

BAKERSFIELD COLLEGE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

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COMMITTEE ON ADVANCEMENT OF BAKERSFIELD COLLEGE

Tuesday, September 29, 2015

4:00 p.m.

OSL Resource Room

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER*

The meeting was called to order by Senator Graves at 4:10 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL*

A two-thirds quorum must be established to hold a bonafide meeting

The following members were present: Senator Graves, Senator Olague, Senator Sanchez, Senator Chavez, Senator Galvez, and Advisor Damania.

The following members were excused: (none)

The following members were absent: (none)

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

3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

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

- a. It was moved by Senator Galvez and seconded by Senator Chavez to adopt the agenda for Tuesday, September 29th, 2015.

Discussion: No further discussion occurred.

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

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

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

- a. There were no minutes to be considered for adoption by the Committee at this time.

5. 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.

6. INDIVIDUAL REPORTS

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. Chair, *Senator Graves Sr.*: No report.
- b. *Senator Olague*: No report
- c. *Senator Chavez*: Some students have told me that they would like to have access to the gym. In order to have access right now, they have to be in a physical education class. For example, at CSUB so long as you are a student, you have access to the gym. (It was clarified by Advisor Damania that students at CSUB actually pay a fee in order to be able to use the gym. If the fee is not paid, then they cannot use it. Whereas, at Bakersfield College students pay the “fee” for the class, but cannot just use the gym or resources if they aren’t already in the class. There is no actual recreational gym, but that this is more of a class. It was advised by Senator Graves for Senator Chavez to look into how to make the gym more accessible for students. Furthermore, it was advised by Advisor Damania to look into having a local outside vendor build a partnership with the college to give students a discounted rate, but to be able to use any location, or to look into having a space stocked and staffed by BCSGA on campus.)
- d. BCSGA Advisor, *Dr. Damania*: No report.

7. OLD BUSINESS

Items listed in this agenda item have already been read or discussed once and thus are considered for approval of the committee

- a. There were no items to be considered under old business at this time.

8. NEW BUSINESS

Items listed in this agenda item have not already been read or discussed once and thus are considered for approval of the committee

- a. 24 hour study room
Discussion: It was discussed by Senator Chavez that some students at Bakersfield College have classes back to back, and get out around 7 p.m. Some may have some little time to be able to study, or do homework. With approximately 30 minutes to setup to do that work, they have around an hour and a half to do some work, which isn’t enough for the hard core classes. Senator Chavez is seeking to

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have an extra room on campus that goes beyond the average 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. hours, and to have it as a 24 hour study room. No electronics would be provided, but only tables/desks, chairs, and whiteboards. The aim is to have it year-round, and to have security around to monitor the room as well as around campus. A staff member would also need to be present to facilitate it. But if this isn't feasible, then to have something similar open during finals week. Concerns were raised about security, lights going off at 10 p.m., and managing who would be able to access the room. It was also asked to obtain data (a survey) about whether constituents would want it (i.e. 500 signatures), if a staff member(s) would be willing to do it, to talk to campus security, and to find a feasible space. Additionally, to look into possibly doing a shuttle service for the students, and to look into the cost of keeping the lights on. It was advised by a member to have the members check out what the "midnight" life is like, as well as to talk to Librarian Anna to see about having a staff member of hers while BCSGA works with campus security into funding another security officer.

b. Renegade Promise

c. **Discussion:** It was discussed that this would be a promise through Bakersfield College that will streamline students to get a degree and/or move on to a 4 year university. It was questioned whether or not this would be necessary because that is what the student development classes are for, and that the students should be referred to use that instead. But it was stressed that the purpose of this is to optimize the efficiency of student's time at Bakersfield College, but to also assist those who are undecided to finish in 2-3 years. It was advised to obtain further information about the purpose of the promise.

d. GET Bus safe transportation policy.

Discussion: It was explained by Senator Graves that certain, or even most, buses have a severe crowding problem. Around 20-30 people are standing, there were times when the bus is turning and it is about to tip over. It is definitely a safety hazard. He spoke with a GET representative, and the representative informed him that no more than 15 people should be standing. The issue has been brought up to President Fowler, and the Senate body has been informed about it. It was also brought up that students do not get a discount to use the GET buses, which was something that the committee decided to pursue. It would help alleviate the obstacle of students going to Bakersfield College with a need for transportation.

e. CommUnity hOur

Discussion: It was explained that Community Hour is concept where students and professors come together in an informal, non-classroom like setting. The goal is to encourage dialogue, to bring down barriers, for students to feel comfortable, and to increase that networking of contact to improve student success. Roughly around after 6 contacts with a professor, the student's academic success is correlated to improve. The event would encompass the professor talking about their journey, their accomplishments, their major, what had kept them focused, and how they got to where they are. This information is hoped to inspire the students to continue their education journey. It is something that Vice President Orozco and Senator Graves are very passionate about, and are hoping to implement soon. The committee was informed about it as they may be asked to volunteer. The dynamics of the meeting are to still yet to be worked out.

9. COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS*

The Chair shall recognize in turn Officers 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. Senator Olague: I am in the Pre-Law program, and what it does is set me on a certain pathway for the pre-law pathway. There are other programs in place for nursing and more, but there is none for journalism or business. What I would like to do is to help create a program and pathways for the other popular majors that currently do not have one. (It was advised for Senator Olague to talk to Professors, chairs, and staff of the departments in that field to initiate the interest and to get it underway. It was also suggested to get the Renegade Rip involved.) I also stay at Pepperdine every summer. They have a shuttle that goes around the school. I was hoping that BCSGA could invest in having a shuttle, where students can purchase a ticket to utilize it. The shuttle could go around through the parking lots, to the bus stops, and we could build up a waiver to help with liability issues. (It was clarified that this would require needing to go through the State of California as it has to be through a fleet service, as well as have a specialized driver's license/license plate to use it. It was encouraged to look at other community colleges and if they have their own busing route.) On a completely separate note, I would like to invite all senators or BCSGA officers to create a team with me for Homecoming, as there are currently no teams yet.

- b. Senator Chavez: It would be a good idea to have a shuttle that goes from Bakersfield College to the Delano campus. (It was advised by Senator Graves that there needs to be an investigation that shows a proven interest or need for that. As well as to have some sort of prediction of cost to maintain through an out source, as well as profits to keep it going. But it was also reminded that there is currently a shuttle that goes about every hour to Lamont/Delano from the school.)

10. PUBLIC COMMENT*

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- a. No further comments were made by the public.

11. ADJOURNMENT

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

Discussion: No further discussion occurred.

The motion passed by no objections. The meeting was adjourned by Senator Graves at 5:24 p.m.