

BAKERSFIELD COLLEGE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

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SENATE BODY

Friday, May 15, 2015

9:00 a.m.

Executive Board Room

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER*

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Orozco at 9:07 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: Vice President Orozco, Senator Espinoza, Senator Galvez, Senator Herndon, Senator Lyons, Senator Partovi, and Senator Sanchez

The following members were absent as follows: none.

The following members were excused as follows: Senator Chavez

2/3 Quorum was met, thus a bonafide meeting was able to be held.

4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

It was moved by Senator Herndon and seconded by Senator Director Hidalgo to adopt the agenda for Friday, May 15, 2015.

Discussion:

There was no discussion for further edits or amendments to the agenda.

The motion passed with no objections.

The agenda for Friday, May 15, 2015 was adopted.

5.

- a. The Senate considered the approval of the minutes of 8, May 2015. It was moved by Senator Galvez and seconded by Senator Lyons to approve the minutes of 8, May 2015.

Discussion:

It was noted for the new Senate Board to make sure to read the minutes of the prior meeting beforehand.

The motion passed by no objections. The minutes from Friday, May 8, 2015, was approved.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT*

- a. Victoria Roel: Hello!

7. COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS*

- a. Vice President Orozco: To all officers and Senators, do recall that the Delano Campus will be hosting a graduation celebration and it will greatly appreciated for as many of us to go to represent BCSGA there.
- b. Nicky Damania, Ph.D.: Welcome to your first meeting, and today will also serve as training for how the meetings shall run for the rest of the year such that you all understand the process. I will be here to help every step of the way and to elaborate. This will be a long meeting.

8. APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENTS OF SENATORS

- a. Vice President Orozco opened up the allotted time for Manuel Zavala to give a presentation for the position of BCSGA Senator-
- Manuel Zavala: Enjoyed the experience from the previous BCSGA session, gained new skills, and would like to continue to grow as well as participate in the new BCSGA session as I joined at the end of last year's session.

Vice President Orozco opened up the interview process for Manuel Zavala

The Senate asked the following questions:

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1. How much time are you willing to give to participate?
-M/Z: As much time as I can, although I will still put education beforehand. I will still try to give as much, so as to do my part to stay ahead in academics.
2. What do you think BCSGA can do better?
-M/Z: Be more voiced. As opposed to simply standing behind a table in events, to rather reach out and be more audible to students.
3. How does your experience or qualities qualify you for the position?
-M/Z: Not sure if it qualifies me, but I helped with so many events, assisted previous board members, and participated in several ways to help BCSGA.
4. In your letter of intent you did you not specify what you did as a senator, why is that?
-M/Z: Letter was lacking because the original intent was to apply for the position of Parliamentarian, but due to time constraints for Fall 2015 schedule, I decided to step down. Thus, I chose to be a senator instead to still participate

Vice President Orozco opened up interview debate

Discussion: It was expressed that it would be very beneficial to having another senator. Dialogue took place concerning his attributes to sensitivity to the deaf or in dealing with the pantry, and it was addressed that in the past BCSGA session he should dedication and that he definitely has a sensitive side due to working with kids often. Although Manuel had expressed he had time constraints for his upcoming school schedule, it was observed from former members that he is very good with time management and incredibly helpful.

It was moved by Senator Galvez and seconded by Senator Lyons to approve the appointment of Manuel Zavala to the position of Senator.

Discussion: None.

The voting was as follows: 5 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain.

The motion carried and Manuel Zavala was appointed to the position of Senator.

- b. Vice President Orozco opened up the allotted time for Kyle Philley to give a presentation for the position of BCSGA Senator-

Kyle Philley: I am a graduating senior from Frontier High School. Really found a passion while participating in ASB (Associated Student Body), and believes that this experience will help further his career.

Vice President Orozco opened up the interview process for Kyle Philley

The Senate asked the following questions:

1. Why apply to be a senator now as opposed to the elections process?
-K/P: Was not aware that elections were taking place, but some college plans did not go as planned, and as such I had registered late. (Not to say that this is like the final resort).
2. What is it about ASB that relates to how you want to be a part of BCSGA?
-K/P: Definitely found my family within ASB, it shaped my skills and being, and I loved being involved in it.
3. What is your opinion on student veterans?
-K/P: I have the highest respect for them, and fully support them.
4. Are you willing to help the pantry and dedicate time to BCSGA?
-K/P: Definitely!

Vice President Orozco opened up interview debate

Discussion: There was expressed concern that, seeing as how Kyle is a brand new student, he may need more time or experience on campus before participating in BCSGA. However, it was addressed that other senators had spent time on campus for a year before participating and still had so much to learn about BC. It was further addressed that Kyle showcased the willingness and assertiveness to not only learn a lot about BC, but to really help out.

