**BCSGA Senate Body – Convening Meeting**

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| **Wednesday, July 7, 2021** | **4:30– 6:00 p.m.** | **BCSGA Boardroom, Campus Center** |
| *Meeting Zoomlink: https://cccconfer.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJcudO6grDwjE9EV60Vgcn5Yy7j5huLsnEex* | | |

1. **Convening of the 97th Session of the BCSGA Senate**

The meeting was called to order at 4:42 p.m.

1. **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.*

* 1. The following members were present: Vice-President Amos, Senator Amey, Senator Singh

3/3 members were present, quorum was established, and a bonafide meeting was held.

* 1. In addition to the Legislative Officers, the following were present during the meeting: BCSGA President Mata, Advisor Nicky Damania, Advisor Leonardo Ayala, Advisor Nicole Alvarez, Bakersfield College President Dr. Dadabhoy, Shehrazad Barraj, Gian Gayatao, Danny Escobar, Jonathan Bong, Juan Sanchez, Hugo Maldonado, Fernando Gurrola, Galo Jimenez, and I BCSGA Executive Secretary Yvonne Crawford

1. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

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1. **Receipt of Correspondence to the Senate**

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

1. **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.*

* 1. Election of Ms. Shehrazad Barraj to the position of Senator-at-Large.

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| Roll Call Vote for Senator-elect Ms. Shehrazad Barraj | |
| Senator Amey | Aye |
| Senator Singh | Aye |
| Ayes: 2 | Nays:0 |

The Ayes have the majority, the motion passes

1. **ADMINISTERING THE OATH OF OFFICE TO THE SENATOR-ELECT**

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

* 1. Shehrazad Barraj was sworn into the position of BCSGA Senator

1. **APPOINTMENTS OF ASSOCIATION OFFICERS**

*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. 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 meeting may not be closed.*

* 1. Appointment of Mr. Danny Escobar for the position of BCSGA Director of Student Organization.

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| Roll Call Vote for approval of Danny Escobar for position of BCSGA Director of Student Organization | |
| Senator Amey | Aye |
| Senator Singh | Aye |
| Senator Barraj | Aye |
| Ayes: 3 | Nays:0 |

The Ayes have the majority, the motion passes

* 1. Appointment of Mr. Jonathan Bong for the position of BCSGA Director of Student Activities

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| Roll Call Vote for approval of Jonathan Bong for position of BCSGA Director of Student Activities | |
| Senator Amey | Aye |
| Senator Singh | Aye |
| Senator Barraj | Aye |
| Ayes: 3 | Nays:0 |

The Ayes have the majority, the motion passes

* 1. Appointment of Mr. Juan Sanchez for the position of BCSGA Director of Finance

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| Roll Call Vote for approval of Juan Sanchez for position of BCSGA Director of Finance | |
| Senator Amey | Aye |
| Senator Singh | Aye |
| Senator Barraj | Aye |
| Ayes: 3 | Nays:0 |

The Ayes have the majority, the motion passes

* 1. Appointment of Mr. Hugo Maldonado for the position of BCSGA Director of Public Relations

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| Roll Call Vote for approval of Hugo Maldonado for position of BCSGA Director of Public Relations | |
| Senator Amey | Aye |
| Senator Singh | Aye |
| Senator Barraj | Aye |
| Ayes: 3 | Nays:0 |

The Ayes have the majority, the motion passes

* 1. Appointment of Mr. Fernando Gurrola for the position of BCSGA Activities Manager

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| Roll Call Vote for approval of Fernando Gurrola for position of BCSGA Activities Manager | |
| Senator Amey | Aye |
| Senator Singh | Aye |
| Senator Barraj | Aye |
| Ayes: 3 | Nays:0 |

The Ayes have the majority, the motion passes

* 1. Appointment of Mr. Galo Jimenez for the position of BCSGA Director of Legislative Affairs

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| Roll Call Vote for approval of Galo Jimenez for position of BCSGA Director of Legislative Affairs | |
| Senator Amey | Aye |
| Senator Singh | Aye |
| Senator Barraj | Aye |
| Ayes: 3 | Nays:0 |

