

BAKERSFIELD COLLEGE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

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SENATE BODY

Wednesday, May 20, 2015

4:00 p.m.

Executive Board Room

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Vice President Orozco.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Senate conducted the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

The following members were present as follows: Vice President Orozco, Senator Chavez (Late: entered quorum at 4:04 p.m.), Senator Espinoza, Senator Galvez, Senator Herndon, Senator Lyons, Senator Partovi, Senator Roel, Senator Sanchez, Senator Philley, and Senator Zavala

The following members were absent as follows: none.

The following members were excused as follows: none.

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

4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

- a. It was moved by Senator Lyons and seconded by Senator Galvez to adopt the agenda for Wednesday, May 20, 2015.

Discussion:

It was moved by Senator Lyons and seconded by Senator Galvez to amend the agenda where under item 12. Election of Officers there is inserted item 13. Administration of Oath of Office.

Discussion: There was no further discussion.

The motion carried by no objections.

The main motion now reads 'to adopt the amended agenda for Wednesday, May 20, 2015.'

The motion passed by no objections.

5. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

- a. It was moved by Senator Lyons and seconded by Senator Galvez to adopt the minutes from Friday, May 15, 2015.

Discussion: It was addressed that the minutes provided at the meeting had errors that were corrected by an addendum provided to all officers days prior to the meeting. It was agreed upon to adopt the minutes with the corrections that needed to be made.

The motion passed by no objections.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

- a. No public comment was made.

7. REPORTS OF BCSGA OFFICERS

- a. President, *Clayton Fowler*: BCSGA is starting to get a new game plan for this year. For all interested in helping out, do stop by during office hours.
- b. Vice President, *Janell Orozco*: Reminder to all Senators to sign up for availability in order to get committee meeting times and etcetera underway.
- c. Director of Student Organizations, *Chad Hidalgo*: The ASL Club has been approved, but there are pending questions about the approval of the Pre-Law Club.
- d. BCSGA Advisor, *Dr. Damania*: There are new designs for the BCSGA polos. Congratulations on starting the 1st meeting of this session very promptly. The Office of Student Life is fully staffed, and each person has a big project. The main project is the Student Involvement Festival, which will occur the first Wednesday of the Fall Semester. For all who are available to help out the office during the summer, please do come in. The institution will also hold a New Student Convocation the Thursday before the Fall semester begins. On another note, I will be out of office from June 7th through June 26th. Any approvals to be made beforehand.

Notes:

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8. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEES*

- a. Report from the Chair of the Committee on Academic Affairs, *Senator Roel*:
No report.
- b. Report from the Chair of the Committee on Advancement of Bakersfield College, *Senator Philley*:
No report.
- c. Report from the Chair of the Committee on Finance, *Senator Zavala*:
No report.
- d. Report from the Chair of the Committee on Government Operations, *Senator Lyons*:
No report.

9. COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. No comments or announcements were made.

10. APPOINTMENTS OF BCSGA OFFICERS

- a. It was opened by President Fowler for the nomination of Jessica Espinoza for the position of BCSGA Director of Student Activities
 - i. *Introduction:*

President Fowler- This candidate worked heavily with the previous Director, has shown dedication in the small time she was a Senator, and took a lot of work on before even being sworn in. A lot of her character has been shown.

Senator Espinoza- I have done a lot of community work the past couple of years. I feel ready to pick up this role, and am very reliable.
 - ii. *Senate Questions:*

Are you willing to put the time in for this position?
-J/E: Yes, I am willing to put in any extra time as well.

Are you good at communicating to a large group?
-J/E: Yes, I am comfortable with it, but I need to pass my nerves in order to do so.

What are activities that you have in mind already?
-J/E: Pizza Fest which is Festival in through which we bring different vendors onto campus, so all students can have a chance to taste it if they have not, or cannot afford it. Another event is Dr. Seuss Day which is to really involve the community and children, and for students to feel comfortable at BC.

