

BAKERSFIELD COLLEGE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

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SENATE BODY

Wednesday, October 7th, 2015

6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Executive Board Room

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER*

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Orozco at 6:05 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 Olague, Senator Nichelson, Senator Galvez, Senator Herndon, Senator Sanchez (late), Senator Zavala, Senator Roel, and Nicky Damania, Ph.D.

The following members were absent: Senator Chavez and Senator Graves

The following members were excused: none

2/3 quorum was met, 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, October 7th, 2015.

Discussion: No further discussion occurred.

Seeing as there were no objections, 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. Vice President Orozco sought any objections to adopting the minutes from Wednesday, September 23, 2015.

Discussion: No further discussion occurred.

Seeing as there were no objections, the minutes were adopted.

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. Michael Esqueda: I am the President of the Pre-Law Club and want to say hello!
- b. Jose Chavez: I have been a part of many clubs, and also just want to say hello!

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

- i. Senator Geena Olague moved to be added to the Department on Student Activities.

Discussion: No further discussion occurred.

Vice President Orozco sought any objections to adding Senator Olague to the Department on Student Activities. As there were no objections, Senator Olague was added.

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: President Christian's contract was approved for another 3 years! So thank you all for helping with your support to push the board to renew her contract. We are also half way

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- through the 1st semester, and I do not want BCSGA to get in a rut of only doing events. I am expecting Senators to bring in reports from departments, to take advantage of participatory governance committees, and to remind all that we are here to help make a change on campus. For the next football game, I am hoping that we can do the student tailgate again, but to also really push this with the clubs because many are interested. This also pushes inclusivity
- b. Vice President, *Janell Orozco*: This Saturday is another home football game. I am looking to have some volunteers to help make signs for the student section and to come up with some cheers. I hope to have this done before the end of next week. Also, in addition to what President Fowler said earlier about making a change on this campus, I am expecting all senators to have a report from their constituent concerns, from their participatory governance committees, and even from deans or departments. Moreover, if you have *student* concerns, PLEASE bring them up as they are critical because we represent the voice of the student body.
 - c. Director of Student Activities, *Jessica Espinoza*: (Manager Roberts reported in place of Director Espinoza as she was absent) Homecoming is next week! We need as many volunteers as possible, and we will have sign-in sheets, or do it through sign-up genius online as suggested by Senator Zavala. Also, the Renegade Mark will be happening on Tuesday too.
 - d. Director of Legislative Affairs, *Wesley Lyons*: The last Region V meeting was changed at the last minute and moved to Modesto, and as such they decided to hold a special meeting. Apparently many colleges are having problems specifically with international students as many colleges do not have a program built up for them at all. I am hoping to create a resolution about this that creates a buddy system for each student. SSCCC resolutions are now open for submission, and a requirement has been changed to where every “Whereas...” statement needs to include an APA citation. I could not attend the last KCCD Trustee meeting due to a conflict of schedule. I have also met with the Tutoring Club, Gender & Sexuality Awareness Club, and will soon be in touch with International Students Organization Club, as well as maybe meet with the Pre-Law club soon. I am trying to go around and talk to at least one club each week or more to tell them about March on March. I have also noticed that some clubs are still having issues with seeing the Homecoming items on the Bakersfield College website, so it may be necessary to have hard copies in the office available.
 - e. Director of Student Organizations, *Chad Hidalgo*: We have combined D.S.O and I.C.C. meeting together for inclusivity and for enforcement of structure during meetings. There were 2 action items that were passed at the last meeting, which were the snow cone machine and a SOF grant proposal. Extra Life planning is also underway. The Veterans club also brought up that they wanted to partner up with BCSGA in giving out food/clothing for the Homeless. We are also looking to do a shoebox donation (where it contains toothpaste, all health necessities, etc.), and this would go to the homeless shelter for children. Or we are even looking to have all go down to volunteer at the homeless shelter.
 - f. BCSGA Advisor, *Dr. Damania*: Please pass around the stacks of Homecoming flyers to all of your classes. The volleyball competition against the counseling department is set. We got a volleyball donated from N.O.R. (North of the River Recreation), but the counselors need our help in making sure that the net is set up. We will set up on Wednesday at 11:30 a.m. This is also the same night as BC Got Talent, and Lucille’s BBQ has been gracious enough to donate food for our event. On Thursday at 6 p.m. is the “Tortilla Heaven” performance, so please be there for the whole event. For the football game on Saturday, please come at 2 p.m. to help set up or be here at 4 p.m. at the latest. The jousting and bungee run will be setting up themselves, but we will need officers to help supervise in order to complete the liability waivers before the children can play. This upcoming Saturday, or tomorrow, there is another home football game, and it would be greatly appreciated to have more people come out to help the few officers that are always there. Finally, I want to remind all senators what your duties are. (A handout of the constitution was given out [page 9 and 10 of Section 3 and 4] and a handout of the COBRA [page 29 and 30] were both read aloud). The constitution is the basis for the association but the COBRA is to be able to be changed over time. The first part of the constitution is critical because this relates to what you do in your committees and departments. So it is imperative that you preplan ahead of time! For those meeting where you don’t plan ahead and do not have something ready, or cannot meet quorum, you can still hold your meetings with those items under new business, but you may not vote on anything. This also serves as a reminder as to why the Vice President and Secretary push for your agendas. There are so many good ideas that the people who make up this board have, but how can we facilitate those ideas if the center of where we generate those ideas are not coming together? Additionally, make sure you push on your secretary to have your agendas and items posted because that is a crucial part of your meeting process.

