

BAKERSFIELD COLLEGE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

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SENATE BODY

Wednesday, March 8, 2017

6 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Executive Board Room, Campus Center

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL*

A majority quorum must be established to hold a bonafide meeting

The following members were present: Vice President, Senator Salcido, Senator Cortez, Senator Limaco, Senator Parks, Senator Sharma, Senator Montero Garcia, and Senator Graves.

The following members were excused: None.

The following members were absent: Senator Cooper

8/9 members were present, quorum has been established, and a bonafide meeting can be held.

3. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The Senate will consider any amendments to the agenda.

Senator Salcido moved to strike items 12a, 12b, 13a and 13b from the agenda,
Seconded by Senator Cortez.

Vice President Jimenez sought a motion to adopt the agenda as amended,
So moved by Senator Salcido, Seconded by Senator Cortez

The agenda has been adopted.

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, February 22nd

Senator Salcido moved to approve the minutes as is, Seconded by Senator Cortez
Seeing no corrections to the minutes, the minutes have been approved as is.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT*

This segment of the meeting is reserved for persons desiring to address the Senate on any matter of concern that is not stated on the agenda. A time limit of three (3) minutes per speaker and fifteen (15) minutes per topic shall be observed. The law does not permit any action to be taken, nor extended discussion of any items not on the agenda. The Senate may briefly respond to statements made or questions posed, however, for further information, please contact the BCSGA Vice President for the item of discussion to be placed on a future agenda. (Brown Act §54954.3)

Alex Domiguez: I am the president of the ASI at CSUB and I am here today to answer any questions you may have on the resolution concerning the potential CSUB tuition increase you will be discussing later on.

Senator Cortez: I just wanted to thank our senators for submitting their resolutions for SSCCC GA in the spring and congratulate Senator Salcido and Senator Limaco, as one of their resolutions was accepted in the resolution packet.

6. 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*

Notes:

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We are having our blood drive at BC starting March 9th, from 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. If you haven't considered donating or know someone who may wish to, then please sign up for a good cause.

- b. Vice-President, *Galo Jimenez*
No report.
- c. Director of Student Organizations, *Dontae Smith*
No report.
- d. Director of Student Activities, *Erik Garcia*
No report.
- e. Director of Legislative Affairs, *Dezi Von Manos*
We will be taking a number of senators to the SSCCC GA in May and in order to determine who will be joining us, we have set up some guidelines to follow. Senators interested in going must attend at least three senate meetings, submit a 500-word letter of intent, maintain a 2.0 GPA, attend an Ethics Dinner which will be in the Renegade Room on April 20th at 5:30 p.m. and attend a Resolution Breakfast; the date for this one will be announced as soon as we have one. Legislative Affairs is requiring senators of BCSGA to complete these requirements to ensure those we bring are up to date with information and are willing to engage themselves during the trip. We will be sending an email to all senators shortly.
- f. Director of Finance, *Manny Zavala*
No report.
- g. Public Relations Manager, *Rayven Webb*
No report.
- h. BCSGA Advisor, *Dr. Damania*
The Office of Student Life has recently hired five new employees and I ask that you greet them all and welcome them to our little family here. Also, Spring Fling is approaching so if you have any questions on the events we will be hosting go ask our Director of Student Activities.
- i. Senator-at-Large, *Lawrence Salcido*
I recently attended the chancellor open forum where they discussed plans to help students graduate and transfer within two years. Also there are plans on expanding positions for more educational advisors as opposed to counselors. Next, a bill is in the works to bring K-12 students to learn here at BC since we do have the space for them and many of those students lack K-12 instructors. As for the Measure J from last year, this year we should be receiving our first influx of funding which we plan to use to improve the Veterans' Center and parking lot areas on campus. I also attending Academic Senate and received the dates for the remaining AIQ meetings: March 21st, April 4th, April 25th and May 9th from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. in the Levan Center.

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

- a. Appointment of Shoshanna Kukuliev for the position of BCSGA Parliamentarian
Senator Salcido moved to open discussion on Item 7.a. for the appointment of Shoshanna Kukuliev for the position of BCSGA Parliamentarian, Seconded by Senator Cortez

Discussion:

Vice President Jimenez: After asking and discussion her abilities, I will be allotting five minutes for discussion, I would like there to be a pro or con stated, followed by the opposite statement.

