

BAKERSFIELD COLLEGE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

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

SENATE BODY

Wednesday, January 25, 2017

6 p.m.

Executive Board Room, Campus Center

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:10 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL*

A majority quorum must be established to hold a bonafide meeting

The following members were present: Vice President Jimenez, Senator Salcido, Senator CORTEZ, Senator Montero Garcia, Senator Cooper, Senator Graves, and Senator Rodriguez.

The following members were excused: None.

The following members were absent: Senator Machado

7/8 members were present, quorum has been established, and a bonafide meeting can be held.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Senate will consider any amendments to the agenda.

Senator Rodriguez moved to strike "APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR FOR THE COMMITTEE ON ADVANCEMENT," and amend it to "APPOINTMENT OF OFFICERS." The motion was second by Senator Cortez. The motion passes.

Senator Rodriguez moved to insert an item under item 9f under "appointment of officers," for the appointment of Fitzgerald Graves for the appointment of Fitzgerald Graves for the chair of the committee on advancement. This was second by Senator Montero Garcia.

Senator Rodriguez moved to adopt the agenda as amended. This was second by Senator Montero Garcia. The motion passes. The agenda was adopted as amended.

4. CORRECTIONS TO THE MINUTES

The Senate will discuss and correct minutes from previous meetings.

- a. The Senate will consider the approval of unapproved minutes from the meeting held on Wednesday, November 16, 2016.

Senator Rodriguez moved to adopt the minutes as they stand. The motion was second by Senator Montero Garcia. The motion passes.

Seeing no further corrections to the minutes, the minutes are approved.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT*

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No public comment.

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. Richard Van Horne's BCSGA Senator-at-Large resignation.
- b. Tania Bernal's BCSGA Senator-at-Large resignation.
- c. Wesley Lyons's BCSGA Director of Legislative Affairs resignation.

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- d. Carl Wren's BCSGA Senator resignation.

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, Matthew Frazer
I want to discuss participatory governance committee. I have a list that states who is on what committee. If you do not hear your name in any of these, think of two faculty committees that you want to join. We are having our first meeting with Outreach tomorrow. We want to hold a leadership conference with ASB of local high schools. If you are interested in helping that progress, please meet with me after the meeting.
- b. Vice-President, Galo Jimenez
Please read and answer your emails. For those that have not checked their emails or who have not set up their email yet, please start as soon as possible.
- c. Director of Student Organizations, Dontae Smith
No report.
- d. Director of Student Activities, Erik Garcia
 - A report from Manager Juarez who sits on the Student Activities Committee: We have several events coming up this month. Please check your emails.
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- e. Public Relations Manager, Rayven Webb
No report.
- f. Parliamentarian, Dyann Serrato
No report.
- g. Director of Finance, Manuel Zavala
We overlooked the finance code. We looked over the student fee handbook and protocol on what we are allowed to do as a student government. We deal with appeals. I am also on the budget committee. This coming Monday, we will be reading the new VP of Finance of Administration Service. That meeting will be held on January 30, 2017 from 3:30 – 5:00 p.m. If anyone is interested, please attend this meeting. It is important. It is very important that everyone attends their assigned participatory governance committee. If you cannot make the meetings, ask someone to fill in for you, and let the chair know that you will not be there. It looks bad on us if we are expected to be somewhere and we are not in attendance.
- h. BCSGA Advisor, *Dr. Damania*
Maria Wright has accepted a position as the director of academic services. Her last day in this office is on January 31. Thank you to everyone who participated in the KCCD retreat. We are going into accreditation mode for the college. It is important that the college maintain their accreditation so that this institution can continue handing out certificates supported by the Accredited College Council for Community and Junior Colleges. In good standing with, there are 14 committees that need student representation on them. They are going to work around your schedules since there is no established times. The sooner I can get you connected to the committee that you want to be on, the better chances you have of being available to attend them. This committee will go up until the end of the semester which means that you will probably be out of office by then. Keep copious notes so that the student representative that is on this committee will be able to review them and help move things on forward. The first committee is the Academic Quality & Institutional Effectiveness, Manager Manos will be on this committee. For the Institutional Integrity committee, Senator Cortez. For Instructional Programs, Senator Salcido. For Library Learning & Support Services, Director Smith. For Student Support Services, Senator Parks. For Human Resources, Manager Juarez. For Physical Resources, President Frazer. For Technology Resources, President Frazer. For Financial Resources, Director Zavala. For Decision-Making Roles & Processes, Senator Limanco. For Chief Executive Officer, Senator Montero-Garcia. For Governing Board, President Frazer. And For Multi-College Districts or Systems, Vice President Jimenez. Thank you, please remember that attending these committees is your responsibility. Moving on, elections are approaching, the BCSGA officer will be very busy, just remember that officers cannot take sides on those running. Filling will begin February 1st until March

