

# BAKERSFIELD COLLEGE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

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## BCSGA SENATE BODY AND BCSGA TRANSITIONAL CEREMONIES

Friday, May 8, 2015

11:00 a.m.

Fireside Room, Campus Center

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### 1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER\*

The meeting was called to order by President Dominguez at 11:12 a.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 as follows:** President Dominguez, vice President Moran, Secretary Rodriguez, Parliamentarian Dobrenen, Director Goree, Director Autwell, Director Kim, Senator Fowler, Senator Galvez, Senator Mann, Senator Orozco, Senator Lonsinger, Senator Post, Senator Forouzanfar, Senator Nichelson, and Senator Zavala

**The following members were absent as follows:** Director Czar, Senator Tadle, Senator Campos, and Senator Diaz

**The following members were excused as follows:** Senator Roel

2/3 Quorum was established, thus a bonafide meeting was able to be held. \*See attached roll call sheet for verification of attendance.

### 4. 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. There were no public comments made.

### 5. 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 of the Association, Jimmy Moran: It has been a great year and a pleasure to work with all of the officers. It has really been an amazing year, and it is a bit sad to see it end. Thanks to our advisor to giving us all the great guidance that he has.
- b. SGA Advisor, Nicky Damania, Ph.D.: In addressing the old officers, it was a pleasure and honor to work with you all. The very best wishes in all of your future endeavors, and do remember that BC is your home. There is always the BC alumni association and SGA will be here if you do come back to help. We very much appreciate all that you have done for the association, the students, and the college. Thanks to President Dominguez and Vice President Moran for being the two great leaders of the association and have done great things for the institution, as well as student body. Director Goree and Director Autwell have definitely set new heights for student involvement here on campus. Thank you very much and I look forward to what you each do in the future.

### 6. REPORT OF THE DEPARTMENTS AND 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 Director of the Committee on Student Organizations, Director Autwell: Thanks to everyone who helped with the Student Health & Wellness Fair. We appreciate all of you coming out to help.

### 7. 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. There are none at this time.

### 8. FIRST READING OF LEGISLATION

#### Notes:

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- a. President Dominguez sought a motion to approve S.R.20: To Provide for the Sine Die Adjournment of the Ninth Session of the BCSGA. It was so moved by Senator Fowler and seconded by Senator Lonsinger.

**Discussion:**

Senator Lonsinger moved to strike out “Ninth” and insert “Ninetieth”. It was seconded by Director Autwell. The motion passed by no objections.

## 9. MOTIONS TO FAST-TRACK LEGISLATION

*A Senator may move that legislation under this agenda item be considered at this meeting. Such a motion shall only be in order provided that a 24-hour notice has been given to the Chair. The motion shall be decided without debate, and shall require the consent of a two-thirds majority of the Senate.*

- a. President Dominguez sought a motion to fast-track S.R.20: To Provide for the Sine Die Adjournment of the Ninetieth Session of the BCSGA. It was so moved by Senator Fowler and seconded by Director Autwell. The motion passed by no objections.

## 10. SECOND READING OF LEGISLATION

*Legislation listed in this agenda item has already been read once on the Senate floor or the approved fast-track from agenda item 16 and thus are considered for approval of the Senate*

- a. President Dominguez sought a motion to approve S.R.20: To Provide for the Sine Die Adjournment of the Ninetieth Session of the BCSGA. It was so moved by Senator Fowler and seconded by Senator Orozco. The motion passed by no objections.

**Discussion:**

The voting was as follows:

Yes- 14

No- 0

Abstain- 0

S.R. 20 was approved by majority vote. \*See attached roll call sheet for verification of voting.

## 11. OLD BUSINESS

- a. There was none.

## 12. NEW BUSINESS

- a. There was none.

## 13. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

- a. President Sonya Christian and President Dominguez signed the amended BCSGA Constitution as approved by the Student Body on 4/16/15 through the previous elections. The amended constitution was passed by 424 votes of the 524 votes, out of the total 595 votes casted for the election.

## 14. COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS\*

- a. President Dominguez: Thank you to President Christian for being an amazing partner of the SGA.

## 15. 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.

## 16. ADJOURNMENT

*The members of the 90<sup>th</sup> Session will vacate their seats and BCSGA Secretary shall continue the agenda to preserve order and decorum and decide the order agenda.*

- a. It was moved by Director Kim and seconded by Senator Post to adjourn the meeting for the Sine Die of the 90<sup>th</sup> Session of BCSGA. The motion passed by no objections. President Dominguez adjourned the meeting for the Sine Die of the 90<sup>th</sup> Session of BCSGA at 11:21 a.m.\*\*

*\*\*Transitional Ceremonies from the 90<sup>th</sup> Session to the 91<sup>st</sup> Session of BCSGA\*\**

## 17. CALL THE 91ST SESSION OF BCSGA TO ORDER\*

*Led by the BCSGA Secretary*

Secretary Rodriguez called the 91<sup>st</sup> Session of BCSGA to order at 11:22 a.m.

