

BAKERSFIELD COLLEGE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

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SENATE BODY

Wednesday, September 21st, 2016

6-8 p.m.

Executive Board Room, Campus Center

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by the chair, Director Jimenez, at 6:01 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 Salcido, Senator Graves

The following members were excused: Senator Bernal, Senator Van Horne, Senator Rodriguez

The following members were absent: Senator Machado, Senator Goddard

5/11 are present, quorum has not been established, and a bonafide meeting cannot be held. Discussion may still take place.

3. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The Senate will consider any amendments to the agenda.

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, September 7th.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT*

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- a. Professor Steven Holmes, Academic Senate President, presentation on fall break for academic calendar and armed security on campus.

Professor Holmes: The faculty members are interested in student opinion on two issues that began in the spring of 2016. The first issue deals with your academic calendar. Beginning last year, the Kern High School District and the Bakersfield City School District have chosen to take the entire week of Thanksgiving off. That means that those students who have children in kindergarten through 12th grade will not be attending school Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, or Friday of that week. Traditionally, the only days off were Thursday and Friday. The Kern Community College District and Bakersfield College do their scheduling about 3 years in advance. So we are, at the point in time, looking at the calendar for 2018-2019 academic year. The understanding that the Kern High School District and Bakersfield City School District has chosen to take that entire week off, there began a discussion on whether or not we should mimic that here at the college to serve those students whose children are enrolled and do not potentially have day care, and thus might choose their children over their education. The research behind doing this would require that we extend the winter quarter by a week, even though we are only taking a Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday off. Based on the calculation by the state, we would have to add an entire week added to the end of the fall semester. The faculty are interested in what the student opinion is regarding this issue. If it is something that the students are interested in, then the faculty would surely want to support the students in a movement to do that calendar change. The student government is being asked by the faculty to try and speak for the 20,000 students on campus, coming up with a survey that would get a better estimate of the student opinion than a sample of 40 students. What we are asking for is for you to consider and provide some type of feedback on what you would like to do in terms of that potential calendar change. If you have no interest, then the faculty would take no stance in moving it at all.

Our exterior doors are all being placed on an electronic system that will require a card to get in and out. Part of that is for public safety purposes. If there is an active shooter, the intent is to be able to lock those doors to be able to prevent those individuals from coming through. Public safety does go further than just locking down doors. Your current public safety officers only carry a radio and a baton. They are not certified with Tasers, nor do they carry any type of firearm. This has been an issue that has been addressed in the 23 years that I have been at this campus. In the late 90's, a grand jury

of Kern County actually suggested that we arm our public safety officers. We are curious as to how safe the students on campus feel. I was just talking to a public safety officer before I came in. The only that that makes him different from me is that he has a bullet proof vest, a baton, and some training. If you are looking to pursue a safer environment, then the faculty might be willing to help you get that information through. Last week I met with a risk management personnel, he works down at the district. He is an ex-police officer. I mentioned to him that faculty had concerns about public safety, and that we were thinking of a resolution that we would be doing with the students. He said that he kind of has a plan for the safety of the campus. I think it might include contracting out a police officer from Bakersfield city who has experience. He did not go into any great details. He wishes to address the new chancellor that gets elected about this subject before we move forward with anything. I have invited Joe Grubbs to come to my next Senate meeting on October 12, 2016, and explain to the faculty what his plan might include. I encourage you all to make sure a representative is there, and maybe a couple of other students. We have public meetings, and you are welcome to come.

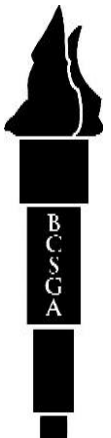
- b. Matthew Frazer, President of YesOnJ student organization, presentation on a new student organization

As BCSGA officers, we are not allowed to talk about Measure J because we are politically tied to the school. We have started a Yes On Measure J Club. As a club, we are allowed to go educate students on this bond. Rayven Webb is working on putting a list together of professors that will let us speak to their students. We will be starting that next week. So if you are interested in joining this club please contact me after this meeting. When we are at these classes, we cannot be wearing any BCSGA apparel. We can have regular t-shirts on, or even a, "We Are BC," shirt. Our meetings will take place on Mondays at 5:45 p.m. at the campaign headquarters. Our advisor is Professor Holmes.

