

# BAKERSFIELD COLLEGE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

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## SENATE BODY

Wednesday, August 12<sup>th</sup>, 2015

6:00 p.m.

Executive Board Room

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### 1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER\*

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Orozco at 6:08 p.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: Vice President Orozco, Senator Nicholson, Senator Graves, Senator Galvez, Senator Herndon, and Senator Sanchez

The following members were absent: Senator Chavez, Senator Partovi, and Senator Philley

The following members were excused: Senator Zavala

2/3 quorum was established, thus a bonafide meeting was held.

### 4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

*The Senate will discuss this agenda and may choose to amend or edit the agenda. Upon conclusion of the discussion the Senate may choose to adopt the agenda.*

- a. Vice President Orozco sought any objections to adopting the agenda for Wednesday, August 12, 2015  
**Discussion:** There was no further discussion.  
As there were no objections, the agenda had been adopted.

### 5. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

*The Senate will discuss those minutes and may choose to amend or edit the minutes. Upon conclusion of the discussion the Senate may choose to adopt the minutes.*

- a. It was moved by Senator Galvez and seconded by Senator Sanchez to adopt the minutes for Wednesday, July 15, 2015.  
**Discussion:** There was no further discussion.  
The minutes were adopted by a majority vote towards consensus.

### 6. 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. Kyler Strickland: Hello everyone. I am the candidate for the position of Director of Student Organizations here in BCSGA. I am excited and look forward to working with all of you closely, and to having a great year.
- b.

### 7. RECEIPT OF PETITIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE TO THE SENATE AND REFERRAL

*The Senate will receive communications addressed to the Senate and refer each to the appropriate committee. No action will be taken on communications other than referring them to committee.*

- a. The Senate received the Resignation Letter from Senator Kyle Philley:

*"To VP Orozco and all of BCSGA,*

*It is with a heavy heart and sincerest apologies that I must have to put in my letter of resignation as a Senator of the BCSGA, effective immediately. I will be taking 19 units in the fall as well as a 5 quarter credit class online from the community college I am going to transfer to in Seattle at the beginning of fall of 2016. Within these past few days, my boss has offered me a promotion which will require most of my time that I have while I am not in school, and I must accept in order to fund the move to Washington and to reach my goals as soon as possible. I am extremely sorry for wasting everyone's time, I would like to thank every single one of you for welcoming me with open arms and I hope this does not affect how any one views me as a person. I am not the kind of person who starts something and does not finish it, and I truly do regret having to do this. I hope everyone can understand. Thank you all, for everything. -Kyle Philley"*

#### **Upon the Senate receiving the resignation, Vice President Orozco reestablished quorum:**

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The following members were absent: Senator Chavez, Senator Partovi,

The following members were excused: Senator Zavala

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- b. There were no further BCSGA Committee Changes

*The Senate may make changes to committee assignments by resolution.*

## 8. 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, *Clayton Fowler*: Thanks to all for being here. The Chancellor has decided to not renew President Sonya Christian's contract at Bakersfield College. They are offering multi-year contracts to other Presidents of colleges. As such, I am writing a letter to submit to the Board reviewing her position. Tomorrow there will be a meeting held at 10 a.m. and at 1 p.m. at the Weill Institute, where prior BCSGA President (Alex Dominguez) will be speaking, Academic Senate Chair (Professor Steven Holmes) will be speaking, and I am urging that BCSGA, along with as many students as possible, to attend the meeting wearing red.
- b. Vice President, *Janell Orozco*: On behalf of Director Espinoza, Renegade Day & Knight will be occurring soon. Setup is at 12 p., where setup of all tables, games, and cotton candy/popcorn will occur, 1 p.m. begins campus tours using the golf carts, games/club activities will be from 1-6 p.m., the DJ will be from 2-7 p.m., a photo booth from 2-6 p.m., dinner starts at 5:30 p.m., and President Sonya Christian will begin the ceremony around 7:00 p.m. Please sign up for games, booths, or golf cart drivers when you are available that day. Rotation will occur for all shifts. On a separate note, Senators have largely replied to being available for Wednesday meetings at this time for the rest of the year, instead of Friday mornings. This will not necessarily be permanent. All senators, please verify that this is correct.
- c. Director of Legislative Affairs, *Wesley Lyons*: In the last Region V meeting, not too much had occurred. Victor Chaverin, VP of Governance and Policy, was placed in a position where the board was trying to recuse him due to violations of the Brown Act.
- d. Director of Finance, *Epifania Mendoza*: I wrote a bill in July that Senator Sanchez is going to be presenting tomorrow at the Finance Committee. Over the past few weeks, I have been reviewing and revising the CCA grant regulations for the applications that have arrived. Those applicants will be presenting their proposals to the committee.
- e. BCSGA Advisor, *Dr. Damania*: Tomorrow is a very important date for BC history, in reiteration of what President Fowler had mentioned earlier, and support from the students for President Christian will mean quite a bit at the district level. It will show the impact of how students can voice their opinion, and that is what this government and the association is supposed to be. We have hired Patti Rapp to fill a void position in the office until our newly hired person starts in September. ICC meeting occurred recently and there was a large turnout.

