campus to provide facts and other materials.
- i. Senator Nicholson: Thanks for the Happy Birthday. I am the Vice President of the Automotive Club. We will be having a fundraiser where we will be selling corn on the cob. Our model will also be there as it is nearly finished, so I encourage you to check it out. Our fundraising has also placed us on the radar for sponsorships and we have raised about \$3,000 from local companies. Please spread the word about our project as well.
- j. Senator Graves: Good evening. I attended the Faculty Senate meeting last week. Academic calendar is in the works of possibly being changed to have the Thanksgiving break be a week off. They are looking into how it will affect classes schedule, the impact on staff, faculty, and more. They also addressed how West-Tech classes have fallen out of compliance, and are trying to remediate that. The topics covered were vote of no confidence at the Chancellor's, academic renewal for Cerro Coso, minimum graduation requirement, meals and instate travel allowance for students, prerequisites and core requisites, student complaints, and student complaints for sexual assault on campus.
- k. Senator Sanchez: The bond was initially \$400 million, but the great support raised it to \$600 million.
- l. *BCSGA Advisor*, Dr. Damania: We have quotes for the cold vending machine, and next year it will be available. I will need to work with Committee on Government Operations in creating the agreement

for the bylaws so that we can connect with Food Services. The new flyers have been printed, so you may be featured on it. We also have mobile app flyers and we have about over 1500 downloads over the past month. Hopefully next month, we will also have the Habits of Mind app rolling out within the BC app. We are in the process of hiring a videographer, and casting calls will come out really fast. If an email gets pushed out, please reply ASAP. I already have had initial conversations with Director Hidalgo and Director Mendoza. There are a lot of budgetary changes for clubs and organizations, so it will be a culture shock. We also need to work on incorporating the new processes in the BCSGA bylaws. Spring Fling is coming along. Equity TV will be this upcoming Monday at 10 a.m. and I need two people at the Bakersfield Californian to talk about BCSGA and elections, as well as to really hype them up. We only have one person running for elections, and we really need people to run for office. We are accepting nominations for awards, and look out to inform others to nominate. I also need three people on the awards committee. There will also be ten new award plaques coming up for next year. Confidentiality will be of the utmost importance. You cannot be on it if you are nominated however. We can contact the justices to be involved on this since they are to be unbiased. I have emailed out the CCSAAA scholarship. I can nominate two students to go for the scholarship, but you need to send me it at least by the end of next weekend if you would like to. Two pages would be good for the letter. All applicants will be reviewed and I will filter out the best two. For the bond presentations, ask a lot of questions to make sure that students really get a voice in. For example, lighting is not a huge fixture included in this, and where all of the offices are going to be when buildings are moved. So if they renovate this building, then where will you be? What will happen with the cafeteria? Don't be afraid to ask questions.

8. 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, *Senator Graves*: (Vice President Orozco) We will be reviewing the portions of the equity plan that directly affect student academics. If there is anything that we believe should be changed, it will be brought to senate. We have also connected with the Deans of the campus.
- b. Report from the Chair of the Committee on Advancement of Bakersfield College, *Vice-President Orozco*: (Senator Graves) We have taken on the responsibility of reading and understanding the equity plan for how it directly and indirectly affects the students. I received an email from Ms. Gina Hayden and they said they are working on the GET bus. The cold sandwich vending machine is in the works. The nonsmoking and beautification project of the campus has already been touched on by Ms. Gomez earlier.
- c. Report from the Chair of the Committee on Finance, *Senator Sanchez*: Finance meeting is next week on Thursday, March 10th at 5:15 p.m. There will be changes where Director Mendoza will be directing the committee instead of me, if it gets approved here at the Senate.
- d. Report from the Chair of the Committee on Government Operations, *Senator Herndon*: The bills that we have been working on are what have been submitted for the Senate to vote on tonight. We will be changing the Committee on Finance to be a department, changing the size of the committees from three senators to two, and next week we will talk about BCSGA logos.
- e. Report from the Chair of the Elections Commission:

9. COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chair shall recognize in turn BCSGA Officers 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. Director Olague: I am not sure if any of you attended the Zumbathon. But the actual facilitator from JDRF, Ms. Allison Perkins, talked to me about starting a community service club here on the main campus, and creating a name for it. If you would like to be involved, let me know as we will be creating the club over the next few weeks.
Senator Graves left the room at 7:05 p.m.
President Folwer passed the gavel for Vice President Orozco to chair the remaining the of the meeting.
Senator Graves returned at 7:07 p.m.
- b. Senator Sanchez: I have noticed that there is a lot more trash in the parking lots. But instead of asking M&O or the custodial members to do it, I think that we as a body should go out and do a campus cleanup.
- c. Senator Smith: I have noticed a few instances of people taking photos in front of the health sign and smoking here in the campus center. (It was addressed that the sign is actually more than 20 feet away from any doors, entrances, or windows. There can also be a picture taken of those students, submit it

to Public Safety, and make sure that it does not happen again because they will be reprimanded or given a ticket.)

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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

a. Committee/Department Meetings

Discussion: Executive Board meetings will be held on Fridays at 9 a.m.

b. Open Positions

Discussion: There is a pending appointment for the last Department on Legislative Affairs meeting, but there was not quorum met at that meeting. It was urged that members of the department attend the next meeting. There are still senator positions and justice positions left, but it was encouraged to have students interested apply for next year and elections.

11. NEW BUSINESS

Items listed in this agenda item have not already been read or discussed once and thus are considered for approval of the committee

a. Renegade Promise

Discussion: It was discussed that the Renegade Promise is currently a promise to students of BC that they will be finished with school in a timely manner. The first component will start in Fall of 2016. Based off of multiple measures, students who are considered college ready will be the promise. The second component will begin in Fall of 2017 for students who are not considered college ready. It is really trying to speed up the process of students getting stuck at BC for long periods of time, but to also help them in their educational endeavors. There will be more discussions about this, and it was relayed that anyone who knows about incoming freshmen or graduating high school seniors should involve them with this, as it will be a very special initiative. On April 29th, Bakersfield College will make a public announcement about this. This will only make the promise more concrete.

b. GET Bus

Discussion: Committee on Advancement is trying to get semester length passes for students. Also for students who lose them, they can get a new pass in the mail or by other means. Ms. Hayden indicated in the last email that they are in the middle of devising a proposal that they would present to BCSGA hopefully soon. They have to do the physical budget, and then the proposal as they are talking to Cal State Bakersfield, Kern High School District, Cal Transit, and Bakersfield College.

c. BCSGA C.O.B.R.A. Codes for Joint Meetings of Executive and Senate

Discussion: It was discussed that codes need to be implemented that direct how combined senate and executive meetings are to be held, which is to be deferred to the Committee on Government Operations.

d. BCSGA Elections Responsibilities and Expectations

Discussion: Elections has already begun. It is a very stressful time, but please do remember that you are senators and executive board members of BCSGA. So please do not forget your role to the current students that are here. It was reminded to please be cordial to all officers whether they are rerunning or not, and the entire Office of Student Life is to be neutral territory. It is not allowed to use any of the materials in the office for the gain of a campaign or the person will be removed from elections. For the next two weeks, it was asked that all officers present to any and all of their classes about getting students involved in running for elections.

e. Bakersfield College's KCCD Bond Request

Discussion: This item was already discussed through public comment.

12. FIRST READING OF LEGISLATION

a. Vice President Orozco opened up S.B.##: Creation of Finance Department for the first reading of legislation.

Discussion: It was discussed that there is currently no Department on Finance listed in COBRA, but only the committee. As such, this would create the department and have it as a recognized entity within BCSGA. It would have the Director on Finance be the presiding chair of the departmental meetings and department. The department would also comprise of two senators, one of which will be the department manager. This would no longer include that the senator be the chair of the department, it would also remove the section of the Committee on Finance within COBRA, and now include the Department on Finance amongst the other departments in COBRA. The purpose of the bill is to remove the senate committee, and to establish the department. It was also discussed that the Department on Finance is already included in the constitution but is not included in the codes. It was also discussed that the Committee on Finance is not a Senate Standing Committee.

b. Vice President Orozco opened up S.B.##: Senate Committee Membership Amendment

Discussion: It was discussed that the bill is to change the membership of committees to be mandated from three to two senators (not including the chair), but the committees can have up to nine members. This will only be applied to Senate committees.