Why this position?
-J/E: In working with the previous director, I admired her work, learned a lot from what I experienced, and know many ideas of what I would like to contribute.
 - iii. *General Debate:*

It was expressed that due to the nominee's experience with the previous Director, the nominee would do well in the position. But it was also discussed that the nominee's response to what activities she has planned, or an idea for, was not as elaborated upon as hoped for.
 - iv. It was moved by Senator Lyons and seconded by Senator Galvez to approve the appointment of Jessica Espinoza for the position of BCSGA Director of Student Activities.

Discussion:
There was no further discussion.
The voting was as follows: 10 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain.
The motion passed by majority vote.
- b. It was opened by President Fowler for the nomination of Sahar Forouzanfar for the position of BCSGA Director of Legislative Affairs
 - i. *Introduction:*

President Fowler-This candidate has past experience in BCSGA, showed dedication as a Senator in the previous BCSGA session, coauthored on the Constitution and the codes for BCSGA, and has involvement in the department of legislation in the previous BCSGA session.

Sahar Forouzanfar- I was a senator in the previous SGA, and loved it so much that I wanted to continue my involvement in this association. I chose this position specifically because I want to be able to create the relationship between this campus and other community colleges; SGA's relationship with sister colleges can be bettered. I also want to allocate the time to create resolutions on what needs to be brought to BC, to bring attention to what is

affecting community colleges to inform constituents, and to help bring sister college's resolutions to campus as well.

ii. *Senate Questions:*

In obtaining this position, will you be able to keep the Senate up-to-date and informed with anything involved in Legislative Affairs?

-S/F: I am not a full-time student this semester, so I will definitely be able to allocate time to dedicate time to my committee in order to make sure everyone is updated.

Elaborate on what you have done in the past in regards to the constitution, the codes, and in going to SSCCC.

-S/F: I attended SSCCC twice, and it was a lot of information to take in, especially by understanding how the General Assembly works. It takes a lot of patience, but all of the delegates essentially pro and con what they want to happen at that region level. Knowing what it takes at General Assembly, it is an eye opener for what is expected of this position, and how to represent. I have taken time to write bills, resolutions, get involved with other Senators in creating these, have helped in writing the constitution, and worked close with Dr. Zav Dadabhoy.

What is currently going on at our State level that affects higher education?

-S/F: In going to SSCCC, a lot of issues were aimed towards the limited amount of classes, the limited amount of seats available for classes, in trying to make waitlisting much easier, and this is happening statewide. But many of the resolutions were aimed specifically to cater to a certain area, in this case for STEM Students.

This position is very important to know that those issues are not actually at State Legislation. Currently at state level, there is a consideration for how education should be impacting for a baccalaureate degree, how the water drought is affecting the colleges, certain types of DSPS students not receiving the financial assistance they should, and etcetera. These are state issues. There is a component for SSCCC, but the component of State Legislation was not addressed on very well this past year. *Noting for the record* Can you commit to making this position even better? You show the qualities necessary for this job, but there is more than just SSCCC. This will entail a lot of hard work to work with state legislatures. Can you commit?

-S/F: Yes.

iii. *General Debate:*

It was expressed by several Senators that the nominee has a lot of experience, is a very fast learner, hard worker, very disciplined, has good people skills, very helpful, and can relay information very well.

iv. It was moved by Senator Galvez and seconded by Senator Lyons to approve the appointment of Sahar Forouzanfar for the position of BCGSA Director of Legislative Affairs.

Discussion:

There was no further discussion.

The voting was as follows: 10 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain.

The motion passed by majority vote.

c. It was opened by President Fowler for the nomination of Raquel Vega for the position of BCSGA Public Relations Manager

i. *Introduction:*

President Fowler- This person was selected because of her past involvement in ASB in high school, her past involvement in her community, and her communication skills.

Raquel Vega- My communication skills are very excellent due to being raised in a community where I was exposed to having to associate with many people. I am very comfortable in

talking to others, in utilizing any skills to ensure communication occurs, and I want to be involved with BC.

ii. *Senate Questions:*

How available are you for this position during the week when school is in session?

-R/V: I will be available during all afternoons throughout the week.

Can you state what activities you participated in?