## 9. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEES\*

*The Chair shall recognize the chairperson of each standing committee, in alphabetical order, and then each special committee, in alphabetical order, 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, *Senator Roel*: No report (absent)
- b. Report from the Chair of the Committee on Advancement of Bakersfield College, *Vacant*: No Report
- c. Report from the Chair of the Committee on Finance, *Alfredo Sanchez*: We will be going over a CCA grant, a bill created from Director Mendoza, and two more bills that I have created. Our meeting will be tomorrow at 5:15 p.m.
- d. Report from the Chair of the Committee on Government Operations, *Senator Herndon*: The first meeting was held yesterday. We have begun to review COBRA, and are creating a bill to increase Senator participation on Academic Senate.

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## 10. 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. There were no further comments and announcements.

## 11. APPOINTMENTS OF BCSGA 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 BROWNACT during consideration of this item. Under BROWNACT, the meeting may not be closed.*

- a. President Fowler sought a motion to approve the appointment of Kyler Strickland for the position of BCSGA Director of Student Organizations.

### Discussion:

#### Introduction

President Fowler: I am seeking the Senate's approval for the appointment of Kyler Strickland for the position of BCSGA Director of Student Organizations. He showed a great passion for the position, has both leadership and organizational skills necessary for this position, and demonstrated great communication skills.

Kyler Strickland: I am a bit nervous but working to overcome that. I am a very motivated individual, enjoy to help people get things done, love to work, love to work honestly and with integrity (those are my two strongest assets as a person) in all things that I do, and am very organized. I do have clerical experience, but not necessarily with student organizations. I am very interested in this position and definitely have passion towards this position. I do like to have fun, but am able to switch over to business for all professional matters. I love people and I hope to work with you all very closely.

#### Interview

Can you please describe a time where you have helped run a project of your own, and the outcomes of that project, and something that you learned from that experience?

-K/S: I am very active in my church. We recently had a wedding and it encompassed a large dinner for about 500 people. I was the one able to designate and organize the project in regards to tables, serves, the specific dining area for each server, and tried to make it as orderly and organized as possible to get the job done effectively. The success went amazingly. For other servers who were not busy, they stepped in to assist others to get the job done. There has been another account that's called Bethel days. This is when we basically build booths for communities in our church. I was responsible in coordinating that event as well. The greatest thing I learned is that I am able to be a great asset to in anything I do. What are the duties and responsibilities of the position you are applying for?

-K/S: There are many for this position. They first and foremost work very close with BCSGA, the Director of Student Activities, and the Office of Student Life. The position makes sure that organizations are properly financed, helps with ICC meetings by planning and coordinating, makes sure that all clubs are doing proper registration for the next coming year, assist with club activities, have the departmental meetings, and to have fun while getting things done.

As you know that there are several different types of organizations, may you further elaborate on Bethel?

-K/S: Bethel is a private church school that we do activities for throughout the year in order to donate things to the school. Bethel days is a type of fundraiser.

There are any organizations here on campus that support different beliefs and outlooks on life, do you feel that you can openly and freely operate/interact with these organizations without a conflict of interest?

-K/S: Yes, of course. As the saying "Separation of church and state", my religious beliefs are just my religious beliefs, and vice versa. I will not force them upon anyone, nor approach anything along that nature.

Can you tell us more about yourself?

-K/S: My major is business administration, and I wanted to do political science. But in regards to where the political realm is going, I am staying in this major. However, I am looking into how this can actually be turned into a political science degree, so it is up in the air. I am an individual that comes from a not-so-good background, as far as family is concerned. I was not raised in an expedite family, but raised by my mothers, and both of my parents are deceased. I did go to high school in Stockton, Ca and participated in their student government. I was the unofficial president that did not get official-ized. But my past has created me to who I am to be today. Learning experiences are something I strive for to make my future that much better. But being without family, I have been supported by my church community, and as such I engage in extracurricular activities. I have developed a passion for people, and aim to assist all regardless if they, for example in middle school, are the "bull-ee" or the "bull-ier".

Where do you see yourself going in your education?

-K/S: I moved from Stockton about two years ago, and have been enrolled here in Bakersfield College for about two years now. There was about a three month gap when I enrolled after shortly moving here, and I have been attending ever since.

If you were stuck on an island, what three items would you bring?

-K/S: I would bring my bible, a pen or some sort of writing utensil, and a net.

Can you describe a time where you had failed a task completely and what you did to overcome that failure?

-K/S: There was an instance where my pastor asked me to bring him some tea. Lo and behold, I did not see a leg chair in front of me, and so I spilled the tea all over me.

You say you are really motivated and have experience with student government, how will your services benefit the student body?