10th. Another announcement, if you have a KVC sticker, you will be discounted off the GET Bus pass, as well as 10% off purchases in the bookstore.

8. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEES*

The Chair shall recognize the chairperson of each standing committee and then each special committee 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
Last semester we began a survey which would ask students whether they wished for the Thanksgiving break to be extended from two days to a full week. We've only received around a hundred response, however we are currently working on a more efficient survey to send out to student.
- b. Report from the Chair of the Committee on Advancement of Bakersfield College
No report.
- c. Report from the Chair of the Committee on Government Operations
No report.

9. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR FOR THE COMMITTEE ON ADVENCMENT

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 Brown Act during consideration of this item. Under Brown Act, the meeting may not be closed.

- a. Appointment of Dezi Von Manos for the position of BCSGA Director of Legislative Affairs
Senator Rodriguez moved to open Roll Call Vote for the appointment of Dezi Von Manos for the position of BCSGA Director of Legislative Affairs
Seconded by Senator Cortez.

Roll Call Vote:

Senator Cortez: Aye
Senator Salcido: Aye
Senator Montero-Garcia: Aye
Senator Graves: Aye
Senator Rodriguez: Aye
Senator Parks: Aye
Senator Limanco: Abstain
Ayes: 6 Nays: 0

The ayes have the majority, the motion passes.

- b. Appointment of Carl Wren to the Elections Commission.
Senator Rodriguez moved to open Roll Call Vote for the appointment of Carl Wren to the Elections Commission,
Seconded by Senator Cortez.

Roll Call Vote:

Senator Cortez: Aye
Senator Salcido: Aye
Senator Montero-Garcia: Aye
Senator Graves: Aye
Senator Rodriguez: Aye
Senator Parks: Aye
Senator Limanco: Aye
Ayes: 7 Nays: 0

The ayes have the majority, the motion passes.

- c. Appointment of Paulette Rodriguez to the Elections Commission.
Senator Rodriguez moved to open Roll Call Vote for the appointment of Paulette Rodriguez to the Elections Commission,
Seconded by Senator Cortez.

Roll Call Vote:

Senator Cortez: Aye
Senator Salcido: Aye
Senator Montero-Garcia: Aye
Senator Graves: Aye
Senator Rodriguez: No
Senator Parks: Aye
Senator Limanco: Aye
Ayes: 6 Nays: 1

The ayes have the majority, the motion passes.

- d.** Appointment of Kristopher Cooper to the Elections Commission.
Senator Rodriguez moved to open Roll Call Vote for the appointment of Kristopher Cooper to the Elections Commission,
Seconded by Senator Cortez.

Roll Call Vote:

Senator Cortez: Aye
Senator Salcido: Nay
Senator Montero-Garcia: Aye
Senator Graves: Abstain
Senator Rodriguez: Aye
Senator Parks: Abstain
Senator Limanco: Abstain
Ayes: 3 Nays: 0

The ayes have the majority, the motion passes.

