

BAKERSFIELD COLLEGE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

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Senate Body

Wednesday, January 20th, 2016

6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Executive Board Room

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER*

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Orozco at 6:06 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 Herndon, Senator Sanchez, Senator Graves, Senator Zavala, Senator Nicholson, Senator Galvez, and Advisor Damania.

The following members were excused: none

The following members were absent: Senator Chavez and Senator Maner

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 adopting the agenda from Wednesday, January 20, 2016.

Discussion: No discussion occurred.

In seeing no objections, the main 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 adopting the minutes from December 2nd, 2015.

Discussion: No discussion occurred.

In seeing no objections, the main 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. Cam Smith: I am currently a student of BC. I have been student for years and we have a serious problem with parking. What can we do to alleviate problems on/off this campus? One proposal is to doing another parking structure around the softball area. I would like to know what you as a board can do to fix this problem, because it has been around for many years.
- b. Dontae Smith: Hello! My name is Donate Smith and I am applying for the Senate position.

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

- i. Senator Zavala moved to be removed from the Department on Student Activities, removed from the Committee on Academic Affairs, and added to the Committee on Advancement.

Discussion: No further discussion occurred.

The motion passed by no objections.

- ii. Senator Galvez moved to be removed from the Committee on Academic Affairs.

Discussion: No further discussion occurred.

The motion passed by no objections.

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- iii. Senator Nichelson moved to added to the Committee on Academic Affairs and removed from the Department on Legislative Affairs.

Discussion: No further discussion occurred.

The motion passed by no objections.

- b. Resignation from office of Senator Madison Maner

“Dear Bakersfield College Student Government, Unfortunately, I am writing to inform you that I will be resigning from my position as BCSGA senator. I would like to thank you for having me as part of your team. I am proud to have worked with many of you, and I appreciate the time and patience you have shown in teaching me the ways these past few months. I have learned a lot about student government, and these skills will serve me well in my future career. I have come to the conclusion that I will not be able to serve Bakersfield College the way in which it so deserves, due to obligations such as school and work. Please acknowledge this letter as my official notice of resignation. I have been fortunate to have been a part of the student government, and I wish you continued success.

Sincerely, Madison Maner”

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, *Janel Orozco*: Welcome Back! Hope you’ve had a great first week of school. Check your senator inboxes and I will update you with more information.
- b. BCSGA Advisor, *Dr. Damania*: We are now live with the mobile app. There won’t be a hard push until February 1st. The main frame will be done roughly mid next week. Please do download and review the app! Welcome back though. This semester is really busy. OSL had a retreat over the break, and there are 116 events planned. It is very crucial that we know immediately if events are cancelled.

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*: I will be the interim chair until someone can fill the spot. No pressure on anyone now due to the start of school, but if you can then please let me know. We will be talking about deans and if you have been assigned to one.
- b. Report from the Chair of the Committee on Advancement of Bakersfield College, *Senator Graves*: Happy New Year! Glad to see you all back. Many things are going on this semester. Meeting times are now Mondays at 10:30 a.m. Topics that will be discussed are attendance, completing the projects that started from Fall, communicating collectively with one another, and to make sure that our agendas are reflecting the concerns of the student body. I am grateful and blessed to have all people on my team. We will be having Black Caucus conference, looking for help/ideas of implementing the smoke free policy, helping with the CommUnity hOur, and working with the equity plan. The status of the vending machines is pending as we need to locate a space. We will also be pursuing the 24 hour study room.
- c. Report from the Chair of the Committee on Finance, *Senator Sanchez*: Glad to see that not all of my committee has left. We will do what we do best—focus on finance.
- d. Report from the Chair of the Committee on Government Operations, *Senator Herndon*: Our meeting will be next Tuesday at 6 p.m. See you there.

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. Secretary Rodriguez: Just a few reminders from what some of us had previously learned at the retreat and at SSCCC, but comments and announcements are strictly just that—comments and announcements. This isn’t to be used for discussion, and discussion on new items can be done after a meeting. Same concept applies to public comment. If a member of the public brings something up, then nothing can be done until the following meeting. Also, public comment is for members of the public, and comments and announcements are for members of the department/committee only. Do not forget to send me your agendas ahead of time and more.
- b. Senator Zavala: Do we have to assign senators to a committee, or can we just have a certain number of senators present to be able to reach quorum? (It was advised that the bylaws need to be revised then.) We are always running into this issue and I don’t know if the board would like to do this.