**18. CONVENING OF THE NINETY-FIRST SESSION OF BCSGA\***

*The Secretary shall keep order of BCSGA pending the administering the Oath of the Office of the Vice President.*

Secretary Rodriguez kept the order of the agenda pending the swearing the Oath of the Office of the Vice President.

**19. ASCERTAINMENT OF QUORUM\***

*The Secretary will call the Roll of the BCSGA Officers-elect to ascertain the presence of a quorum. Only the names of those persons whose credentials show they were regularly elected will be called. The quorum of the Senate is two-thirds of the Senators.*

Secretary Rodriguez conducted the 91<sup>st</sup> Senate Session Roll Call:

The following Member-elects were present: Vice President-elect Orozco, Senator-elect Chavez, Senator-elect Espinoza, Senator-elect Galvez, Senator-elect Herndon, Senator-elect Lyons, and Senator-elect Sanchez

The following Member-elects were absent: Senator-elect Partovi

The following Member-elects were excused: Senator-elect Roel

2/3 Quorum was established.

**20. PUBLIC COMMENT\***

*The Secretary may elect to take public comment on any action items on this agenda. The Secretary may impose reasonable limits on the length members of the public may speak which is stated before comment commence.*

BCSGA welcomed all persons in the gallery to the Inaugural Ceremonies. It is a traditional and landmark event.

**21. INAUGURAL CEREMONIES**

*The Senate will pause for the Inaugural Ceremonies of the BCSGA President, Director of Student Organization, and Vice President. The BCSGA Officer-elect will be formally sitting in the gallery during the Inaugural Ceremonies.*

- a. Keynote Presentation from the President of Bakersfield College, Dr. Sonya Christian:  
I'd like to recognize what a wonderful event this is. I have been at BC for a little over two years. This is really wonderful event that the SGA team has put together. I have really been seeing the aspect of leadership, the sense of wanting to make the place a little better than the way that we received it. This particular transition ceremony is really significant as it respects and honors the leadership that is moving on to a new chapter in their life, and the opportunities for the incoming to make their mark in the 2015-2016 year. SGA was everywhere I turned in 2014-2015 by making a difference not only to the students' lives here at the college but also to our community. It really goes to all of the Senators, Vice President, and President. I am very proud of President Dominguez for the work that he has been doing in the community. (Borrowing words from President Dominguez) Bakersfield College is in the business of creating leaders. President Dominguez specifically mentioned Congressman McCarthy and Senator Jean Fuller. But to the incoming students assuming the leadership roles, those are really the models to look up to. Let us give a resounding round of applause to the transitioning SGA. I look forward to working with the new leadership team of 2015-2016.
- b. Recognition of Past President, Vice President, and Director of Student Organizations:  
Secretary Rodriguez recognized the hard work and dedication of the 2014-2015 BCSGA Past President Dominguez, Vice President Moran, and Director of Student Organizations Autwell. Thanks were given to their service to the association.
- c. Administering the Oath of Office to the BCSGA President-elect:  
President Christian administered the Oath of Office to the BCSGA President-elect Clayton Fowler-  
  
"I, Clayton Fowler, 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."  
\*Copies of the Oath of Office were signed by the BC President and BCSGA President-elect\*
- d. Administering the Oath of Office to the BCSGA Vice President-elect:  
President Christian administered the Oath of Office to the BCSGA Vice President-elect Janell Orozco-

“I, Janelle Orozco, 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.”

\*Copies of the Oath of Office were signed by the BC President and BCSGA Vice President-elect\*

- e. Administering the Oath of Office to the BCSGA Director of Student Organizations-elect:  
President Christian administered the Oath of Office to the BCSGA Student Organizations-elect Chad Hidalgo-

“I, Chad Hidalgo, 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.”

\*Copies of the Oath of Office were signed by the BC President and BCSGA Director of Student Organizations elect\*

- f. Inaugural Speech given by the new President and Vice President:  
(Orozco) Thanks to all for coming today and for your support as the Bakersfield College Student Government Association in its 91<sup>st</sup> session. This past year, the student government built the foundation for our new government. We wrote and edited our new constitution with checks and balances. We made a political process that is similar to the way that our United States Government works. As we transition into the new term, we plan to build up with what the 90<sup>th</sup> session has already done. Now officers who are in our student government will have a first-time experience of politics on a basic level. Our officers will be trained with their jobs and be ready to help the students. That is one of our main goals this year: to help our students. Our constituents will not think of SGA as just strangers who sit in an office and spend their money. We want to be on campus with students, and want our SGA members to stand out not only on the Panorama campus, but the city of Bakersfield. The previous SGA set a pattern of constant community involvement. We thank them, and are proud of what they have done with the constitution and codes, which were written to make sure we’d advance. We can even do more now. (Fowler) There is a long list of qualities worth promoting. Bakersfield College is one the oldest community colleges in the country. Our alumni basis is strong, with such members as majority leader Kevin McCarthy, represented at the national leader. As well as President Christian said, Senate leader Jean Fuller at the state level. We have almost an overwhelming number of opportunities for scholarships, internships, and student employment. Recently, Brookings Institute ranked Bakersfield College 1<sup>st</sup> in California, and 6<sup>th</sup> in the nation for graduate career earning value. Community colleges often have a negative connotation in the world of collegiate academics. Bakersfield College actively works against the poor reputation. This year the student government will work to not only create an environment that will foster success, but also a sense of community. We plan on engaging our community by having regular farmers’ markets, hosting monthly festivals, and designing a student life app- detailing the events and Bakersfield College programs, like athletics and performing arts. Each of these ideas revolves around our administration’s main focus. Our constituents elected us to speak with their voice, to improve their environment, and to pursue their vision. The Bakersfield College Student Government Association will operate under these ideals, and we pledge that any action of ours will contribute to the intellectual, cultural, and economic vitality of the community we serve. Once again, we’d like to thank all who participated in elections, and gave us this opportunity. This past weekend we went to the Student Senate for California Community Colleges (SSCCC), and we got to meet with our colleagues up and down the state. We represent 2.1 million students. I thank you for all the support you put in us. We Are BC.

