Bakersfield College Student Government Association

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BCSGA SENATE BODY – CONVENING MEETING

Wednesday, May 10, 2023

4:00-6:00pm

BCSGA Boardroom, Campus Center

1. CONVENING OF THE 99TH SESSION OF THE BCSGA SENATE

Meeting called to order at 4:05.

2. ASCERTAINMENT OF QUORUM

The Secretary will call the Roll of the BCSGA Officers to ascertain the presence of a quorum. A two-thirds quorum must be established to hold a bonafide meeting

Vice President Anguiano - present

Senator Arafah - present

Senator Phillips - present

Senator Concepcion - present

4/4, quorum established.

3. 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)

4. RECEIPT OF CORRESPONDENCE TO THE SENATE

The Senate will receive communications addressed to the Senate and refer each to the appropriate committee.

5. ELECTION OF OFFICERS OF THE SENATE

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. Election of Ms. Lily Linares to the position of Senator-at-Large

Linares: I wish to bring more awareness to SGA, and help address student concerns, and fill empty gaps within SGA.

Pro: Has been present for a long time

Pro: Very willing to expand what SGA is

Roll call vote:

Senator Arafah - ave

Senator Phillips - aye

Senator Concepcion - aye

3 ayes, 0 nays.

6. ADMINISTERING THE OATH OF OFFICE

The Vice President shall administer the oath of office to the newly elected Association Officers.

7. APPOINTMENTS OF ASSOCIATION OFFICERS

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 a. Appointment of Ms. Abigail Tamayo for the position of BCSGA Director of Student Orgar Abigail is very involved in many clubs, and very welcoming. Very inclusive and outgoing. Tamayo: Im very involved, im very passionate in getting everyone else involved as well.

I have on campus knowledge as well since I work on campus. Involved in criminology since fall, we educate students on the criminal justice system. In NAMI, we focus on mental health awareness.

Cadet, knowledge of campus buildings, directing students, working with campus safety. Pro: Very involved with many student orgs, so shows experience in that field.

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Roll call vote: Senator Arafah - aye Senator Phillips - aye Senator Concepcion - aye Senator Linares - aye 4 ayes, 0 nays.

- b. Appointment of Ms. Isabel Saldivar for the position of BCSGA Director of Student Activities Senator Linares moved to table, Senator Arafah seconded. No objections, motion passes.
- c. Appointment of Ms. Johanna Guzman for the position of BCSGA Director of Legislative Affairs Business and accounting major. Very diligent and a great fit for this position. Guzman: Worked with the 98th session director of leg affairs. His passion for the bylaws and structure of sga, helped me gain interest. Attended in SSCCC general assembly, which requires you to be well informed. Plan to apply the gained knowledge to this position and revisit SSCCC bills that have been denied.

Pro: Important to know what youre getting yourself into, and since youve been present you already have goals in mind.

Pro: Has been in SGA, and worked hand in hand with director of leg affairs, so you have a lot of knowledge.

Senator Arafah - aye Senator Phillips - aye Senator Concepcion - aye Senator Linares - aye 4 ayes, 0 nays.

8. ADMINISTERING THE OATH OF OFFICE

The Vice President shall administer the oath of office to the newly appointed Association Officers.

9. ELECTION OF OFFICERS OF THE SENATE

The Senate may elect a Senate Pro-Tempore, pursuant to the BCSGA Constitution Article VI, section 6, and Chairperson of each Senate Standing Committee. The Senate may consider the character, professional competence, physical or mental health, or other matters permissible, of certain individuals during consideration of this position. Then, the Senate will consider a binding resolution to appoint a Senator as the Senate Officer established by the BCGSA COBRA. Under the Brown Act, the Senate may not close the meeting.

a. The Senate shall elect Senate Pro-Tempore and the Chairperson to the Senate Committee on Academic Affairs

Senator Phillips self-nominated, and accepted.

Phillips: Great opportunity to take on more responsibility. This is outside of my comfort zone, so exploring it allows me to grow more, and I may have a lot to offer. I understand my responsibilities, and I believe I would be prepared in the case the vice president is not around.

Roll call for nomination:

Senator Arafah - aye

Senator Phillips - aye

Senator Concepcion - ave

Senator Linares - aye

4 ayes, 0 nays.

10. APPOINTMENT OF SENATORS TO COMMITTEES AND DEPARTMENTS

The Senate will recommend members to each of the Senate Standing Committee and the BCSGA Departments. Then, the Senate will consider a binding resolution to appoint Senators as members to each Senate Standing Committees or BCSGA Departments established by the BCGSA 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. BCSGA Department on Finance Senator Phillips + Senator Arafah
- b. BCSGA Department on Legislative Affairs

Senator Phillips + Senator Linares

c. BCSGA Department on Student Activities Senator Linares + Senator Concepcion

d. BCSGA Department on Student Organizations Senator Arafah + Senator Concepcion

11. FIRST READING OF LEGISLATION

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

a. S.B Appropriations Bill for the BCSGA Annual Budget (FY24)
Senator Phillips moved to refer to Department of Finance. Seconded by Senator Linares.
All senators voted in favor.

12. ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chair shall recognize in turn BCSGA Officers requesting the floor for a period not to exceed one minute.

Wanted to introduce our guest, who is an applicant for the senator position.

Advisor Ayala: Received additional applications. It is up to you, senators, in asking the questions about their attributes. Will get your emails reset. Last study jam tonight.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned at 5:09 pm.