

BAKERSFIELD COLLEGE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

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SENATE BODY

Wednesday, April 6th, 2015

6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

Executive Board Room

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER*

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Orozco at 6:08 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 Galvez, Senator Zavala, Senator Nichelson, Senator Sanchez, Senator Smith, Senator Graves, and Advisor Damania.

The following members were excused: Senator Herndon

The following members were absent: Senator Chavez

2/3 quorum was met, thus a bonafide meeting was 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 the adoption of the agenda.

Discussion: No further discussion occurred.

In seeing no objections, 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 the adoption of the minutes from March 2nd, 2016

Discussion: It was explained that these were the minutes from the combined Senate and Executive Board meeting. It was further addressed that the minutes were posted online, but there were no physical copies. A senate member expressed that he did not have the opportunity to see them.

- i. Senator Graves objected to the adoption of the minutes from March 2nd, 2016.

With a yes indicating an approval to adopt and a no indicating to not adopt, the members voted as follows:

Senator Galvez- Yes

Senator Zavala- Yes

Senator Sanchez- Yes

Senator Smith- Yes

Senator Nichelson- Abstain

Senator Graves- No

The minutes are adopted by majority vote, with the votes tallied as 4-1-1.

- b. Vice President Orozco sought any objections to the adoption of the minutes from March 16th, 2016.

Discussion: It was discussed that these minutes are a reflection of the meeting being cancelled.

In seeing no objections, 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. Nicky Damania, Ph.D.: On Friday there is a big outreach event. There will be over about 700 high school students here on campus. We have different things happening from 9 am to 12 pm. There will be different presentations, campus tours, and we need people to volunteer.

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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. There were no BCSGA Committee Changes

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, *Janell Orozco*: We do need a lot more people volunteering for Spring Fling. The Department on Student Activities has not had at least 3 or 4 meetings since their last meeting. We all are aware of the events that are going on, so please use any free time you may have to help out at a booth. We want to make sure that our officers are making an appearance at all of the events that we are hosting. We need to make sure that these events are successful since we are putting forth funds and we just need the 'humanpower' to do so.
- b. BCSGA Advisor, *Dr. Damania*: It is not just the Department on Student Activities meeting that has not been meeting, but it is actually most of the committees and departments. This is one of the reasons why the bill was passed in order to make sure that committees could meet quorum, as senators can now focus on two committees instead of three. We are not getting the commitment from our officers, and we are not moving forward with a bunch of items. I know that it is roughly your last month in officer, but you are still in office and need to finish this year out strong. Just keep this in mind, and to also apply this to your participatory governance committees. Some of you have been great on attendance and participation, but some of you have not been going. Please be more mindful about it. There is just five more weeks and that is all you have. Next week is elections, so this is your opportunity to reach out to your constituents to make sure that they are participating. There will be an elections table from 9 to 3 or 9 to 5 p.m., and help staff it if you are available. But you cannot staff the table if you are running for elections. The award nominations for the Student Involvement Awards close on Friday at no one. Garden Gest and Extra Life is also next week.

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*: There will be no meeting this week. Since we won't be holding any meetings during elections, the next one will be two weeks from now.
- b. Report from the Chair of the Committee on Advancement of Bakersfield College, *Senator Graves*: Steve Woods, who is the CFO for the Golden Empire Transit, attended our last meeting. We discussed about how to move forward with the transportation ideas we presented. We are in the works of coming up with a proposal, using information from a bill that is from the state level. This bill shows the colleges that are participating in backing the proposal. We are trying to make sure we finish this year strong. I am still looking for help in writing the bill, as well as understanding the process, for the vending machine. I am also still waiting for feedback on those who read the Equity Plan. Senator Zavala has also designed a survey for students to ask about a water fountain we are looking to implement on campus, and for asking about armed personnel on campus. Professor Holmes also brought up the issue that desks are very discriminatory to size. As such, this needs to be addressed immediately. I want to challenge us to get this accomplished, and to get even one regular desk/detached desks in each classroom.
- c. Report from the Chair of the Committee on Government Operations, *Senator Herndon*: No report.

10. COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS*

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- a. Vice President Orozco: I have been coordinating with Advisor Damania and with Richard McCrow into getting tables for the Delano campus, where they will be similar to those that we have here in the campus center area. He is really excited about it and we are moving forward into it. He will be getting back to me and we will address the specifics. If you have ever been to the Delano campus, they actually have no tables outside at all. Thus, we are trying to use what we have left within our budget in order to accomplish this. (It was suggested to possibly use the money for the vending machine for the tables. But it was also expressed that there has been a concern from the Delano students that the current vending machines there do not have healthy or wholesome food. It is primarily junk food, and these funds could be used to have a hot/cold food vending machine. It was then rebutted that the

vending machines may not be restocked. Or those funds could be used to help with the water purification machine. Thus, all ideas would be further looked into.)