## 22. ADMINISTRATION OF OATH OF OFFICE TO THE SENATORS

*The Vice President shall call each Senator-elect from the gallery and then will administer the oath of office to the Senators-elect.*

- a. Vice President Orozco called each Senator-elect up to receive their Official name tag and administered their Oath of Office:  
- Senator-elect Chavez:

“I, , 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.”

- Senator-elect Espinoza:

“I, , 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.”

- Senator-elect Galvez:

“I, , 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.”

- Senator-elect Herndon:

“I, , 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.”

- Senator-elect Lyons:

“I, , 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.”

- Senator-elect Sanchez:

“I, , 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.”

### **23. ANNOUNCEMENT OF VACANT SEATS**

*The Vice President shall announce the existence of any vacancies at the time of its assembly, due to resignation or otherwise.*

- a. Vacancy of Four BCSGA Senator-at-large seats

### **24. RECOGNITION OF PAST BCSGA OFFICERS**

*The Vice President will recognize the BCSGA Officers from the 90th Session of Bakersfield College Student Government Association.*

Vice President Orozco called the names of the Past BCSGA officers to come up to receive a BCSGA Stole and Medallion as a small token of the Association’s gratitude for their service and dedication.

- a. President Dominguez
- b. Vice President Moran
- c. Secretary-Historian Rodriguez
- d. Parliamentarian Dobrenen
- e. Director of Activities Goree
- f. Director of Clubs & Organizations Autwell
- g. Director of Finance Kim
- h. Director of Legislative Affairs Czar
- i. Senator for Allied Health & Fire Tech Fowler
- j. Senator for Allied Health & Fire Tech Galvez
- k. Senator for Career and Technical Education Mann
- l. Senator for Community at Large Roel
- m. Senator for Community at Large Tadle
- n. Senator for Community at Large Orozco
- o. Senator for English, Library & Pre-Collegiate Writing Czar
- p. Senator for English, Library & Pre-Collegiate Writing Lonsinger
- q. Senator for Humanities and Social Sciences Post
- r. Senator for Humanities and Social Sciences Forouzanfar
- s. Senator for Physical Education and Athletics Campos
- t. Senator for Physical Education and Athletics Diaz
- u. Senator for STEM and Technology Nichelson
- v. Senator for STEM and Technology Zavala

### **25. COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS\***

*The Vice President shall recognize in turn Senators requesting the floor for a period not to exceed two minutes.*

- a. Reminder to all Senators that the first meeting of the 91st session will be held on Friday, May 15, 2015 at 9 a.m. in the BCSGA Boardroom. After the meeting, if able, then we will head over to the Delano Campus to partake in the graduation celebration there. Additionally, ensure that all paperwork and information is given to the BCSGA Advisor prior to leaving.
- b. Nicky Damania, Ph.D.: To the new officers of the 91<sup>st</sup> session, welcome aboard! It will be an exciting time and a great journey. To President Fowler and Vice President Orozco, I look forward to numerous nights with you all conducting business. Please keep in mind that there will be training sessions throughout the summer, as well as senator meetings. In the first meeting, we will be selecting chairs of the committees. Thank you so much. New Senators and Officers do be sure to sign your oath, and give them to me.

## **26. PUBLIC COMMENT\***

*The Vice President may elect to take public comment on action items on this agenda, except as otherwise provided by law. The Vice President may impose reasonable limits on the length members of the public may speak.*

- a. Jimmy Moran: When conducting business at the table, a reminder that business is business and that friends are friends. Speak from your heart and follow your heart. I have a lot of faith in you all.
- b. Alex Dominguez: I'd like to thank all of the outgoing SGA members; it has been a pleasure working with all of you in the past year. Vice President Orozco and President Fowler, as Senators you did a great job, and I know that you will continue doing a great job serving as President and Vice President. Along with your new team, I am here for you with whatever you may need. Thank you again.

## **27. ADJOURNMENT**

Vice President Orozco sought a motion for the Senate to stand adjourned until Friday, May 15, 2015 at the hour of 9:00 a.m. in the BCSGA Boardroom. Senator Galvez so moved the motion and it was seconded by Senator Lyons. There was no more discussion. Vice President Orozco adjourned the meeting at 11:51 a.m.