- e.** Appointment of Sariah Rodier to the Elections Commission.
Senator Rodriguez moved to open Roll Call Vote for the appointment of Sariah Rodier to the Elections Commission,
Seconded by Senator Cortez.

Roll Call Vote:

Senator Cortez: Aye
Senator Salcido: Aye
Senator Montero-Garcia: Aye
Senator Graves: Abstain
Senator Rodriguez: Aye
Senator Parks: Abstain
Senator Limanco: Abstain
Ayes: 4 Nays: 0

The ayes have the majority, the motion passes.

- f.** Appointment of Fitzgerald Graves to the Chair of the Committee of Advancement.
Senator Rodriguez moved to open Roll Call Vote for the appointment of Fitzgerald Graves to the Chair of the Committee of Advancement,
Seconded by Senator Cortez.

Roll Call Vote:

Senator Cortez: Aye
Senator Salcido: Aye
Senator Montero-Garcia: Aye
Senator Graves: Abstain
Senator Rodriguez: Aye
Senator Parks: Aye

Senator Limanco: Aye
Ayes: 6 Nays: 0

The ayes have the majority, the motion passes.

10. ELECTION OF BCSGA OFFICERS

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- a. Andrew Brown for the position of BCSGA Senator-at-Large
Not present.
- b. Michael Williams for the position of BCSGA Senator-at-Large
Not present.
- c. Nisha Sharma for the position of BCSGA Senator-at-Large
Senator Rodriguez moved to open discussion for the election of Nisha Sharma for the position of BCSGA Senator-at-Large, Seconded by Senator Cortez

Discussion:

Vice President Jimenez: Go ahead and share with the senate a two minute introduction of yourself and your reasoning for wanting to join BCSGA, afterward you are allowed to leave the meeting if you wish as we hold our own discussion. You may begin when you are ready.

Nisha Sharma: I am a first year student here at BC and majoring in engineering, I am hoping to apply for the position of Student-at-Large. I first became aware of BCSGA from all of the events that were happening around campus during my first semester in the fall. I hope is that by becoming a senator, I can help in improving the overall happiness and security for students on campus. During my time as an officer in high school, I focused on helping our students feel comfortable with getting involved and I want to do the same at BC. I have had experience with the student body systems, as well as with clubs and hosting large scale events. I hope that through this position, I can continue to participate in on-campus events while assisting other students.

Senator Salcido: Is there any particular reason why you decided to join senate instead of student activities as your department?

Nisha Sharma: I understand that Student Activities is much more hand on with the events on campus, and that senate deals with legislation and bill reforms, however I wanted to join senate because I feel like the most impact can be had in senate.

Director Zavala: How is your time management?

Nisha Sharma: I am a full time student, as well as a regular volunteer with a volunteering organization. In the morning I work as a tutor in the tutoring center, and on top of all that I still manage to complete my schoolwork and find some free time in my day, so I would like to use that time to help within BCSGA.

Manager Manos: You mentioned that you wished to contribute to BCSGA and the students on campus, could you elaborate on how exactly you plan on contributing?

Nisha Sharma: I have been a member of several planning committees throughout high school, as well as an organizer in planning large events. I have worked with third parties and contacted vendors, so I do have the knowledge and skills to help in coordinating events.

*Senator Cooper left the room at 6:55 p.m.

*Senator Rodriguez left the room at 7:15 p.m.

*Senator Graves left the room at 7:18 p.m.

Senator Rodriguez moved to enter roll call vote, seconded by Senator Cortez

Roll Call Vote:

Senator Cortez: Aye
Senator Salcido: Aye
Senator Montero-Garcia: Aye
Senator Graves: Aye
Senator Rodriguez: Nay
Senator Parks: Aye
Senator Limanco: Nay
Ayes: 5 Nays: 2

The ayes have the majority, the motion passes.

11. OATH OF OFFICE

The Parliamentarian shall administer the oath of office for all newly elected positions. The Vice President may shall administer the oath of office for all newly elected senators.