- b. Senator Graves: I am looking for ideas or feedback onto how to tackle the desks issue suggested by Professor Holmes. (It was suggested to bring it up to M&O because it may be something that needs to be done for all classrooms on campus.) There will also be another advancement meeting on Monday. (It was addressed to hold the meeting after elections because there may be members on the committee who are running for office, and it could be viable time that they need to campaign. Additionally, most, if not all, efforts should be placed towards getting the constituents involved in elections. But it was left at the discretion of the chair to choose whether or not to hold a meeting.)
- c. Senator Sanchez: The issue brought up can be something that I can bring up to the class size task force. There is also the last class size task force meeting on the 28th. We talk about the number of students within each class, the size of class rooms, and try to address it. If you have any ideas or want to email me your concerns, then I will bring it up.

****It was moved by Senator Smith and seconded by Senator Zavala to suspend the orders of the day to rescind the adoption of the minutes of Wednesday, March 2nd, 2016 and go back into discussion.**

Discussion: It was explained that a physical copy had finally been provided and the senators now have the opportunity to review the minutes.

Vice President Orozco sought any objections to the motion. In seeing none, the motion carried**

11. 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. Adoption of the minutes from March 2nd, 2016.

Discussion: The Senators reviewed the copy of the minutes. It was questioned what it was that the senators needed to review, and it was addressed that all should be. It was explained by the secretary that there was a sentiment present in that the meeting did not occur according to how the minutes were recorded, or that it should not have occurred that way. More specifically, the error lied in how the bills presented on the floor passed. The issue lied in the bill about the Department on Finance creation not being explained as it being changed from a committee to a department or as a change of an entire section in COBRA, but as just a change in the number of senators on the department. As such, all senators need to review for any corrections or errors. A senator explained that during the meeting they recalled asking about the purpose of the bill, but the Vice President had elaborated more on the verbiage of the bill and not on the purpose. Additionally, the issue at hand occurred in a later portion of the meeting and not directly on the item, where it had already been placed into Second Reading and was in a vote. But it could not be found in the minutes where it had occurred. It was clarified by the Parliamentarian that the bills still passed regardless of the minutes, as well as that they serve solely to provide an account of the meeting. It could be done through by memory or so forth, but it still stands that the bills passed regardless of the adoption of the minutes. If a change needs to be made by the bill, it should be brought forth to the author or committee. If a change needs to be made to the minutes not stating something that had occurred, then an amendment needs to be made to the minutes. Additionally, it was clarified by the BCSGA Advisor that the Committee on Finance needed to be made into a department so that the bylaws would be in sync with the constitution.

- i. It was moved by Senator Sanchez and seconded by Senator Zavala to adopt the minutes from March 2nd, 2016.

Discussion: No further discussion occurred.

Vice President Orozco sought any objections to the motion. In seeing none, the minutes were adopted.

12. COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS*

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- d. Senator Smith: The Department on Student Activities has not had a meeting for a few weeks now. For the Department on Student Organizations, we created a bill which is being presented today.
- e. Senator Zavala: In the last meeting of my participatory governance committee (Accreditation & Institutional Quality), I was not able to attend. But through following up and getting feedback from what occurred, they are doing workshops to get all of the reports in since the deadline is next week. They are getting the reports from each department, how the services are or faculty are, and how

things can be improved. In the committee on advancement, we are just moving forward to accomplish a goal. But there has not been a committee on government operations in some time.

- f. Senator Nicholson: A student came into the office looking to push forward to have another Physics B4A class during the summer. It was a struggle that we had last year as well and we went underway with the petition. We then took a different approach. We contacted the Dean, and the issue currently lies in that they are trying to find a professor who can teach the class. It is difficult trying to find someone who has the degree and certifications to teach the class. So if you know anyone who has a Master's in STEM or Math and can teach the field, then let us know. It is tentative that they might have a faculty member from CSUB teach it during the summer. If you need the class, you may be able to register for it soon.

13. FIRST READING OF LEGISLATION

The Chair shall refer all legislation read the first time and not fast tracked to committee.