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*: We have a meeting coming up and it will be our 2nd meeting. In this meeting, we will be addressing the clay materials concern that Senator Graves had brought up at a previous senate meeting, and it will be placed on our agenda.
- b. Report from the Chair of the Committee on Advancement of Bakersfield College, *Senator Graves*: (Senator Olague presented on behalf of the committee) I has been 1 week since our last meeting. We had 3 main purposes for that meeting. The first was to figure out how to get student discounts for the GET bus, working on getting a 24 hour study room, and having a shuttle bus for Bakersfield College. For the shuttle bus, we are looking to push this at a state level. We spoke to Westmont University and to the Santa Barbara Community College, who both have their own shuttle system. Senator Graves spoke to the power training agent from GET, and we are waiting to get a bill to see what are the rules or technicalities necessary to obtain the discount, as well as to talk to other administrators there about the discount. For the most part, the shuttle is our main concern right now. (It was recommended by the Senate to look into having the cafeteria open longer for night time students, as they only have a break at a certain time and even some of the vending machines are locked at that time.)
- c. Report from the Chair of the Committee on Finance, *Senator Sanchez*: The finance committee will have a meeting tomorrow at 5:45 p.m.
- d. Report from the Chair of the Committee on Government Operations, *Senator Herndon*: I have no report from our committee. We will resume on October 22nd because we could not post our agenda due to a violation of the Brown Act.

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 further comments and 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. President Fowler opened up the nomination for Michael Esqueda for the position of BCSGA Justice
 - i. *Introduction:*

President Fowler- This candidate is the president for the Pre-Law club, was formerly in the U.S.M.C., and has great skills that make him suitable for this position.

Michael Esqueda- This is my fourth and hopefully last semester here at Bakersfield College, as I have received acceptance letters from schools. I was in the USMC and was discharged as an E3. I served as a judge advocate, and was essentially an advisor. I always had a good inclination that I wanted to be a lawyer, so I am majoring in political science and want to go to school up north. I want to be a justice to help out the BC community. When approached by the BCSGA President, I thought long and hard, and even without much experience, I do have the background to fulfill this position.
 - ii. *Interview:*

Can you explain what it is to be a judge advocate?

-M/E: There is a separate system for marines who commit a crime or as such. I did a lot of paperwork in this position, but I would essentially advise on like behavior of some of the marines that they were evaluating. The person that I was working under actually helped me a lot more than I helped him, as I had learned a lot from working under his supervision and from what I gained from the insight he gave me.

What would be your first act of action?

-M/E: I would go over and dissect the constitution very carefully to make sure that all aligns with what BCSGA stands for.

What would you say you learned the most from being the President of the Pre-Law club?

-M/E: I definitely learned time management.

If you become a part of the judicial branch, what would BCSGA fall as a priority to you?

-M/E: BCSGA would become a top priority, because the Pre-Law club is essentially an extension or branch of BCSGA. As such, I would be able to commit well to this position,

and to also be able to rely on my Vice President to make sure that things within the club are taken care of.

What is the most difficult decision you have ever made while in your last leadership position, how did you arrive at the decision, and what was the result?

-M/E:

You indicated earlier in your presentation that you are awaiting transfer to another school, is that for the spring semester?

-M/E: Yes.

iii. *General Debate-*

It was expressed by many members that the candidate is really well qualified, that he presented himself in a good manner, and that having him as a justice would help to establish a good foundation to build up the judicial review board, as well as for his career goals. There were concerns in that the candidate would be leaving for school in the spring, but it was rebutted in that he could still make an impact in the timeframe that he is here. Some expressed that the candidate seemed very headstrong and had the concern that this would clash with the Board. It was countered that BCSGA does need that for justices as the Judicial Review Board makes critical decision for aspects of the government that the rest of the Senate/Executive Board does not. Additionally, the candidate showed a demeanor of being respectfully headstrong.

iv. It was moved by Senator Galvez and Senator Herndon to approve the nomination of Michael Esqueda for the position of BCSGA Justice.

Discussion: No further discussion occurred.

The Senators voted as follows-

Senator Olague- Yes

Senator Nicholson- Yes

Senator Galvez- Yes

Senator Herndon- Yes

Senator Sanchez- No

Senator Zavala- Yes

Senator Roel- Yes

The votes tallied as follows: 6 yes, 1 no, 0 abstain.

The motion passed by majority vote.

b. Vice President Orozco opened the nomination for Jason Sherrill for the position of BCSGA Senator

i. *Introduction-*

Jason Sherrill: My name is Jason and I thought that this would be a good experience.

ii. *Interview-*

What kind of experience do you have?

