

# BAKERSFIELD COLLEGE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

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## DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE

Thursday, March 31, 2015

5:00 p.m.- 6:00 p.m.

BCSGA Main Office CC-4

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### 1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER\*

The meeting was called to order by Director Mendoza at 5:10 p.m.

### 2. ROLL CALL\*

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

The following members were present: Director Mendoza, Senator Sanchez, Senator Chavez, and Advisor Damania.

The following members were absent: Senator Graves and Senator Nichelson

The following members were excused: Senator Nichelson

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

### 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. Director Mendoza sought any objections to the amending of the agenda to strike out under item 8e. New Business "\$1000" and replace with "\$2800".

**Discussion:** It was discussed that the grant has been increased due to a funding decrease for the Chicano Latino Commencement. It was further expressed that these two CCA grants may be the last for the rest of the fiscal year/semester, that there have not been any remaining applications, and there are monies still left. This allows for some wiggle room in order to help fund their CCA grant.

In seeing no objections, the agenda was amended.

- i. Director Mendoza sought any objections to the adoption of the agenda as amended for Thursday, March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2015.

**Discussion:** No further discussion occurred.

In seeing no objections, the agenda was adopted.

- b. Director Mendoza sought any objections to the adoption of the agenda as amended.

**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. Director Mendoza sought any objections to the adoption of the minutes from March 10, 2016.

**Discussion:** No further discussion occurred.

In seeing no objections, the minutes were adopted.

- b. Director Mendoza sought any objections to the adoption of the minutes from February 16, 2016.

**Discussion:** No further discussion occurred.

In seeing no objections, the minutes were adopted.

- c. Director Mendoza sought any objections to the adoption of the minutes from February 11, 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. Victor Diaz, Counselor and Chair for Latino Commencement Committee: Hello, I am here as we have requested a CCA grant for the Chicano Latino Commencement. I thought that it might be wise for me to be here in case there may have been some questions. This is a commencement that has existed for 22 years on this campus. This first started through bake sales and personal fundraisers, and it has grown into the event that it is today. This is the first year that I am chairing the committee, and I will be chairing again next year. After that, I will be handing it off to someone else. We have a goal this year of attracting 120 graduates, whereas last year we had around 80. I just wanted to share with you the purpose behind the commencement. When students participate in this event, it often will motivate them to participate in the bigger actual commencement. It is very common to hear students

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to talk about how emotional or impacting that it was, and they decide to participate in the big commencement a week later. This is a cultural and bilingual event. It is unique in that we actually allow our participants to address the audience. When students apply to participate, we ask them if there were any influential people on campus or office that helped them to prosper. Some of the clubs here on campus help with the event. Our goal is also to double faculty participation, and we also invite the community out to participate. For example, we would have BCSD come bring out their migrant students to be able to experience the event. We do have food provided and dessert being La Rosa ice cream bars. There will be mariachi music, car club displays, and folkloric dances. Dolores Huerta is the keynote speaker this year. The committee last year wanted to make it bigger and better, so we are digging into our budget to see how much we can do. We came across the amazing opportunity that you guys offer and we just wanted to pitch our vision in hopes that you may help us out. One question that is always asked is whether it is only for Chicano, Latino, or Hispanic students, but it is not. We have had African American, Caucasian, Asian, and other demographic of students participate. It is that from the inception of the title, but it is not that. Another question we have from students is whether they have to speak Spanish, even though they are Hispanic. They do not have to. It is just if they want to address the audience in whichever language they feel comfortable in. I did ask for if there was any further documentation that I needed to have submitted. Our budget is actually a lot more than what you can help with, but every dollar towards this event will help. I did bring a copy of the budgets for the members of this department. I am here to answer any questions that you may have, or to answer about anything that I may have missed on filling out the application. I also want to thank you on this opportunity, whether you decide to help out, or if we qualify for your help. Really, you are all doing an amazing job and I enjoy watching you work. I am excited to hear back from you.

#### 6. INDIVIDUAL REPORTS

*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. Chair, *Director Mendoza*: I attended the Budget Allocation Model Committee. We are looking at different ideas to present to the Board of Trustees, and this will let them know how to do a better job with the budget allocation. One of the ideas brought up was to have a budget committee for all three schools. It will be a committee comprised of members from all three schools, where as of right now there is none.
- b. Department senatorial members: No reports
- c. BCSGA Advisor, *Dr. Damania*: No reports

#### 7. 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. There were no items to be considered under old business at this time.