Senator Salcido: I believe she would be a huge help here at BCSGA, she knows Roberts' Rules, a skill many of us still lack or are still in the process of learning.

Vice President Jimenez sought a motion to move into roll call vote for the appointment of Shoshanna Kukuliev for the position of BCSGA Parliamentarian
So moved by Senator Cortez, Seconded by Senator Salcido

Roll Call Vote:

Senator Salcido: Aye

Senator Cortez: Aye
Senator Limaco: Aye
Senator Parks: Aye
Senator Sharma: Aye
Senator Montero Garcia: Aye
Senator Graves: Aye
Ayes: 8 Nays: 0

The Ayes have the majority, the motion passes

8. ADMINISTRATING THE OATH OF OFFICE

The Vice President shall administer the oath of office of Parliamentarian. The Parliamentarian shall administer the oath of office for all newly elected positions.
Shoshanna Kukuliev was sworn into the position of BCSGA Parliamentarian

Sworn in.

9. 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. Appointment of Senators
 - i. BCSGA Department on Finance
None.
 - ii. BCSGA Department on Legislative Affairs
None.
 - iii. BCSGA Department on Student Activities
Senator Cortez moved to be removed from the Department of Student,
Seconded by Senator Parks
 - iv. BCSGA Department on Student Organizations
None.
 - v. Senate Committee on Academic Affairs
Senator Cortez moved to be added to the Committee of Academic Affairs,
Seconded by Senator Salcido
 - vi. Senate Committee on Advancement
None.
 - vii. Senate Committee on Government Operations
None.

10. 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
We received an email from the ASI President of CSUB, Alex Domiguez, which was discussed at our last Academic Affairs meeting concerning a potential tuition at CSUB. We've since drafted a bill which we've brought with us today to Senate to be discussed. Also, the Thanksgiving break extension pilot survey only has 300 surveys so far, however because the margin of error is less than 1% we will wait till Monday to see if we can get 400 surveys. If we cannot make the 400 mark we can have the tables outside handout hand out surveys.
- b. Report from the Chair of the Committee on Advancement of Bakersfield College
There are some community events happening this month, the first is the Call to Action on March 15th and 16th in Arvin and McFarland, this event is meant to be a tobacco-free to tackle the issue of advertising tobacco. Also we are looking into making the AAMP its own separate committee, separate from BCSGA. And if possible, if anyone here has any ideas that the Committee of Advancement can pursue before the end of this semester, please let us know.
- c. Report from the Chair of the Committee on Government Operations
No report.

11. FIRST READING OF LEGISLATION

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

a. SB: BCSGA Student Organization Participation

Vice President sought a motion to open discussion for Item 11a. BCSGA Student Organization Participation SB for 5 minutes

So moved by Senator Cortez, Seconded by Senator Salcido

Discussion:

Senator Salcido: The current Director of the Department of Student Organization passed a bill which implemented the current tier system to incentive the clubs to participate more at ICC and event. However the bill didn't have the participation statute he wanted, so I was asked to do that. I have modified Title 5 Chapter 2 Section 10 under the COBRA for ICC and have also attached addendum A. If anyone has any questions, just come see me.

b. SB: BCSGA Pledge of Allegiance

Vice President Jimenez sought a motion to open discussion for Item 11b. SB: BCSGA Pledge of Allegiance

So moved by Senator Salcido, Seconded by Senator Cortez

Discussion:

Senator Graves: What exactly is the purpose of this bill?

Senator Salcido: The bill was drafted by me at the request of President Frazer as a way to emulate our high branches of government and their tradition of saluting the flag before the meeting. It is optional if students wish to salute the flag, however, and nowhere in the bill did we state that it was mandatory, no is there any punishment.

Senator Graves: Because there are so many different students of different backgrounds attending, if we were to pass this bill it would tell those students that salute the flag is a requirement, and that "this is the way it should be." I could create a situation where students feel like outsiders.