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. Vice President Orozco opened up the appointment of Daron Smith for BCSGA Senator.

Introduction:

Daron Smith- I am an art major, but not with any specific concentration yet. I did a little bit of student government in High School and I would like to open that voice up to include more students.

Interview:

If you were to be a senator, would you be behind the scenes or active (like in the public)?

-D/S:

What are 5 adjectives that describe you?

-D/S:

Do you have any ideas already that you would like to implement?

-D/S:

We would like to make you aware that you'd need to sit on 2 SGA committees and 1 campus wide committee. Can you time manage for this?

-D/S:

Sometimes we need senators to engage students to get pertinent information, do you feel comfortable to do so?

-D/S:

What's another problem you see here on campus that you would like to see fixed?

-D/S:

Beyond the meetings, we have 311 events planned. Would you also be able to commit to helping at campus events?

-D/S:

What are the duties of a senator in your interpretation?

-D/S:

Do you have any favorite authors?

-D/S:

What are your group dynamics?

-D/S:

If you could be a vegetable, what would you be?

-D/S:

As a senator, you must perceive yourself in a position of authority, and must maintain yourself in an unbiased perspective on certain issues. How would you conduct yourself in such a manner if you are in a compromising situation, or would you be able to?

-D/S:

Describe your leadership style.

-D/S:

General Debate:

The Senate debated the following pros- The candidate is a "cool guy", handled all of his interview well, has confidence, and could be a great asset to BCSGA. He could be very engaging with students which is good to get student concerns. He has two letters of recommendation and experience with G.S.A, as well as the student government. But there have been multiple reports about feeling verbally harassed by the "God Guy", so it may not be biased.

The Senate debated the following cons- The candidate may become too social and not focus on the task at hand as he loves associating with people. He could also become biased due to too much interaction. There was a shown bias to the Free Speech area with the "God Guy". A remark made by him earlier about the "God Guy" indicates the sense that he may be internalizing comments versus just someone making comments about their opinion.

- i. It was moved by Senator Galvez and seconded by Senator Sanchez to approve the appointment of Daron Smith for the position of BCSGA Senator.

Discussion: No further discussion occurred.

The members voted as follows-

Senator Herndon: Yes

Senator Sanchez: Yes

Senator Graves: No

Senator Zavala: Yes

Senator Nichelson: Yes

Senator Galvez: Yes

The motion passed by majority vote of yes with the votes tallied as 5-0-0.

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. It was moved by Senator Nichelson and seconded by Senator Galvez to fast-track the appointment of Daron Smith for the appointment of BCSGA Senator
Discussion: No further discussion occurred.
Vice President Orozco sought any objections to the main motion. In seeing none, the motion passed.

13. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

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

- a. It was moved by Senator Herndon and seconded by Senator Graves to elect Daron Smith for the position of BCSGA Senator.
Discussion: No further discussion occurred.
Vice President Orozco sought any objections to the main motion. In seeing none, the motion passed.
 - i. Vice President Orozco administered the oath of office for Daron Smith.
"I, Daron Smith, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support the Constitution of the Bakersfield College Student Government Association; that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office into which I am about to enter."

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- a. Senator Graves: This is one of the best BCSGA groups that I have ever had the honor of working with. Thank you for being so passionate and helping to be committed to your positions.
**** It was moved by Senator Herndon and seconded by Senator Graves to suspend the orders of the day and move back to item 7a. BCSGA Committee Changes**
Discussion: It was discussed that there was a need to add the newly appointed officer to committees.
The motion passed by no objections.**

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- a. BCSGA Committee Changes
 - i. Senator Smith moved to be added to the Department on Student Organizations and the Committee on Academic Affairs.
Discussion: No further discussion occurred.
The motion passed by no objections.

15. PUBLIC COMMENT*

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

16. ADJOURNMENT

- a. Vice President Orozco sought any further business needing to be addressed.
Discussion: No further discussion occurred.
In seeing no further business, Vice President adjourned the meeting at 7:07 p.m.