

# BAKERSFIELD COLLEGE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

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## SENATE BODY

Wednesday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2015

6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Executive Board Room

### 1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER\*

- a. The meeting was called to order by Vice President Orozco at 6:06 p.m.

### 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE\*

- a. 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 Herndon, Senator Nichelson, Senator Chavez, Senator Galvez, Senator Graves, and Senator Olague

**The following members were absent:** Senator Sanchez

**The following members were excused:** Senator Roel

**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, September 23, 2015.

**Discussion:** No further discussion occurred.

Seeing that there were no objections to the main motion, the agenda was 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 Herndon and seconded by Senator Galvez to adopt the minutes from Wednesday, August 26, 2015.

**Discussion:** It was discussed that the minutes under consideration for adoption had not been available at the previous Senate meeting. As such, the minutes were tabled until this meeting.

The motion passed by majority vote of “Aye” through voice vote.

- b. It was moved by Senator Herndon and seconded by Senator Galvez to adopt the minutes from Wednesday, September 9, 2015.

**Discussion:** No further discussion occurred.

The motion passed by majority vote of “Aye” through voice vote.

### 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. There were no comments made by the public.

### 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. BCSGA Committee Changes

Vice President Orozco sought an approval for the following senators to be appointed to each respective committee.

- i. Senator Olague moved to be appointed to the Department on Student Organizations. It was so moved by Senator Galvez and the motion passed by no objections.
- ii. Senator Olague moved to be appointed to the Committee on Advancement. It was so moved by Senator Chavez, and the motion passed by no objections.

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- iii. Senator Chavez moved to be appointed to the Committee on Advancement It was so moved by Senator Galvez, and the motion carried by no objections.
- iv. Senator Galvez moved to be appointed to the Committee on Advancement. It was so moved by Senator Herndon, and the motion carried by no objections.
- v. Senator Graves moved to be appointed to the Department on Student Organizations. It was so moved by Senator Nicholson, and the motion carried by no objections.

#### 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*: In reference to College Council that I have mentioned at prior meetings, along with the Renegade Promise which is in collaboration with President Christian, the council is looking to create a subcommittee of the council. As such, they are looking to have a student representative be a part of that committee. In recognizing this individual's efforts and impact on campus, along with the goals that they hope to accomplish for communities in the future, I am seeking to have Senator Graves be on the committee if he accepts. (Senator Graves accepted the offer). The Professional Development Committee also still really needs a Senator to sit on the campus wide committee. Finally, for any who have not yet logged into their new work email, please be refer yourself to Dr. Damania in order to get that underway.
- b. Vice President, *Janell Orozco*: I am helping to coordinate high school tours for the event with Oliver Rosales this Thursday and Friday. I will be directing a portion of it, as well as working with the Office of Equity and Inclusion, and I am seeking volunteers for this event. We will be helping them by directing students to the play, to do campus tours, and there will be lunch and more. All are also welcomed to go watch the Delano Grape Strike Film.
- c. BCSGA Advisor, *Dr. Damania*: The Office is completely out of student tickets for the Kern County Fair, and they went so very quickly! I am looking for volunteers to help on the day of "Renegades at the Fair", and volunteers will help in maintaining an informational booth. Homecoming is all updated on the website, and we are looking to have additional bounce items got to the Delano campus during Homecoming week. Please get students, clubs, faculty, staff, and alumni to participate by forming teams. Finally, there will be a spelling bee contest with the writing center, which will be similar to the BCSGA competition with the counseling department.

#### 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 Advancement of Bakersfield College, *Senator Graves*: I am looking to have the first meeting of this committee next week, and am in the process of getting itemized things for the agenda. I look forward to working with the senators and the secretary.
- b. Report from the Chair of the Committee on Government Operations, *Senator Herndon*: The committee is working on the BCSGA Incentive Plan.

#### 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. No comments or announcements were made.

#### 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. Vice President Orozco opened up the nomination of appointment for Chad Hidalgo for the position of BCSGA Director of Student Organizations-

*~Presentation~*

Chad Hidalgo- Hello, I am reinterested in this position because I know that I can do well. The reason I had left before, which was a previous job, had fallen through. As such, in conjunction with what I have observed occurring since I left office, I know that I can fulfill the vacancy of this position, and I still want to do more for the student body.

*~Interview~*

*What song best describes you?*

-C/H: I would say "Wrecking Ball".

Could you elaborate further as to why you chose that song?

-C/H: In order to start anew, you have to push a lot of things out of the way in order to progress further. As such, I am looking to help clubs build up to where they should be by removing old processes and building up new ones.

*You were in the position prior, and we have been trying to fill the position, so why should this opportunity be granted back to you again?*

-C/H: I was faced with a lot of pressures, and I could not discuss the issues at hand with our advisor at the time. Not knowing BCSGA was so willing to help me out in the circumstances, I did make a hasty decision. But prior engagements did not allow me any time at all to participate beyond work and school, and that was the best decision I could make at the time.