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*: I went up to the Delano campus and got to speak to students in order find out what their needs are. They are looking to have more events held out there as there is not much activity on their campus. The other concern was with the current vending machines. It takes exact change, so there isn't much other options for students who do not have exact change. I implore us to find a solution to this. I also wanted to notify you that I will be going through officer records of attendance. This will investigate whether officers are attending their committee meetings, and doing office hours as well. I will be auditing the executive group, in order to further any appropriate consequences. There will be a volleyball match against the counseling department on October 13th from 12pm to 1 pm. If you are going to volunteer to do it, you must commit.
- b. Vice-President, *Galo Jimenez*: I will be conducting a similar audit as it is unacceptable for Senate to not have met quorum at this meeting. There is a constant struggle to achieve quorum, and I have only received two emails in response to attendance. It is imperative that we have a deeper bridge of communication to notify in advance.
- c. Director of Student Organizations, *Dontae Smith*: There are some new developments to the budget for the Halloween ball. ICC will be this week on Friday at 11 am to 12:30 pm. The Halloween ball committee meeting for tomorrow will be in the BCSGA Boardroom from 5 to 6 pm. From then on, all Halloween ball committees will be in the boardroom due to changes in space reservations.
- d. Director of Student Activities, *Erik Garcia*: We have started tabling events this week. The purpose of these tabling events is to not only sell the sandy candy, but to also inform students about current or upcoming events. Right now, we are working to create some decorations in order to make it more appealing. If you have an activity or something that you want to advertise for, let me know in advance so that we can use the sandy candy to help you publicize. We are also looking to hold like a "food sale" day. It would be similar to those event days in high school where vendors come and sell at highly discounted prices. Homecoming is also coming and our next meeting about it will be on Thursday from 4 pm to 5 pm.
- e. BCSGA Advisor, *Dr. Damania*: Homecoming is coming up. Do spread the word out about the activities for that week, as well as to tell students about Homecoming Royalty. We are giving tickets out to the Kern County Fair. If you have a KVC sticker, you can get one free ticket and a parking pass. All that is needed to fill out the form on the mobile app, and it will be until supplies last.



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: The first meeting date will be October 14th from 3 pm to 4 pm. The location of the meeting is still pending, but there will be an email sent out once it has been confirmed. We will be working on the surveys to ask students about having armed personnel on campus, as well as the extended thanksgiving break.
- b. Report from the Chair of the Committee on Advancement of Bakersfield College: There is a development on the reading buddies, and the logistics of it have to be solidified before being brought to the Senate floor.
- c. Report from the Chair of the Committee on Government Operations: There has not been a meeting thus far, and there is nothing to report as such.

8. FIRST READING OF LEGISLATION

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

- a. SB: BCSGA KVC Procedure - Discussion Draft (8.31.16).
No action taken.
- b. SR: BCSGA Endorsement of Measure J
No action taken.

9. FAST-TRACK LEGISLATION

A Senator may move legislation to be considered for fast-track at this meeting, moving legislation directly from first reading to second reading.

- a. SB: BCSGA KVC Procedure - Discussion Draft (8.31.16).
No action taken.

10. SECOND READING OF LEGISLATION

Legislation listed has already been read once on the Senate floor or approved for fast-track, and thus are considered for approval by the Senate

- a. Approval of SB: BCSGA KVC Procedure - Discussion Draft (8.31.16).
No action taken.

11. NEW BUSINESS

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

- a. Dos and Don'ts re Use of Public Funds in Connection with Ballot Measure
No action taken.

12. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

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

- a. Election of Carl Wren for the position of BCSGA Senator-at-Large
No action taken.

13. 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.

- a. Appointment of Senators
No action was taken.
 - i. BCSGA Department on Finance
 - ii. BCSGA Department on Legislative Affairs
 - iii. BCSGA Department on Student Activities
 - iv. BCSGA Department on Student Organizations
 - v. Senate Committee on Academic Affairs
 - vi. Senate Committee on Advancement
 - vii. Senate Committee on Government Operations

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President Frazer: Please respond to emails. In order to make an impact on this campus, we need senators to be here at this meeting. We need everyone to operate at an efficient and maximum capacity. I really appreciate those who take the time to come out to these meetings. So please, be responsive to everything that happens within this association.

15. ADJOURNMENT

In there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:12 p.m.