It was moved by Senator Galvez and seconded by Senator Lyons to approve the appointment of Kyle Philley to the position of Senator.

Discussion: None.

The voting was as follows: 4 yes; 1 no; 0 abstain.

The motion carried by majority vote and Kyle Philley was appointed to the position of Senator.

a.

9. ADMINISTRATION OF OATH OF OFFICE*

- a. Vice President Orozco administered the oath of office to each of the following appointed persons:
 - i. Manuel Zavala:
“I, Manuel Zavala, so 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.”
 - ii. Kyle Philley:
“I, Kyle Philley, so 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.”
 - iii. Victoria Roel:
“I, Victoria Roel, so 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.”
 - iv. Navid Partovi
“I, Navid Partovi, so 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.”

10. ELECTION OF OFFICERS OF THE SENATE *

- a. Senate Pro-Tempore
 - i. Vice President Orozco opened up the table for nominations for Senate Pro-Tempore.
 1. Senator Lyons nominated Senator Galvez for the position
Discussion: Senator Galvez accepts the nomination.
 2. Senator Roel self-nominates for the position
Discussion: Senator Roel accepts the nomination.

Vice President Orozco closed nominations

 - a. Vice President Orozco opened up the table for presentation and interview of Senator Galvez:
Senator Galvez- It would be nice to be the Vice President of the Vice President, assist in leading in her absence, and to be on Academic Affairs. Would be willing and can make meetings.
The Senate asked the following-
 - i. Will you be able to actively fulfill duties?
Yes.
 - ii. Are you punctual?
Yes.
 - b. Vice President Orozco opened up the table to presentation and interview of Senator Roel:
Senator Roel- Would definitely be available for Vice President Orozco when needed, it is a great opportunity, and wanted to go for this position as I thought more about it.
The Senate asked the following-
 - i. Will you be punctual?

Yes, I will be.

- c. Vice President Orozco opened up the table for debate and discussion.
Discussion: It was discussed that it was observed that Senator Galvez is very punctual and willing to go to meetings. However, it was expressed that the Senator fulfilling this role needs to be someone who can really be relied on. As such, it was addressed that Senator Roel fulfills that ideal more appropriately seeing as how she has worked extensively with the prior Director of Activities as well as her current background experience.

Vice President Orozco opened up voting for the selection of the nomination to Senate Pro-Tempore

The voting was as follows: Senator Roel- 6 Senator Galvez-1

- ii. It was moved by Senator Zavala and seconded by Senator Espinoza to approve the nomination and election Senator Roel to the position of Senate Pro-Tempore.

Discussion: None.

The voting was as follows: 7-0-0.

Senator Roel is elected to the position of Senate Pro-Tempore.

11. APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

- a. Chairperson to the Senate Committee on Academic Affairs
- i. It was established that the Chairperson for this Committee had already been selected.
- b. Chairperson to the Senate Committee on Advancement
- i. Senator Espinoza nominated Senator Philley.
Discussion: Senator Philley accepts.
Presentation and Interview process are opened up by Vice President Orozco
-K/P: Really want to help make BC a place where it is not a joke to come here. I think that I can really help with this.
-Questions:
As a chair, will you be professional in preparing the agenda, etcetera?
K/P: I am very organized, so yes!
-Debate/Discussion: None.

It was moved by Senator Galvez and seconded by Senator Lyons to approve the nomination of Senator Philley to the Chairperson of the Senate Committee on Advancement.

Discussion: None. The voting was as follows- 9 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain.

The motion carried by majority vote.

- c. Chairperson to the Senate Committee on Finance
- i. Senator Galvez nominated Senator Zavala
Discussion: Senator Zavala accepts.
- ii. Senator Sanchez placed a self-nomination
Discussion: Senator Sanchez accepts the nomination
- iii. Vice President Orozco opens up presentation and interview for each of the nominated candidates.
1. Senator Zavala: Wants to be able to address how the money within BCSGA's budget is being spent. I am very organized and will try to help as much as possible.
-Interview-
Will you able to give reports and keep the board up to date?
-M/Z: Yes, I just need to make my time managements skills even better.
What are your qualifications?
-M/Z: Currently taking high level math classes, and as an engineer we are constantly looking for different ways to solve problems or analyze them. As such, I can look for different ways to analyze our budget.
What are the traits that make you qualified?
-M/Z:
2. Senator Sanchez: Having enough time to be involved in BCSGA, I would like to carry this position. I have a background in Virtual Business, and very trustworthy regarding finances, and I choose to do this.
-Interview-
Will you be able to put in the time for this committee besides for the Senate?

