

BAKERSFIELD COLLEGE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

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COMMITTEE ON ADVANCEMENT OF BAKERSFIELD COLLEGE

Monday, February 1, 2016

10:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.

SGA Boardroom

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER*

The meeting was called to order by Senator Graves at 10:10 a.m.

2. ROLL CALL*

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

The following members were present: Senator Graves, Senator Zavala, Senator Sanchez (late-excused), Senator Chavez (late-excused), Senator Galvez, and Advisor Damania.

The following members were absent: none

The following members were excused: none

2/3 quorum was met, thus a bonafide meeting was 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. It was moved by Senator Zavala and seconded by Senator Galvez to adopt agenda for Monday, February 1, 2016.

Discussion: No further discussion occurred.

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. It was moved by Senator Galvez and seconded by Senator Zavala to adopt the minutes for Monday, January 25, 2015.

Discussion: No further discussion occurred.

The motion passed by majority vote of “aye” through voice vote.

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. Amy Pachla: I am a reporter from the Renegade Rip. The first item I would like to bring up is the construction going on for the stairs between the LA building and the gymnasium. We need more information for why there is construction going on there, as it seems like they are ripping up a good pair of stairs. Moreover, the small stair space available is not enough for traffic, and it is causing a congestion in the small area that is the cafeteria. Additionally, the cafeteria space available to purchase food at the Panorama Grill is very small that it congests terribly at lunch hours. Renovation is greatly needed. As I have mentioned at previous Committee on Advancement meetings, I am in favor of designated smoking areas. I do not care of where or how, but I am not in favor of banning smoking outright.
- b. Director Epifania Mendoza: I do not have anything to comment on as I have primarily been working with the District on the Budget Allocation Model. But one thing that I have learned from the last meeting this past Friday is that as long as there are 500 students who cannot make to classes at a certain location and are from a different location, then there could be a center away from Bakersfield Main Campus. For example, the Delano Center is one of those centers. I will be trying to work towards creating an Arvin Center as Arvin is quite away from Bakersfield, and this may also prove beneficial for Tehachapi students. Another item discussed from a student panel held on December was outreaching to high schools and middle schools to make them more aware about college way beforehand. It would be almost like a “College 101”. I talked to a dean from the high school I previously attended, and they informed me that if we talked to the Head Counselor then we could get them on board with these presentations and outreach. I would appreciate your help in any of these areas.

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.

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- a. Chair, *Senator Graves Sr.*: I appreciate the comments from Public Comment. I do recognize that it has only been a week since our last meeting. Today is really to be set in the motion of our regular meeting times. So for any members who do not have a report ready for today's meeting, it is alright because we just had a report given last week. We are also trying to bring a lot of different topics into the Black Caucus conference, so that it is interesting to various students and not just one specific demographic. I will need your support and a lot of your help for researching, as well as reading through, the equity plan. This is something that this committee will tackle. I would like for this committee to read through every page for this month, and then provide a one page summary as to what you feel or think about it. I am also looking into obtaining more business cards. (It was referred by Director Mendoza that a bill that would need to be created in order to allocate more funding. This would need to be presented to the Committee on Finance and Senate, as well as voted on and passed for both.)
- b. *Senator Galvez*: I wanted to bring up an idea that I had from last semester. It is about setting up flyers for the Allied Health building, which would advertise about the aids and services provided by Bakersfield College. This includes the pantry, the Student Health Center, the resources provided by the Office of Student Life and more. I was referred to talk to Vice President Orozco and Senator Graves to look into getting flyers and/or presentations, since they are a part of Equity and Inclusion. But I have not received anything so far from either person. (Senator Graves addressed that what would be done is a triage table. This table would have information about all offices on campus. It would range from financial aid to tutoring services. Additionally, what is needed in order to have a presentation done is to ask the professors from the Allied Health building, or nursing instructors, to set up a time and date in order to do a presentation as well as provide promotional material. The contact person to coordinate this would be Shauna Turner, or Henry who would be located behind Shauna's office/desk. The phone number is 661-395-4709.)
- c. *Senator Zavala*: I am still fairly new to this committee, so I am trying to come up with ideas to pursue. But one of the main ideas is one similar to what was expressed by Senator Chavez and it is about the small water filtration systems for water bottles to be placed in the Campus Center. The object is to encourage students to use reusable bottles versus the plastic water bottles, as there are more efficient and impact our environment less. I will work on obtaining quotes for this, as well conduct a survey to see if students would like to have something like this available in the Campus Center.
- d. BCSGA Advisor, *Dr. Damania*: No report.

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. Resolutions Impact to BC Campus/Tobacco Free Campus
Discussion: Senator Graves spoke to Ms. Collier, and he is to get some information in the mail that says the state code that Bakersfield College should already be abiding, which would impact the campus to be Smoke Free/Tobacco Free. It was expressed by Senator Graves that he understands the need for a designated smoking area. However, it would pose a risk to any student that has to walk nearby or through that area. This would largely trouble asthmatic persons, and some days are worse than others. An example that was recent was at the Fall General Assembly for SSCCC. The president of the Black Caucus had a severe asthma attack from walking out of the building for a break, and went into full bronchial constriction such that she had to be hospitalized. But it is also difficult for the several students at Bakersfield College who utilize smoking, vaping, etcetera, because these constituents also have to be represented by the committee. Senator Graves further expressed that those constituents have rights/freedoms to smoke but as it infringes on the rights of other—it stops being that. It becomes an issue of safety versus preferences. In this case, it would be an issue of safety. It is largely known and proven that both smoke and tobacco impose health risks. The rest of the committee debated on having a designated space or banning altogether. It was expressed by Senator Galvez that it would be a good idea to have one designated space since it would compromise between the two groups. The walking issue would have to be addressed, so the space would have to be away from the general population. A place as suggested by Senator Graves would be somewhere near the Agriculture building. It was rebutted that Allied Health would not be in agreement with that suggestion. It was also brought up that in creating a designated space, there would have to be some sort of covering or roof for protection from the elements. It was unsure if it was by law or by

preference. Senator Zavala agreed with Senator Galvez in saying that these students are adults and they have the right to

- b. Black Caucus of California Community Colleges Leadership Conference

Discussion:

- c. Planning of Community Hour
- d.
- e. GET Bus Semester passes (w/Mrs. Hayden).
- f. Cold Sandwich Vendor Machine.
- g. “Assisting G’s Get a College Degree”.
- h. Beautification Project update.

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. Student lead/facilitated/initiated Programs on Campus
- b. Hiring Armed Personnel on BC Campus/Active Shooter Prevention.
- c. Future of Promising Professionals.
- d. Equity Plan and the Five Indicators.
- e. Institutional Services Impact on Student Success *vs* S.I.
- f. Goals to accomplish for the Spring Semester

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.

10. PUBLIC COMMENT*

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11. ADJOURNMENT