-K/S: I will provide my skills then talk about what I can do expedite the processes for the student body. Communication is the number one skill I possess, and it is one that I have built over the years. The next skill is organization, and communication cannot exist without organization, as well as vice versa. Finally, implementation is the last skill. So I will implement what I say, and those are the three skills that I possess. I cannot control the skills of others and only myself. So to expedite the student body is try to dispel the bad vibe surrounding student leadership. I do not believe that a new student government body have the same reputation as a previous session. Additionally, many students do not like to participate in student activities, but it is important to be able to get the information out. I look to also making more groups and having more students involved.

What did you take away from the first ICC meeting of the year, seeing as how you participated in that meeting?

-K/S: It was awesome, and from all that I have read regarding COBRA and the BCSGA constitution, I would have been conducting that meeting. I am very excited and look forward to taking that on, with the proper training of course.

Besides obtaining this position, what is another life-long dream of yours?

-K/S: It is to become, hopefully the Republican candidate for, the President of the United States of America.

What are some activities for clubs that you hope to do in this position?

-K/S: I have already spoke with a financial aid official to get a club on Financial Aid Stability group, which aligns with my plans to expand clubs. As far as activities, I am not sure what my limits are but I want to try to go all out. But I do want to implement that students get a message (either by text or email, etc.) that tell them about upcoming activities biweekly.

If you had an idea and wanted to make it happen, are you comfortable with approaching whoever in order to get it done, for example someone you have never met?

-K/S: Yes, absolutely.

What is your leadership style?

-K/S: I believe my leadership style is based off of my skills. I like to keep it simple.

This position encompasses is thinking outside of the box, so how are you going to help make students and clubs engaged together?

-K/S: Email is a critical tool for all students as they do have to check their email. We cannot make a student approach a booth, but having mass communication utilized will help expedite that process.

### ***General Debate***

It was expressed that the candidate seems responsible, that he is a team player, would be able to carry out a plan within the organization, seems really eager to learn, did not waver in his stance of belief, and seems very capable to hold this position well. There was a concern that he is a bit long -winded in communication, so it may have a slight adverse effect on newer generations that approach communication in a concise manner.

- i. It was moved by Senator Sanchez and seconded by Senator Graves to approve the appointment of Kyler Strickland for the position of BCSGA Director of Student Organizations.
  - a. **Discussion:** There was no further discussion.

The voting tally was as follows: 5 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain  
The Senators voted as follows:

Senator Nichelson- Yes  
Senator Galvez- Yes  
Senator Herndon- Yes  
Senator Sanchez- Yes  
Senator Graves- Yes

## 12. FAST-TRACK APPOINTMENTS

*The motion to fast track an appointment confirmation shall be in order if recommended by the committee of relevant jurisdiction. The Senate shall consider the following nominations to fast-track into an Association office.*

- a. It was moved by Senator Galvez and seconded by Senator Graves to fast-track the appointment of Kyler Strickland for the position of BCSGA Director Of Student Organizations  
**Discussion:** There was no further discussion.  
The motion passed my majority vote of “Aye” through voice vote.

## 13. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

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

- a. Vice President Orozco administered the oath of office for the appointment of Kyler Strickland for the position of BCSGA Director of Student Organizations.  
“I, Kyler Strickland, 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

*Legislation listed in this agenda item has already been read once on the Senate floor or the approved for fast-track and thus are considered for approval of the Senate*

### a. BCSGA Incentive Plan 2015- 2016

- a. **Discussion:** It was discussed that the Incentive Plan was designed in order to help implement an additional rubric to decide which BCSGA officers would be able to attend the large conferences, such as Region V, GA, SSCCC, CSAW, etc. It helps ensure which officers are performing well, and as such those well-performing officers have a larger chance of attending. Every activity or meeting will be counted as 1 point. This rubric will be used in conjunction with a packet to deal with tie-breakers, and with additional submissions from the officers to attend. It was advised to the Senators to revise the entire document, and to contact the Vice President about any parts that may be too strict, or areas that should be added or edited. It was also suggested that the Initiative be moved to the Government Operations Committee, or to the Legislative Affairs Department, as it pertains to internal affairs.
  - i. It was moved by Senator Herndon and seconded by Senator Galvez to move the BCSGA Incentive Plan 2015-2016 to the Committee on Government Operations. **Discussion:** There was no further discussion.  
The motion passed by majority vote of “Aye” through voice vote.

## 15. COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS\*

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- a. Director Strickland: Thank you all for your faith and trust in me to obtain this position. I shall not let anyone down.
- b. Manager Roberts: There is a Student Activities meeting tomorrow at 6:30 p.m.
- c. Nicky Damania, Ph.D.: Next week there are presentations for faculty and staff members. The President and Vice President of BCSGA are doing presentations as well. If they call on you to help, please do so. I am also doing 4 presentations next week on Student Conduct and Safe Space. If you are interested in helping me with demonstrations, please let me know on Monday. Additionally, the officer emails have finally arrived. However, all officers will need to undergo training as it is a tad bit more complex than before.

## 16. PUBLIC COMMENT\*

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- a. There was no public comment made.

## 17. ADJOURNMENT

- a. It was moved by Senator Graves and seconded by Senator Galvez.  
**Discussion:** There was no further discussion.  
Vice President Orozco adjourned the meeting at 7:31 p.m.

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