-R/V: I was involved in ASB as the commissioner of community service, participated in Key Club, the Youth Chamber of Commerce, currently have an internship with United Way, and was also in Latina Leaders.

BCSGA is really trying to build a relationship with the community and the overall campus, such as through press releases or articles. How well can you act as a quick responder or correspondent such that BCSGA is only being shared in a positive light?

-R/V: As I am positive person and a quick reactor, in implementing these skills I can be quick on my feet that BCSGA is shown in a very positive manner.

Why did you choose this position over all of the other positions available?

-R/V: I am a communications major, and I really enjoy having the opportunity to interact with people. I get to use my communications skills in this position, and it made me want to be a part of BCSGA.

iii. *General Debate:*

It was expressed that from one's personal experience with the candidate she is very truthful, honest, an interactive people's person, is actually very positive, and very hardworking. It was also reiterated that during the interview she showcased her communication skills, such that she seems suited for the position.

iv. It was moved by Senator Lyons and seconded by Senator Sanchez to approve the appointment of Raquel Vega for the position of BCSGA Public Relations Manager.

Discussion:

There was no further discussion.

The voting was as follows: 10 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain

The motion passed by majority vote.

d. It was opened by Director of Student Organizations Hidalgo for the nomination of Richard A. Scott (most known by Andrew) for the position of BCSGA Student Organization Funding Manager

i. *Introduction:*

Director Hidalgo- This person came by recommendation from President Fowler to me. I have seen him active in numerous activities prior to this BCSGA session. I believe he will be an excellent candidate for the activities that are involved in this position.

Richard Scott- I am choosing this position because I enjoy becoming involved with the school. After some grand misfortunes took place personally, I am trying to become active in being involved with the school, and it is by taking on this position.

ii. *Senate Questions:*

What are your past experiences that qualify you for this job?

-A/S: I have over 6 years of experience as supervisor and manager for restaurants. I have managed books and many different aspects for a company as whole.

This position is in control of a lot of money, and in charge of dispersing the large sum to over 30 clubs and organizations on campus. Last year, the Student Organizations department dispersed to very few organizations as not many came to request. How are you going to help ensure and encourage that clubs know how to use and request the funds, as well as going to manage the funds since the accounts are very restrictive?

-A/S: Recalling my prior experience in the Office of Student Life, the population as a whole on this campus is not very aware what the Senate does. I would like to try to find ways to

make sure students are more aware, and that clubs are more aware of what is going on. The point is to really get the message across.

How well will you be able to manage the financial aspect of your position?

-A/S: Managing money takes a lot of responsibility, and into that responsibility you must be able to devote a certain amount of time per week to make sure that you manage it. I have very good time management skills, and already have time allotted throughout the summer and semester to understand the process of using the funds.

How well are your communication skills with a large group?

-A/S: My greatest weakness would have to be public communication as I am naturally asocial. But that is why I chose this position because I want something that will challenge and push me beyond my current boundaries in order to grow. This will better my experience for my future career.

Earlier you mentioned how you wanted to broadcast what the Office of Student Life does, as well as what the Senate does. What are some specific examples of ways that you wish to accomplish that?

-A/S: It will definitely be using social media to widely broadcast to the students. Another way is by posters, by word of mouth, and through class presentations.

iii. *General Debate:*

It was expressed by one that they were still unsure of his ability to manage the funding. It was expressed by another that the candidate does a very good job in what he is tasked, however he can have troubles in working with a group; he acknowledged it and it shows that he is willing to grow. But it was discussed similarly by many that the candidate is very qualified for the position regarding his past experiences with financial tasks, that he is willing to do the job as he has already planned to set time aside in his organized schedule to fulfill the position's duties, and that he is willing to come out of shell.

iv. It was moved by Senator Galvez and seconded by Senator Lyons to approve the appointment of Richard A. Scott for the position of BCSGA Student Organization Funding Manager.

Discussion:

There was no further discussion.

The voting was as follows: 10 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain.

