

BAKERSFIELD COLLEGE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

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SENATE BODY

Wednesday, August 3rd, 2016

5 pm

Executive Board Room, Campus Center

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by the chair, Director Jimenez, at 5:15 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL*

A majority quorum must be established to hold a bonafide meeting

The following members were present: Vice President Jimenez, Senator Rodriguez, Senator Goddard, Senator Cooper, Senator Van Horne, Senator Salcido, and Senator Graves.

The following members were absent: Senator Montero Garcia

The following members were excused: Senator Bernal

More than half of the members are present, quorum has been established, and a bonafide meeting can be held.

3. AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

The Senate will consider any amendments to the agenda.

President Frazer: In the reports under section a. my last name is spelled incorrectly, It's spelled, "Fazer" when it should be, "Frazer".

Due to no objections, the agenda has been adopted.

4. CORRECTIONS TO THE MINUTES

The Senate will discuss and correct minutes from previous meetings.

- a. The Senate will consider the approval of unapproved minutes from the meeting held on Monday, July 11th.

Due to no objections, the minutes have been approved.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT*

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None.

6. 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. President, *Matthew Frazer*

President Frazer: Tomorrow, 08/04/16, at 1:30 we will be hosting an executive meeting, anyone is welcomed to attend. In addition to tomorrow meeting, we will also be having a Better BC Bond meeting, all SGA members are free to attend and we will be discussing the departments and their roles.

- b. Vice President, *Galo Jimenez*

Vice President Jimenez: We are still trying to find our 12 senators, currently we have 8 appointed and will be swearing in our 9th today. As of right now we have 3 seats opened, but I believe some of our current senators will be leaving so 3 is not the maximum. And just for clarification, all senators need to be on top of their emails, because once the fall semester starts we will need to be able to

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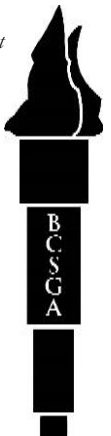
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communicate with one another. So far many of the senators here have been neglecting checking their emails on a regular basis and I send important information to all of you; many of you don't even respond back. So just remember to check your emails regularly.

c. BCSGA Advisor, *Dr. Damania*

Dr. Damania: Just a reminder that if you are planning on staying and volunteering for tonight's memorial service for Jack Brigham, then please stay after the meeting so we can have you help. Also, one of Jack's close friends has started a memorial fund in honor of Jack and has put BCSGA in charge of selecting the scholarship's winning entry. PMLA (Peer Mentor Leadership Academy) is also going on and I just wanted to say to all of you participating in this new program, thank you for taking the time to explore this exciting opportunity. Another thing we need to discuss is that the fall semester is fast approaching, and the first 2 weeks will be critical to the success spreading the word on the variety of clubs, programs and events on campus. Remember to register and sign up for any of the activities during the first 2 weeks, if you don't then you or your club will not be able to participate.

7. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEES*

The Chair shall recognize the chairperson of each standing committee and then each special committee to report for no longer than five minutes on the committee's activities since the previous meeting.

- a. Report from the Chair of the Committee on Academic Affairs
No report.
- b. Report from the Chair of the Committee on Advancement of Bakersfield College
No report.
- c. Report from the Chair of the Committee on Government Operations
No report.

*Meeting for these committees has not been held or established as of this date.

8. APPOINTMENT OF SENATORS TO COMMITTEES AND DEPARTMENTS

Senate will recommend members to each of the Senate Standing Committee and the BCSGA Departments. Then, Senate will consider a binding resolution to appoint Senators as members to each Senate Standing Committees or BCSGA Departments established by the BCSGA 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.

Discussion:

Vice President Jimenez: Those senators who have not yet been appointed to a position, I would like that you try and join 2 committees or departments, at least until we can get the remaining senators in.

Dr. Damania: According to the by-laws, each senator needs to be in at least two internal committees or departments.