- a. Equity Plan

Discussion: Senator Graves addressed the floor. The Equity Plan had been sent to all officers, so that all had the opportunity to review it. He challenged members of the Committee on Advancement to read through the plan, and to answer some questions. The questions or goals were to see if the members could understand it, if they understood the budget, and to list any questions or comments that they had about it. Senator Graves' concerns about the Equity Plan involve some of the activities that were listed in the plan, and how these activities would be tracked to see how it would improve the criteria that they observe. The primary goal is to receive feedback from all officers and provide a perspective that he may not have considered. As such, this would allow for a representative voice of the student body onto this plan and it would be a great opportunity. This plan would be divided amongst the members, and it is just to see what questions may arise. These questions would then be relayed to Dr. Zav Dadabhoy, as Senator Graves is in the process of setting up a meeting with him since he offered to provide clarity to any aspects of the plan. A question arose from another senate member about what the Equity Plan is, or if it is a program. It was explained by Senator Graves that the Equity Plan started by the college trying to obtain funding from the state level for about five to six groups on campus that are most disproportionately serviced. The funding would then help the college address the certain measured criteria for those groups on campus. The plan was devised through the Equity Department, and it was about how the funding would be used, what problems it would address on the campus, and how it would all be tracked. This data would then be relayed back to the state, either showing improvement, that they could not reach the goals and rescind the funding, or that it was successful and to ask for more funding. It was further reiterated whether or not this was a program or a department, and how these funds were being filtered. It was clarified by Vice President that it is an actual department, and this department created the plan which has various outputs. So for example, if someone came in with an issue, the department would redirect them to the various services on campus to help remediate that issue. It was rebutted by Senator Graves that according to a previous understanding, it is an initiative designed to assist students in the criteria areas listed by the Chancellor's Office, and to track their progression. Essentially, the college would provide information to the Chancellor's Office, and this data would show that there was an issue with student success on the campus which is needing to be addressed. As such, the state would approve for funds, which have previously been set aside, and it would be sent to the school to address the issues. Therein lies the crux of Senator Graves' concern of how is this being tracked. It was suggested by Senator Zavala to attend an AIQ (Accreditation & Institutional Quality) committee meeting. This would provide more perspective on the participation of departments to fill out reports that need to be sent to the state. These reports entail how many students completed the class, the amount of failing or passing grades, and more, but it does not take into account how many students have dropped the course. The suggestion was rejected as the current understanding by another member is that the Equity Plan is not related to any other program on campus or that there is no correlation between the two, which is the reason why a department was designed to manage these funds. For instance, the Equity Plan used to sponsor Community Hour and a few other initiatives, but these had then stopped without reason. Senator Graves provided the concern that these are student initiated programs, which had time and effort placed into in order to have it be successful or work, as well as incorporated student voices, but they had suddenly been cut. It was questioned by the secretary whether there had been any tracking for those initiatives to see if it had a desired effect, gain, progress, or benefit to those desired groups. According to a general opinion, it had a good turnout. It was further expressed by the secretary if there had been any goals set beforehand or assessed afterwards by the group. It was clarified by Senator Graves that the initiatives were supposed to be for both semesters, and examined at the end

of the year to see its impact, but there were no goals set. The group was supposed to observe the attendance, how it grew, what group it impacted, but it would all be done at the very end and not during. It was further expressed that someone taking it upon themselves to stop a student led initiative, program, or activity, without consulting the students is not right and it says something. For those being funded by the Equity plan, it says something. The secretary expressed that the comment of saying that someone is going out of their way to stop a student led initiative is misleading, but opted to elaborate on it further later in order to organize the thought. Vice President Orozco set the plan in mind for all officers to review the plan, to come up with any issues or concerns, and to do something about it. Senator Graves opted to reject the idea and to continue with this pursuit through another avenue.

b. S.B. ## “Mandating Attendance of I.C.C. Board Representatives”

Discussion: The Senate body reviewed all of the bill and read aloud. It was addressed that the basic grammatical and cohesion errors would be corrected before the second reading of legislation. Additionally, it was questioned whether tier II clubs would get to receive any benefits at all or not, since it was not stated within the addendum. It was clarified by Senator Smith that tier II would receive only the normal benefits of being a registered club, but not the additional items from the Office of Student Life or Production Team services. The addendum was noted to be amended in order to add item ii., which would state the normal SOF grant and publicity opportunities that tier II clubs can receive.

14. FAST-TRACK LEGISLATION

A Senator may move legislation under this agenda item to be considered for fast-track at this meeting. The motion shall be decided without debate, and shall require the consent of the Senate.

- a. There were no motions to fast-track at this time.

15. SECOND READING OF LEGISLATION

Legislation listed in this agenda item has already been read once on the Senate floor or the approved for fast-track and thus are considered for approval of the Senate

- a. There was no legislation to be considered during second reading at this time.

16. COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS*

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- a. There were no further comments or announcements made.

17. PUBLIC COMMENT*

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

18. ADJOURNMENT

- a. Vice President Orozco sought any objections to adjourning the meeting.

Discussion: No further discussion occurred.

In seeing no objections, the meeting was adjourned at