The motion passed by majority vote.

e. It was opened by President Fowler for the nomination of Colton Nichelson for the position of BCSGA Senator at Large

i. *Introduction:*

Colton Nichelson: I was a student senator in the previous BCSGA session, and I would like to reapply to become a senator once more. I believe that BCSGA has a lot of potential and that we can do a lot of things for the campus. I am a great student, on time, very responsible, and very passionate about what we can do as a Student Body. A few of my accomplishments as a senator include sitting on Academic Senate, College Counsel, being involved in helping with the Renegade Pantry, assisting with many events that were held, and being an effective liaison with faculty.

ii. *Senate Questions:*

Are you willing to put in the extra time as a senator?

-C/N: Definitely, and commitment is key to fulfilling responsibilities. I really built on making my time management more efficient as I participated as a senator.

iii. *General Debate:*

It was discussed that the candidate is very dedicated, and that still choosing to participate regardless of losing in the elections shows what he stands, as well as the type of person he is. It was also expressed that as a senator, he took it into his own hands to be able to provide a

physics class over the summer, is very amiable, and would be another great addition to BCSGA.

- iv. It was moved by Senator Lyons and seconded by Senator Espinoza to approve the appointment of Colton Nichelson for the position of BCSGA Senator at Large.

Discussion:

There was no further discussion.

The voting was as follows: 10 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain.

The motion passed by majority vote.

Senator Lyons left the room at 5:07 p.m.

11. FAST-TRACK APPOINTMENTS

- a. It was moved by Senator Galvez and seconded by Senator Zavala to fast-track the appointment of Jessica Espinoza for the position of BCSGA Director of Student Activities.

Discussion:

There was no further discussion.

The motion carried by no objections.

- b. It was moved by Senator Galvez and seconded by Senator Roel to fast-track the appointment of Sahar Forouzanfar for the position of BCSGA Director of Legislative Affairs

Discussion:

There was no further discussion.

The motion carried by no objections.

- c. It was moved by Senator Lyons and seconded by Senator Galvez to fast-track the appointment of Raquel Vega for the position of BCSGA Public Relations Manager

Discussion:

There was no further discussion.

The motion carried by no objections.

- d. It was moved by Senator Sanchez and seconded by Senator Chavez to fast-track the appointment of Richard A. Scott for the position of BCSGA Student Organization Funding Manager

Discussion:

There was no further discussion.

The motion carried by no objections.

- e. It was moved by Senator Chavez and seconded by Senator Galvez to fast-track the appointment of Colton Nichelson for the position of BCSGA Senator at Large

Discussion:

There was no further discussion.

The motion carried by no objections.

12. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

- a. It was moved by Senator Galvez and seconded by Senator Lyons to elect Kyle Mann for the position of BCSGA Parliamentarian.

Discussion:

There was no further discussion.

The voting was as follows: 9 yes; 0 no; 1 abstain.

The motion carried by majority vote and Kyle Mann is elected for BCSGA Parliamentarian.

- b. It was moved by Senator Galvez and seconded by Senator Lyons to elect Epifania Mendoza for the position of BCSGA Director of Finance.

Discussion:

There was no further discussion.

The voting was as follows: 10 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain.

The motion carried by majority vote and Epifania Mendoza is elected for BCSGA Director of Finance.

- c. It was moved by Senator Lyons and seconded by Senator Sanchez to elect Jessica Espinoza for the position of BCSGA Director of Student Activities.

Discussion:

There was no further discussion.

The voting was as follows: 10 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain.

The motion carried by majority vote and Jessica Espinoza is elected for BCSGA Director of Student Activities.

- d. It was moved by Senator Sanchez and seconded by Senator Zavala to elect Sahar Forouzanfar for the position of BCSGA Director of Legislative Affairs.

Discussion:

There was no further discussion.

The voting was as follows: 10 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain.

The motion carried by majority vote and Sahar Forouzanfar is elected for BCSGA Director of Legislative Affairs.

- e. It was moved by Senator Lyons and seconded by Senator Galvez to elect Raquel Vega for the position of BCSGA Public Relations Manager.

Discussion:

There was no further discussion.

The voting was as follows: 9 yes; 0 no; 1 abstain.