Secretary Rodriguez: Ok, so the only senators not on a committee currently is Senator Van Horne and Senator Cooper.

Senator Van Horne: I move to be a part of the Department of Student Activities and the Senate Committee on Advancement. Motion was second by Senator Rodriguez.

Vice President Jimenez: Senator Cooper, do you have any preference on which committee or department you wish to join?

Senator Cooper: I move to be a part of the Department of Finance and the Committee on Academics Affairs. Motion was seconded.

Senator Rodriguez: I move to be a part of the Committee on Government Operations and the Committee Academics Affairs. Motion was seconded.

a. BCSGA Department on Finance

Motion to have Senator Cooper appointed as a senator of this department:

Seconded by Senator Rodriguez

Roll Call Vote:

Senator Rodriguez: Aye

Senator Goddard: Aye

Senator Cooper: Aye

Senator Van Horne: Aye

Senator Salcido: Aye

Senator Graves: Aye

Aye: 6

Nay: 0

The, “ayes,” have the majority, motion passes.

b. BCSGA Department on Legislative Affairs

None.

c. BCSGA Department on Student Activities

Motion to have Senator Van Horne appointed as a senator of this department:

Seconded by Senator Rodriguez

Roll Call Vote:

Senator Rodriguez: Aye

Senator Goddard: Aye

Senator Cooper: Aye

Senator Van Horne: Aye

Senator Salcido: Aye

Senator Graves: Aye

Aye: 6

Nay: 0

The, “ayes,” have the majority, the motion passes.

d. BCSGA Department on Student Organizations

None.

e. Senate Committee on Academic Affairs

Motion to have Senator Cooper and Senator Rodriguez appointed as a senator of this committee:

Seconded by Senator Rodriguez for Senator Cooper; Seconded by Senator Salcido for Senator

Rodriguez

Roll Call Vote:

Senator Rodriguez: Aye

Senator Goddard: Aye

Senator Cooper: Aye

Senator Van Horne: Aye

Senator Salcido: Aye

Senator Graves: Aye

Aye: 6

Nay: 0

The, “ayes,” have the majority, motion passes.

- f. Senate Committee on Advancement
Motion to have Senator Van Horne appointed as a senator of this committee:
Seconded by Senator Rodriguez
Roll Call Vote:
Senator Rodriguez: Aye
Senator Goddard: Aye
Senator Cooper: Aye
Senator Van Horne: Aye
Senator Salcido: Aye
Senator Graves: Aye
- Aye: 6 Nay: 0

The, “ayes,” have the majority, motion passes.

- g. Senate Committee on Government Operations
Motion to have Senator Rodriguez appointed as a senator of this committee:
Seconded by Senator Salcido
Roll Call Vote:
Senator Rodriguez: Aye
Senator Goddard: Aye
Senator Cooper: Aye
Senator Van Horne: Aye
Senator Salcido: Aye
Senator Graves: Aye
- Aye: 6 Nay: 0

The, “ayes,” have the majority, motion passes.

9. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The Senate of the Association may elect association officers at this time.

- a. Austin Machado for the position of BCSGA Senator-at-Large

Discussion:

Director Jimenez: Austin will have 2 minutes on the floor to share his background and why he is pursuing this position. After his 2 minutes are up, the senate is allowed to ask questions for 5 minutes. Everyone here should have a copy of Austin’s resume to follow along, as well as ask questions afterwards. Austin Machado, the floor is yours.

Austin Machado: I recently graduated from Liberty High School, I played baseball and football and served on the student body for 3 years. I’ve also served at the homeless shelter at MLK Park and volunteered at various church events. I want to continue to serve my community and I think that SGA can give me the resources to do so.

Director Jimenez: Thank you Austin. Now the senate can ask question for the next 5 minutes.

Senator Salcido: You said you participated in the student body at Liberty, can you elaborate on what position you held?