*Are there any ideas or projects that you wanted to get started on right away?*

-C/H: I want to create more opportunities for clubs to introduce themselves, and to work together. This is so that it isn't so much clubs fending against one another, but that it is a united effort. I also want to implement Renegade Buck. There are several ideas that I want to get underway from before I left, but I do not have them on me at the moment.

*Why are you confident in that you can remediate the issues left from once you left?*

-C/H: I have experience with Manager Scott and know that I can work well with him. I am not sure what specific issues there were beforehand, but I know that I can trust in my ability to solve any issues that have arisen.

*If you could be any fruit, what fruit would you be and why?*

-C/H: I would be a papaya. I am not sure why, but I would be a papaya because I like them.

*Do you have consistency in making sure that the department meetings will happen?*

-C/H: Yes. It has actually bugged me very much that department meetings have not been occurring as often as they should have been, or that they failed to occur due to quorum.

*Could you elaborate on your work ethic?*

-C/H: I am very driven, organized, and do to the best of my ability that items are carried to execution well. I have the ability to speak to others, of all demographics, well and to make sure that order is clear within a room or at meetings.

**~General Debate~**

**Discussion:** It was expressed that members of the board liked the candidate's honesty, that he seemed like a good person, and do believe in his abilities to carry out the position upon his return. Some found that he showed that he had character in that he was willing to say beforehand that could not fulfill the position to the best of his ability the first time that he was in office. It was also expressed by a member that he is recommended for the position in that he has a great, strong work ethic, is punctual, responsible and reliable in having worked with him prior. It was suggested that there was a concern in that he would leave again due to big conflicts that caused him to leave before. But it was clarified by an Executive member that the candidate had stepped down from BCSGA with the association's best interest in mind. Both had talked extensively and deeply about the issue that arose. Even after vacating the position, he still kept in contact with the clubs, has an unparalleled leadership and communication with the clubs, and that he exhibits life to any and all.

- i. It was moved by Senator Chavez and seconded by Senator Olague to approve the nomination of appointment of Chad Hidalgo for the position of BCSGA Director of Student Organizations

**Discussion:** No further discussion was made.

The senators had voted as follows:

Senator Herndon- Yes  
Senator Nicholson- Yes  
Senator Chavez- Yes  
Senator Galvez- Yes  
Senator Graves- Yes  
Senator Olague- Yes

The voting was as follow- 6 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain.

The main motion passed by majority vote of yes in roll call vote, and Chad Hidalgo is elected into the position of BCSGA Director of Student Organizations.

## 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 Herndon to fast-track the appointment of Chad Hidalgo for the position of BCSGA Director of Student Organizations

**Discussion:** No further discussion occurred.

The main motion passed by majority vote of “Aye” through voice vote.

### 13. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

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

- a. It was moved by Senator Chavez and seconded by Senator Herndon to approve the appointment of Chad Hidalgo for the position of BCSGA Director of Student Organizations.

**Discussion:** No further discussion occurred.

The motion passed by majority vote of “Aye” through voice vote. Thus, Chad Hidalgo was appointed to the position of BCSGA Director of Student Organizations.

- i. Vice President Orozco administered the oath of office to the appointed person, Chad Hidalgo

“I, Chad Hidalgo, 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. COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS\*

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- a. Senator Olague: This is a comment in reference to one of the main concerns brought up before in how to get students to attend senate meetings, or to really incorporate inclusivity. I am hoping to spark a theme, or thing, for students to know that BCSGA really is a thing. This could be done by creating posters to place all around school, and to publicize a lot about BCSGA events. We could also hold a barbeque for students. The other concern I have is in working on communication lines between one another within BCSGA. There is the “Remind Me” app which allows everyone to participate in a group text/message to receive reminders about meetings or events, without having to do a real group text because some people do not receive it. Finally, I was hoping that in order to show BCSGA is a thing on campus, for all officers to wear their polos on the day of a committee or Senate meetings so that students become familiar with seeing us.
- b. Vice President Orozco: (In addressing the previously made comment) I have been working on plans to get students involved. For example, to hold a campus Zumba event where all students can come in to participate and do a small class of “Zumba”. If anyone has an ideas or events that are free to cheap for the students, then please do relay them to me.
- c. Director Lyons: The Region V meeting that was scheduled to be held here on Friday had been cancelled. Due to it being a Brown Act violation, we are not going to be holding it here. I was also unaware that one specific portion of my duties is to the KCCD Trustee meetings and to report it back to BCSGA.
- d. President Fowler: (In addressing the last portion of the previously made comment) It is better for as many of us to attend the trustee meetings. It gives a presence at the meeting to take us seriously as students, and as such they become familiar in recognizing us so that it shows that we care.

### 15. PUBLIC COMMENT\*

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- a. There were no comments made by the public.

### 16. ADJOURNMENT

- a. It was moved by Senator Galvez and seconded by Senator Herndon to adjourn the meeting.

**Discussion:** No further discussion occurred.

Vice President Orozco adjourned the meeting at 7:05 p.m.