The motion carried by majority vote and Raquel Vega is elected for BCSGA Public Relations Manager.

- f. It was moved by Senator Sanchez and seconded by Senator Galvez to elect Richard A. Scott for the position of BCSGA Student Organization Funding Manager.

Discussion:

There was no further discussion.

The voting was as follows: 9 yes; 0 no; 1 abstain.

The motion carried by majority vote and Richard A. Scott is elected for BCSGA Student Organization Funding Manager.

- g. It was moved by Senator Lyons and seconded by Senator Galvez to elect Colton Nichelson for the position of BCSGA Senator at Large.

Discussion:

There was no further discussion.

The voting was as follows: 9 yes; 0 no; 1 abstain.

The motion carried by majority vote and Colton Nichelson is elected for BCSGA Senator at Large.

13. ADMINISTRATION OF OATH OF OFFICE

Vice President Orozco administered the oath of office to each of the following elected persons:

- a. Kyle Mann:

“I, Kyle Mann, 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.”

- b. Epifania Mendoza:

“I, Epifania Mendoza, 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.”

- c. Jessica Espinoza:

“I, Jessica Espinoza, 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.”

- d. Sahar Forouzanfar:

“I, Sahar Forouzanfar, 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.”

- e. Raquel Vega:
“I, Raquel Vega, 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.”
- f. Richard A. Scott:
“I, Andrew Scott, 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.”
- g. Colton Nichelson:
“I, Colton Nichelson, 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.”

14. FIRST READING OF LEGISLATION

- a. It was moved by Senator Lyons and seconded by Senator Galvez to refer S.B. ##: Creation of the Committee on Veteran Affairs to the Senate Committee on Government Operations.
Discussion:
There was no further discussion. The motion passed by no objections.
- b. It was moved by Senator Lyons and seconded by Senator Galvez to refer S.B. ##: Adoption of the FY2016 BCSGA Annual Budget to the Senate Committee on Finance.
Discussion:
There was no further discussion. The motion passed by no objections.

15. FAST-TRACK LEGISLATION

- a. There were no motions to fast-track.

16. SECOND READING OF LEGISLATION

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

**It was moved by Senator Galvez and seconded by Senator Lyons to recess for 10 minutes.*

*The motion passed by general consensus.**

Senate reconvened at 5:40 p.m.

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

- a. The Senate received the resignation of Senator Espinoza from BCSGA Senator at Large orally due to fulfilling her obligations as the new Director of Student Activities.
- b. The following BCSGA Committee Changes were made:
 - i. Senator Nichelson was added as a participant for the BCSGA Department on Student Organizations and the Senate Committee on Academic Affairs.
 - ii. Senator Espinoza was removed from all committees and departments that she was assigned to due to being elected as a Director.

18. 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. Senator Nichelson: Suggestion that BCSGA invests in clickers such that voting on items by roll call vote goes much faster. *It was referred that the senator creates a bill and raises the suggestion to Budget and Finance.*
- b. Secretary Rodriguez: Reminder to all Senator to participate as much as possible in meetings, as well as to vary up the seating chart at meetings.
- c. Vice President Orozco: Reminder to all Senators to sign up for office availability hours.
- d. President Fowler: New Student Convocation is in the works for the 2,000 new students. President Sonya Christian and others will be speaking in full regalia. Right after, we are planning to hold ‘Renegade Dawn to Dark’ where it’s a carnival for all students and the community to participate. It will be for a full day and up until midnight. Full BCSGA participation is going to be expected. Pizza Fest is also in the works. Many events are being planned, so do come talk to us.
- e. Nicky Damania, Ph.D.: Reminder for Chairs to attend the meeting next week regarding training for minutes, agendas, and more. Professor Richardson and Professor Brigham will be going up to the

capitol next week. So all interested in going need to contact myself and fill out the paperwork. The BCSGA Polo design has also been selected to be the full wording with white lettering.

19. 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 was no public comment made.

20. ADJOURNMENT

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

Discussion:

There was no further discussion.

Vice President adjourned the meeting at 5:57 p.m.