Austin Machado: I was a student representative, which is similar being a senator here at BC.

Senator Rodriguez: In your resume you mentioned your interest in politics, how do you plan to translate that into what you want to do here?

Austin Machado : I feel like, especially seeing that we make decisions on different codes and rules, the decision making aspect is what interest me the most and gives a fairly accurate picture of how real policies get amended/passed. Also, SGA in general seems like an engaging place to be.

Senator Goddard : What exactly are your long term goals after you leave SGA?

Austin Machado : I hope to transfer to UCLA with an emphasis in Political Science. As for graduate school, I want to pursue Law and then follow a career in Corporate Law.

Senator Frazer : As a student, what is one thing you want to see here on campus?

Austin Machado : I'm not sure how student in college operate, but I'd really like to see student involvement and interaction between upper-classmen and freshmen students, as well as school spirit.

President Frazer : What would be a priority for you coming in on student safety on campus?

Austin Machado : I would definitely do my part at SGA in ensuring the safety of all students on campus, as well as help their voices be heard during our meetings.

President Frazer : As a senator, there are several ways to involve yourself, you could be a voice for the students here, or operate through other departments/offices such as Outreach. Under what way would you invest your time and energy while here?

Austin Machado : Definitely through Outreach, as I find it very easy to include myself with others and I personally believe it would be the best way to reach other students on campus; going to events, rallies etc.

President Frazer : Senators here at SGA have a minimum requirement of 2 hours, which can be used for events or work. Many senators go over those hours and volunteer their time, would you have any problems with volunteering your free-time while here?

Austin Machado : Not at all, I believe myself to be a very committed person and wouldn't mind volunteering my free-time.

Director Smith : I like the idea of hiring a student fresh out of high school, he could bring in some new ideas and his interest in politics means he's motivated.

President Frazer : Also, we need to remember that as an incoming freshman, we can't overwhelm him since he'll be dealing with classes and this position on top of that. We'll just have to bring him up to speed at a slower pace.

Senator Salcido : His resume is quite impressive, with his volunteering experience and background as a student body representative, I see no reason not to hire him.

Motion to approve the election of Austin Machado as Senator-at-large:

Roll Call Vote:

Senator Rodriguez: Aye

Senator Goddard: Aye

Senator Cooper: Aye

Senator Van Horne: Aye

Senator Salcido: Aye

Senator Graves: Aye

Aye: 6

Nay: 0

The, "ayes," have the majority, the motion passes.

The Oath of Office followed and Austin Machado was sworn in as Senator-at-large.

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President Frazer : We're having issues with Senators not receiving their agendas, so just for senators to know, if you don't receive your agendas in your email, just grab a physical copy in your mo(??) boxes in the SGA office. They should be in your boxes within 72-hours. I also need to push you all to check your email, because I send emails to you all daily and most I never hear back from; you can respond "yes" or "no" it doesn't matter.

Director Garcia : For the senator who were just added to my committee earlier in the meeting, we'll be having a meeting at next Wednesday, August 10th.

Dr. Damania : Also a reminder for Student Organizations, you'll need to start booking the meeting room beginning fall semester. You have first priority, but remember you need to book the room to hold your meetings.

Secretary Rodriguez : If you're a chair or know a chair member, you must submit an agenda and have it approved in order to hold a meeting that day. If you ever need assistance with drafting your agendas, just contact me and I'll help, just have them submitted by Thursday of each end of the week. If you have a meeting on Thursday, then have it submitted by Wednesday, that way I can post it outside and online.

Director Smith : As for Austin, you'll need to start thinking of which committees you wish to be a part of so by our next meeting we can put you into them

President Frazer : And while the decision is totally up to you, please consider committees without members as a priority before you consider those that already have members.

Manager Webb : Austin, if you have any questions on the committees and department and what each of them do, come talk to me and I can give you a general outline of each of their duties.

11. ADJOURNMENT

In there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:48 p.m.