-A/S: Yes, as noted before, I have the time availability to take this on.

Do you promise to keep a precise budget?

-A/S: Yes, I will do whatever it takes and all that is needed of me.

Debate

Discussion: It was discussed that it would be a very tough decision to pick between the two nominations as one showcases an actual background experience while the other has more of conceptual skills. Some have worked close with Senator Zavala; they agree with his work ethics, and know that he has worked hand in hand with the former Director of Finance. Another has been in virtual business with Senator Sanchez and is aware of his abilities. But it was addressed that regardless of the decision, both candidates should participate in this committee anyhow as they are both very qualified. BCSGA loves jelly beans.

Vice President Orozco opened up voting for the selection of the nomination

The voting was as follows: Senator Zavala- 6 Senator Sanchez- 3

- iv. It was moved by Senator Galvez and seconded by Senator Espinoza to approve the nomination of Senator Zavala to the Chairperson of the Senate Committee on Finance.

Discussion: None. The voting was as follows: 9 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain

The motion carried by majority vote.

- d. Chairperson to the Senate Committee on Government Operations

- i. It was moved by Senator Galvez to nominate Senator Lyons

Discussion: Senator Lyons accepts the nomination.

Presentation and Interview are opened up by Vice President Orozco

Senator Lyons: -declines presentation-

-Questions-

Are you willing to give time be a chair for this?

-W/L: Yes, although I have other commitments, I will do what I can to fulfill this role.

Debate

Discussion: There was an expressed concern that Senator Lyons may be taking on a lot of responsibilities. It was noted that he is very professional, not afraid to be an outlier, and was very involved in the decision making at SSCCC. He is government minded, and it was greatly agreed up that he is a great asset to BCSGA as a whole and the committee as well.

- ii. It was moved by Senator Roel and seconded by Senator Espinoza to approve the nomination of Senator Lyons to the Chairperson of the Senate Committee on Government Operations.

Discussion: None. The voting was as follows: 8 yes; 1 no; 0 abstain.

The motion carried by majority vote.

12. APPOINTMENT OF SENATORS TO COMMITTEES AND DEPARTMENTS

- a. The following senators were nominated to be elected to each of the following standing committees:

- i. Senate Committee on Academic Affairs
 1. Senator Herndon
- ii. Senate Committee on Advancement
 1. Senator Lyons, Senator Herndon, Senator Espinoza, Senator Sanchez
- iii. Senate Committee on Finance
 1. Senator Partovi, Senator Sanchez, Senator Galvez
- iv. Senate Committee on Government Operations
 1. Senator Galvez, Senator Zavala, Senator Sanchez, Senator Philley
- v. Senate Committee on Student Activities
 1. Senator Zavala, Senator Sanchez, Senator Espinoza, Senator Roel, Senator Philley
- vi. Senate Committee on Student Organizations
 1. Senator Espinoza, Senator Galvez, Senator Lyons, Senator Partovi
- vii. Senate Committee on Legislative Affairs
 1. Senator Roel, Senator Lyons

It was moved by Senator Galvez and seconded by Senator Zavala to reconvene after a 5 minute recess. The motion carried by no objections at 11:10 a.m.

Reestablishment of quorum

Vice President Orozco called the meeting back to order at 11:15 a.m.

The following members were present as follows: Vice President Orozco, Senator Espinoza, Senator Galvez, Senator Herndon, Senator Lyons, Senator Partovi, and Senator Sanchez

The following members were absent as follows: none.

The following members were excused as follows: Senator Chavez

2/3 Quorum was met, thus a bonafide meeting was able to be held.

- b. It was moved by Senator Espinoza and seconded by Senator Lyons to approve the nomination of Senator Chavez for the Senate Committee on Academic Affairs and the Senate Committee on Legislative Affairs.

Discussion: Seeing as how Senator Chavez cannot be here today, as well as the need to meet quorum for some of these committees, it seems fit to place him as a senator on the committees which need senators.

The motion passed by no objections.