#### 8. 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. Director Mendoza postponed the Nomination for Budget Analyst until the next meeting  
**Discussion:** It was discussed that according to the Senate Bill passed for the creation of the Department on Finance, it is included that a Budget Analyst would serve as like a manager for the Director of Finance. They would help by either making the finance sheets, making agendas, or chairing a meeting should the Director be absent from a meeting. It is essentially like serving as a vice chair or co-chair. But as there were members of the department who were not present, it was decided to postpone the item.
- b. It was moved by Senator Sanchez and seconded by Senator Chavez to open the review and discussion of CCA Application: 2016 Design Village Competition submitted by Architecture Department  
**Discussion:** A member of the Architecture department addressed the members in what the event and request is for. It was explained that it is an annual design competition held in San Luis Obispo, and Bakersfield College students have been participating every year for about ten years or more. The department is seeking help from BCSGA in order to help pay for the student registration fees. It is \$90 per student, and there are two teams of five individuals attending. The 10 students competing are almost done with their structures and are currently finishing them. The students have to build their structures, make it based on their design, and also have to sleep in them on campus for two days during the competition. They compete in representing as Bakersfield College against other schools, designs, and programs. Our teams are also the only team that is from a community college, where they are up against 4<sup>th</sup> year design students from Cal Poly SLO and are currently only 2<sup>nd</sup> year design students. They are aiming to place within the top three, as Bakersfield College has not been able to

within the past 7 or 8 years. It was asked if this was the first time they have asked for a CCA grant, in which it has been. It was also asked how they used to pay for it before. It was normally achieved through sponsorships, through donations, fundraising, and whatever is not covered is then paid for out of pocket by the students. But this would include having to pay for building materials, registration fees, gas and more. It was further asked how the participants were selected. It was clarified that the entire class wanted to participate, and it was really up to the students whether or not they wanted to participate. As the whole class wanted to, the class was split into two teams. Each team has built their own design and structure, so they're completely different and it constitutes different teams, designs, and entries for the actual competition.

- c. It was moved by Senator Sanchez and seconded by Senator Chavez to approve ACTION ITEM: Allocation of \$900 from TA100-Student Activities for the submission of CCA Application: 2016 Design Village Competition submitted by Architecture Department

**Discussion:** No further discussion occurred.

The members voted as follows-

Senator Sanchez: Yes

Senator Chavez: Yes

The motion carried by meeting 2/3 majority, with the votes tallied as 2-0-0.

- d. It was moved by Senator Sanchez and seconded by Senator Chavez to open up the review and discussion of CCA Application: Chicano Latino Commencement Celebration submitted by Chicano Latino Commencement Committee

**Discussion:** The Department asked what exactly the CCA grant would be helping with according to the additional documentation that was provided by Mr. Diaz. It was expressed that whichever the Department could help with, then that would be beneficial. But as being the Committee Chair and in considering the most pressing item to be covered for, it is the sarape. The students participating in the event are all given a sarape, in addition to wearing their graduation sash at the commencement ceremony. In tradition, the students would wear the sarape on the bottom and the sash on top. This is the one item that the committee wants to be able to place the order for as soon as possible. The quote shows for a certain dollar amount, but if they are lucky then they may exceed their anticipated graduate attendance. It was asked whether or not they charge for students to attend. Mr. Diaz explained that they do in that it is a \$5 donation because the students receive a sarape, a group photo, and a headshot. This donation does not cover the expense of the event, so they still fundraise. He went on to explain that it is a difficult thing because it could be five dollars that the student may use somewhere else. But it can be seen through a different perspective that if the student signs up for something, and something else better comes up then the student might not attend. There are also a majority of students who are not ready to graduate because they are not done yet, are only halfway to their goal because they're simply transferring, and just want to wait for the big commencement. So by having the donation, it may entice the students to actually attend since they paid for it. This could also further entice them to attend the actual commencement. But a way that the committee is looking to expand is to use the \$5 donation as a way to build up a scholarship fund, and actually award a graduate in their efforts. Also, students do not have to have their caps and gowns in order to attend.

- e. It was moved by Senator Chavez and seconded by Senator Sanchez to approve ACTION ITEM: Allocation of \$2,800 from TA100-Student Activities for the submission of CCA Application: Chicano Latino Commencement Celebration submitted by Chicano Latino Commencement Committee

**Discussion:** No further discussion occurred.

The members voted as follows-

Senator Chavez: Yes

Senator Sanchez: Yes

The motion carried by meeting 2/3 majority, with the votes tallied as 2-0-0.

## 9. COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS\*

*The Chair shall recognize in turn 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. No further comments and announcements were made.

## 10. PUBLIC COMMENT\*

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

## 11. ADJOURNMENT

- a. Director Mendoza sought any objections to adjourning the meeting.  
**Discussion:** No further discussion occurred.  
In seeing no objections, the meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p.m.