- c. Vice President Orozco opened up S.B. ##: Department Membership Amendment

Discussion: It was discussed that the composition for the departments has changed to be two senators and the chair/director included as mandated membership, instead of having three senators and the chair/director. It was clarified that the only time that the Director/Chair has voting privileges is when there is a tie. So the wording that currently stands seem as though the chair has normal voting privileges, as opposed to being a tie.

Director Olaque left the meeting at 7:24 p.m.

- i. It was moved by Senator Nichelson to amend the bill by inserting under COBRA 501.04, line item 1. at the end of the phrase “(in case of a tie)”, and seconded by Senator Graves.

Discussion: It was discussed that under Robert’s Rules it was specified that the chair can only do this anyhow. But it was brought up that this should be included regardless in order to increase understanding. It was also raised that the other departments in COBRA, as well as other codes, currently do not having anything specifically stating this for clarification. It was raised that the tie vote still is a voting privilege, but it was also asked if it really matters whether the chair votes normally or as a tie. The perspective raised was that the chair is to be a neutral person, and this is a conflict of interest.

*It was moved by Senator Graves and seconded by Senator Galvez to end discussion.

Discussion: No further discussion occurred.

There were no objections to ending the discussion.

Vice President Orozco sought any objections to the amendment. In seeing no objections the amendment was passed.

- j. It was moved by Senator Herndon and seconded by Senator Smith to amend the bill by inserting under COBRA 502.04 (a), line item 1., and under COBRA 503.04(a), line item 1 at the end of the phrase “(in case of a tie)”.

Discussion: No further discussion occurred.

Vice President Orozco sought any objections to the main motion. In seeing none, the amendment passed.

13. FAST-TRACK OF LEGISLATION

- a. It was moved by Senator Herndon and seconded by Senator Sanchez to Fast-track S.B.##: Creation of Finance Department

Discussion: No further discussion occurred.

Vice President Orozco sought any objections to the main motion. In seeing none, the motion passed.

- b. It was moved by Senator Herndon and seconded by Senator Sanchez to Fast-track S.B.##: Senate Committee Membership Amendment

Discussion: No further discussion occurred.

Vice President Orozco sought any objections to the main motion. In seeing none, the motion passed.

- c. It was moved by Senator Herndon and seconded by Senator Smith to Fast-track S.B.##: Department Membership Amendment as amended in first reading of legislation.

Discussion: No further discussion occurred.

Vice President Orozco sought any objections to the main motion. In seeing none, the motion passed.

14. SECOND READING OF LEGISLATION

- a. It was moved by Senator Smith and seconded by Senator Herndon to adopt S.B.##: Creation of Finance Department

Discussion: No further discussion occurred.

Vice President Orozco sought any objections to the main motion. In seeing none, the bill was adopted.

- b. It was moved by Senator Graves and seconded by Senator Herndon to adopt S.B.##: Senate Committee Membership Amendment

Discussion: No further discussion occurred

Vice President Orozco sought any objections to the main motion. In seeing none, the bill was adopted.

- c. It was moved by Senator Smith and seconded by Senator Herndon to adopt S.B.##: Department Membership Amendment as amended in first reading of legislation.

Discussion: No further discussion occurred.

Vice President Orozco sought any objections to the main motion. In seeing none, the bill was adopted.

15. COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS*

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- a. Advisor Damania: Dr. Culpepper, and Dr. Zav have just emailed me saying that they are going to have an open forum on March 9th in Levinson 40 from 2 to 3 p.m. on the Student Equity Plan

16. PUBLIC COMMENT*

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

17. 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 7:49 p.m.