- a. Emmanuel Limanco for the position of BCSGA Senator-at-Large
Sworn in.
- b. Bre Parks for the position of BCSGA Senator-at-Large
Sworn in.

12. FIRST READING OF LEGISLATION

The Senate shall read the legislation for the first time and then may choose to refer to committee.

- a. SB##: Updates to the BCSGA COBRA VII.

Discussion:

Dr. Damania: We will mostly be emphasizing the purpose of the Elections Commission, as well as attempting to establish our practices that we've been practicing for the past 2 years into the COBRA. We will be establishing as a 3rd party entity to make next semester's elections easier and will need to appoint several senators or officers to the commission: the advisor will act as the chair, two SGA officers, and two commission officers. Some reminders, if you are running for elections, you cannot be on the elections commission, also the advisor will be in charge or keeping the other positions in check and this election the polling will be done entirely online. Candidates are allowed to file for one position only and we no longer have senators for academic departments, but senators-at-large. Finally, paper ballots are no longer accepted.

Senator Salcido moved to close discussion and move to Item 14.a.,
Seconded by Senator Montero Garcia

13. FAST-TRACK LEGISLATION

A Senator may move legislation to be considered for fast-track at this meeting, moving legislation directly from first reading to second reading.

- a. SB##: Updates to the BCSGA COBRA VII.
None.

14. SECOND READING OF LEGISLATION

Legislation listed has already been read once on the Senate floor or approved for fast-track, and thus are considered for approval by the Senate

- a. SB##: Updates to the BCSGA COBRA VII.
Senator Salcido moved to enter Roll Call Vote,
Seconded by Senator Montero Garcia

Roll Call Vote:

Senator Cortez: Aye
Senator Salcido: Aye
Senator Montero-Garcia: Aye
Senator Graves: Abstain
Senator Parks: Aye
Senator Limanco: Aye
Senator Sharma: Abstain
Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

The Ayes have the majority, the motion passes

15. APPOINTMENT OF SENATORS TO COMMITTEES AND DEPARTMENTS

Senate will recommend members to each of the Senate Standing Committee and the BCSGA Departments. Then, Senate will consider a binding resolution to appoint Senators as members to each Senate Standing Committees or BCSGA Departments established by the BCSGA COBRA. The Senate may consider the character, professional competence, physical or mental health, or other matters permissible under the California Brown Act, of certain individuals during consideration of this item. Under the Brown Act, the Senate may not close the meeting.

a. Addition of new members to committees and/or departments

Senator Limanco moved to be added to the Department of Legislative Affairs,
Seconded by Senator Cortez

Senator Limanco moved to be added to the Committee of Academic Affairs,
Seconded by Senator Salcido

Senator Parks moved to be added to the Committee of Academic Advancement,
Seconded by Senator Salcido

Senator Parks moved to be added to the Committee of Academic Affairs,
Seconded by Senator Salcido

Seeing no objections, all the motions pass.

b. Removal of current members of committees and/or departments

None.

16. PUBLIC COMMENT

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President Frazer: A reminder to all senator and officers, please go to the committee website and read the agenda in advance before coming to the Senate meetings. They are posted 72 hours in advance and will help quicken the pace of our meetings since we have so much to go through.

Vice President Galo: Please remember that abstaining from voting does not help BCSGA during these meetings, there are only two instances where you would ever need to abstain your vote – a conflict of interests or where money is involved.

Senator Graves: There are two events that are coming up that I would like to announce, which I will also be bringing up in advancement. The first event is on February 11th from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in which we will be collaborating with a historic park with a deep history for African American culture. The second event will be held later in February at the LA Southwest College in Los Angeles on the 24th, 25th, and 26th. If anyone has any has any other questions they can contact me.

Senator Cortez: There will be a Region V meeting this Friday at 5:00 p.m. The last two meetings haven't been as full, and many non-BCSGA personnel attend these meeting to give their input. Also 3 of us will be traveling to attend the SSCC Conference and the GA.

17. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:34 p.m.