- c. Vice President Orozco sought an approval of the following senators for each respective committee
- i. Senator Herndon and Senator Chavez on the Senate Committee on Academic Affairs. It was so moved by Senator Zavala, and the motion carried by no objections.
 - ii. Senator Lyons, Herndon, Espinoza, and Sanchez on the Senate Committee on Advancement. It was so moved by Senator Espinoza, and the motion carried by no objections.
 - iii. Senator Partovi, Sanchez, and Galvez on the Senate Committee on Finance. It was moved by Senator Espinoza, and the motion carried by no objections.
 - iv. Senator Galvez, Senator Zavala, and Senator Philley on the Senate Committee on Government Operations. It was so moved by Senator Galvez and the motion carried by no objections.
 - v. Senator Zavala, Senator Sanchez, Senator Espinoza, Senator Roel, Senator Philley on the Senate Committee on Student Activities. It was so moved by Senator Espinoza, and the motion carried by no objections.
 - vi. Senator Espinoza, Senator Galvez, Senator Lyons, and Senator Partovi on the Senate Committee on Student Organizations. It was so moved by Senator Espinoza and the motion carried by no objections.
 - vii. Senator Roel, Senator Lyons, and Senator Chavez on the Senate Committee on Legislative Affairs. It was by Senator Espinoza, and the motion carried by no objections.

13. RECEIPT OF PETITIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE TO THE SENATE AND REFERRAL

- a. There was no receipt of petitions and correspondence to the Senate.

14. APPOINTMENTS OF BCSGA OFFICERS

- a. President Fowler sought a motion to approve the appointment of Kyle Mann for the position of BCSGA Parliamentarian.

Discussion:

President Fowler: Chose Kyle Mann to accept the position of Parliamentarian as Kyle has an extensive background in working with Robert's Rules of Order, and believe that he will carry out the duties well.

Kyle Mann: Has dealt with parliamentary procedures since High School and am very knowledgeable about the matter. Further elaborated on his qualities and experience both at SSCCC and otherwise that would qualify him for the position.

-Interview-

Are you willing to help train Senators in understanding the parliamentary procedures?

-K/M: Yes, I am more than happy to help others understand Robert's Rules, There are many training guides, and for any questions that I do not know the answer then I will find it the answer. If something seems awry, I will further investigate it to the best of my ability.

As Parliamentarian, you will have to sit in on all meetings. Are you able to participate and be present for all meetings?

-K/M: I cannot guarantee that I will be available for every single meeting since college schedules do sometimes get changed around. If there are justices available or appointed at that time under which I cannot attend, then I will make sure that at least one of them can go.

-Debate-

Discussion: It was expressed that he is great for the position as most are acquainted with his knowledge and experience, and that this specific role is very crucial to BCSGA.

- i. It was moved by Senator Espinoza and seconded by Senator Lyons to approve the appointment of Kyle Mann to the position of BCSGA Parliamentarian.

Discussion: None. The voting was as follows: 7 yes; 1 no; 1 abstain

The motion passed by majority vote.

- b. President Fowler sought a motion to approve the appointment of Epifania Mendoza for the position of BCSGA Director of Finance

Discussion:

President Fowler: Chose Epifania Mendoza to accept the position of Parliamentarian as I know that we need the best, and I feel that she will exceed in this role. Formally had an interview with her, and she exhibits the necessary qualities and experience for this position.

Epifania Mendoza: This will be a great experience for me to put my knowledge to the test.

-Interview-

BCSGA is all about being transparent to the students, can you do that?

-E/M: Yes, I do believe so.

-Debate-

Discussion: It was expressed that she definitely seems confident, that her double major in accounting and criminal justice will prove this to be a great experience for her as well as for BCSGA, and she is a great candidate for this position.

- i. It was moved by Senator Galvez and seconded by Senator Sanchez to approve the appointment of Epifania Mendoza to the position of BCSGA Director of Finance.

Discussion: None. The voting was as follows: 9 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain

The motion passed by majority vote.

15. COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Vice President Orozco recognized Senator Partovi and excused him from the meeting

- a. Vice President Orozco: Everyone did a great job and proud of all in the meeting. Another reminder about the Graduation celebration in Delano.
- b. President Fowler: Congratulations on your first Senate meeting. Do remember to take this seriously as what happens at the table affects many students, but also have fun. Reminder that whatever happens at the Senate table, leave it at the table.
- c. Secretary Rodriguez: Although this is a process for new Senators to get used to, try to participate as much as possible within the meetings.
- d. Nicky Damania, Ph.D.: Do not forget to leave without signing the necessary forms I need from all Senators.

16. PUBLIC COMMENT

- a. Miles Post: As a former Senator, when things begin to happen as the semester progresses, do remember to keep things civil. Do not try to overburden yourself, and know that you are a student first and foremost.

17. ADJOURNMENT

- a. It was moved by Senator Zavala and seconded by Senator Galvez to adjourn the meeting.

Discussion: There was no further discussion.

Vice President Orozco adjourned the meeting at 11:48 a.m.