President Frazer: I understand that many students here at BC are not of this country, but providing the option of saluting the flag give those students the option to participate or not at their own volition. This organization is also a form of government body and we should be able to represent the government body. This bill has nothing to do with ethnicity, culture, race or background, we only are trying to adhere to the processes of higher branches of government.

c. SR: BCSGA No on CSU Tuition Increase

Senator Salcido moved to open discussion on Item 11c. SR: BCSGA No on CSU Tuition Increase, Seconded by Senator Cortez

Vice President Jimenez suspended the Rule for the Day to allow Alex Domiguez, a member of the public, to speak during discussion.

Discussion:

Alex Domiguez: Some background history, the CSU Board of Trustees oversee all 23 CSUs in the state of California and right now the Board of Trustees are looking to pass a resolution that would affect all CSU schools in the state. The resolution would increase the tuition of students by 5% across the CSU system. Here at CSUB, if the resolution were to go into effect, our students would be looking at paying between \$200.00 - \$400.00 in additional fees. As much as 70% of our student rely on some form of financial aid and 60% of those students are on Federal Aid. Unfortunately many grants such as the Pell Grant doesn't adjust to increasing tuition, so many students will be paying more for school than basic needs such as gas or rent. Our Research Department at CSUB informed me that a majority of our students come from BC, so we are reaching out to your government body to ask for support in fighting this resolution, as it will affect many students for the 2017-2018 academic school year. This Saturday March 14th, I will be going with a team of my officers to meet with a group of California State legislators to support a fully funded CSU, to avoid a tuition increase. We will also be meeting the same Saturday and Sunday with the California State Student Association, the representative body that represents all 23 CSUs. Monday March 16th we will be meeting with local legislators including Senator

Vidak and Fuller, Assemblyman Fong, Salas and Lackey. And Tuesday I will be meeting with CSUB President as well as members of his cabinet.

President Frazer: Do you know to what areas the fees will go to?

Alex Domiguez: We've been told that part of the fees go to student graduation initiatives, since only 14% of freshmen graduate compared to 43% of transfer students, however a large portion of the money will be going to employee benefits for staff and faculty. We believe this can come from another source instead of the students.

12. 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: BCSGA Student Organization Participation
Senator Salcido moved to move from Item 11a. to Item 13a. for voting,
Seconded by Senator Salcido
- b. SB: BCSGA Pledge of Allegiance
Senator Cortez moved to move from Item 11b. to Item 13.b for voting,
Seconded by Senator Salcido
- c. SR: BCSGA No on CSU Tuition Increase
Senator Salcido moved to moved Item 11c. to Item 13c. for voting,
Seconded by Cortez

13. 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: BCSGA Student Organization Participation
Senator Cortez moved to open roll call vote on Item 13a. BCSGA Student Organization Participation SB, Seconded by Senator Salcido
Roll Call Vote:
Senator Salcido: Aye
Senator Cortez: Aye
Senator Limaco: Aye
Senator Parks: Aye
Senator Sharma: Aye
Senator Montero Garcia: Aye
Senator Graves: Aye
Ayes: 8 Nays: 0

The Ayes have the majority, the motion passes.

- b. SB: BCSGA Pledge of Allegiance
Senator Cortez moved to open roll call vote on Item 13b. BCSGA Pledge of Allegiance SB, Seconded by Senator Salcido
Roll Call Vote:
Senator Salcido: Aye
Senator Cortez: Aye
Senator Limaco: Aye
Senator Parks: Aye
Senator Sharma: Aye
Senator Montero Garcia: Aye
Senator Graves: Nay
Ayes: 7 Nays: 1

The Ayes have the majority, the motion passes.

- c. SR: BCSGA No on CSU Tuition Increase
Senator Salcido move to open roll call vote on Item 13c. BCSGA No on CSU Tuition Increase SR,
Seconded by Senator Cortez

Roll Call Vote:

Senator Salcido: Aye

Senator Cortez: Aye

Senator Limaco: Aye

Senator Parks: Aye

Senator Sharma: Aye

Senator Montero Garcia: Aye

Senator Graves: Aye

Ayes: 8 Nays: 0

The Ayes have the majority, the motion passes.

14. NEW BUSINESS

Items listed have not already been discussed once and thus are considered for approval by the Senate.

None.

15. PUBLIC COMMENT

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*Senator Graves called for a point of personal privilege at 6:48 p.m.

Director Von Manos: The deadline for the letter of intent for the SSCCC GA is March 20th.

16. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:51 p.m.