The Ayes have the majority, the motion passes

1. **ADMINISTERING THE OATH OF OFFICE**

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

Danny Escobar, Jonathan Bong, Juan Sanchez, Jugo Maldonado, Fernando Gurrola, and Galo Jimenez were sworn into their officer positions

1. **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.*

* 1. The Senate shall elect Senate Pro-Tempore and the Chairperson to the Senate Committee on Academic Affairs
     1. There were no nominees
  2. The Senate shall elect Chairperson to the Senate Committee on Advancement
     1. The nominations for Chairperson to the Senate Committee on Advancement: Senator Barraj
     2. Candidate Senator Barraj moving forward as she is the only nominee

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| Roll Call Vote for approval of Senator Barraj | |
| Senator Amey | Aye |
| Senator Singh | Aye |
| Senator Barraj | Aye |
| Ayes: 3 | Nays:0 |

The Ayes have the majority, the motion passes

* 1. The Senate shall elect Chairperson to the Senate Committee on Government Operations
     1. The nominations for Chairperson to the Senate Committee on Government Operations: Senator Singh
     2. Candidate Senator Singh moving forward as she is the only nominee

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| Roll Call Vote for approval of Senator Singh | |
| Senator Amey | Aye |
| Senator Singh | Aye |
| Senator Barraj | Aye |
| Ayes: 3 | Nays:0 |

The Ayes have the majority, the motion passes

1. **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.*

* 1. BCSGA Department on Finance

The nominations for senators to serve on the Department of Finance: Senator Amey and Senator Singh

If there are no objections, these Senators will be placed on the Department of Finance

The motion passes

* 1. BCSGA Department on Legislative Affairs

Vice President moved to postpone the placement of senators on the Department of Legislative affairs until further notice under the guidance of Advisor Nicky Damania

* 1. BCSGA Department on Student Activities

The nominations for senators to serve on the Department of Student Activities: Senator Amey and Senator Barraj

There were no objections, these Senators will be placed on the Department of Student Activities

The motion passes

* 1. BCSGA Department on Student Organizations

The nominations for senators to serve on the Department of Student Organizations: Senator Barraj and Senator Singh

There were no objections, these Senators will be placed on the Department of Student Organizations

The motion passes

* 1. Senate Committee on Academic Affairs

Vice President moved to postpone the placement of senators on the Committee of Academic affairs until further notice under the guidance of Advisor Nicky Damania

* 1. Senate Committee on Advancement

Vice President moved to postpone the placement of senators on the Committee of Advancement until further notice under the guidance of Advisor Nicky Damania

* 1. Senate Committee on Government Operations

Vice President moved to postpone the placement of senators on the Committee of Government Operations until further notice under the guidance of Advisor Nicky Damania

1. **FIRST READING OF LEGISLATION**

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

* 1. S.B.: Appropriations Bill for the BCSGA Annual Budget (FY22)

Seeking a motion to refer AB: Appropriations Bill for the BCSGA Annual Budget (FY22) to the Department of Finance for further review

Ayes have the majority, Legislation moves on

1. **NEW BUSINESS**

*Items listed have not already been discussed once and thus are considered for approval by the Senate.*

* 1. ACTION ITEM: Adoption of the FY22 revisions of the Codes of Bakersfield Renegade Association (COBRA)

Seeking a motion to approve the Adoption of the FY22 revisions of the Codes of Bakersfield Renegade Association

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| Roll Call Vote for approval of the Adoption of the FY22 revisions of the Codes of Bakersfield Renegade Association | | |
| Senator Amey | Aye |
| Senator Singh | Aye |
| Senator Barraj | Aye |
| Ayes: 3 | Nays: 0 |

The Ayes have the majority, the motion passes

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1. Student Trustee Gian Gayatao share a quote **“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world: indeed, it’s the only thing that ever has.”**  
   — Margaret Mead. He went on to share more inspiring and motivational words.
2. Advisor Leonardo Ayala gave his praise and encouraging statement for all the new members of the SGA Department as well as the returning members. Advisor Ayala asked the SGA members to follow up with an email for a one on one with him as well as a quick video for introduction.
3. **ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting was adjourned at 7:08 p.m.