-J/S: I have forestry experience from my grandfather.

What sparked your interest in joining BCSGA?

-J/S: (Abstained from answering)

Have you had any positions in leadership roles?

-J/S: No, I have not had any major ones.

If you could be a fruit, what would it be?

-J/S: An apple.

Are there attributes about an apple that apply to you and are the reason why you would be an apple?

-J/S: (No response)

Have you had any difficult relationships that were in work or a professional setting, and how did you deal with the situation?

-J/S: I have had none.

From what Dr. Damania indicated about senator roles, do you feel that you could fulfill the position?

-J/S: Yes.

Is there a problem that you want to fix on campus?

-J/S: Yes, to change the cafeteria hours. I cannot come up with any others at this time.

Have you been on any clubs/organizations on campus?

-J/S: Yes, M.E.Ch.A.

Do you have the time to make SGA one of your priorities?

-J/S: Yes.

What is an important attribute that you notice in a good leader?

-J/S: No, I do not know any.

What are some strong qualities about you that make you great for this position?

-J/S: (No response)

What do you think is your greatest talent?

-J/S: (No response)

Could you speak in front of a large crowd, as we do for events?

-J/S: Yes.

*** It was moved by Senator Galvez and seconded by Senator Zavala to move to previous question.**

Discussion: No further discussion occurred.

Vice President sought any objections to the main motion. As there were none, the motion passed. The interview portion concluded.*

iii. *General Debate:*

It was expressed by a member that they were unsure if the individual was intimidated, or if they underwent some sort of stage fright for the way they were positioned in the room. Many members believed that the candidate was not qualified for the position. It was addressed that some have spoken with the candidate before, and that he was social or interactive. With some guidance, he could fulfill the position, but in the current standing, it did not seem he was well suited. It was further addressed that one main purpose as a candidate is to know that they will be a representative of the association, but it was clear that he had not prepared or rehearsed beforehand for the interview. Additionally, the candidate did not exuberate that he is prepared for the responsibilities of this position. On a personal level for some officers, they have felt uncomfortable within the office setting around him due to one situation that occurred where they felt compromised.

iv. It was moved by Senator Nicholson and seconded by Senator Roel to approve the nomination for Jason Sherrill for the position of BCSGA senator.

Senator Nicholson withdrew his motion.

It was moved by Senator Nicholson and seconded by Senator Sanchez to table the approval of the nomination of Jason Sherrill for the position of BCSGA Senator indefinitely.

Discussion: It was expressed by many members that this motion does not seem necessary or is very inconsiderate of the applicant by just leaving the item on the table, and to be readdressed at a later time. There have been applicants before where they were told no, and it does not seem right to just table this item versus to vote, or not vote by not motioning, on this item. The board further talked about the purpose of tabling an item, and if the applicant needed to be considered again, then it would be left at the discretion of the advisor.

However, it was expressed that the candidate could always reapply if told no.

The motion passed by majority vote of ayes through voice vote, with an indication of one nay.

The approval for nomination was tabled indefinitely.

c. Vice President Orozco opened the nomination of Jose Lopez for the position of BCSGA Senator

i. *Introduction-*

Jose Lopez: The candidate provided a presentation on the correlation of students missing class due to being sick, which comes from the hygienic state of the keyboards within the library, and around campus.

ii. *Interview-*

How did you come up with the idea that students are sick in correlation to the keyboards? Did you speak to anyone in IT?

-J/L: From my good research skills, and also from personal observation, I noticed it and came to that conclusion.

Is there a direct correlation of sickness and students here at Bakersfield College?

You do not have to have a title to be in a leadership position to have an impact here on campus, so how would you make the connection between BCSGA and health concerns?

So this data that you obtained is not directly from the BC campus, but that you researched it?

-J/L: Yes, I just researched it.

What does this position mean to you?

-J/L: I can change BC in a way that would be impactful for students to stay safe, healthy, and academically well.

Being a senator takes up a lot of time, do you have enough time and do you think that you can handle this position well?

-J/L: Yes, I have learned how to prioritize in an effective way.

Can you give an example of a time that was difficult and how you endeavored?

What other plans do you have for BCSGA specifically?

-J/L: It includes coming up with several ideas both internal and external.

What attributes do you look for in a leader?

What do you think is your best quality and trait?

What are your career goals, and how would being a senator help your goals?

***It was moved by Senator Zavala and seconded by Senator Galvez to move to previous question.**

Discussion: No further discussion occurred.

The motion passed by majority vote of Aye through voice vote, with no Nay. The interview portion was concluded.*

iii. *General Debate-*

It was expressed by some members that he did seem very passionate about something that would help BC. Some members felt like the candidate had an ulterior motive as to why he was applying, and there was a gut feeling that something did not seem to align with the purpose of this association. Another member expressed that the way he goes about getting information does not seem credible, or is not exactly the best way to do so. As such, if he were to represent the association, there is a concern in how and what information he would be relaying to students. Others expressed that he seemed very passionate about his cause, but that he got lost about BCSGA, the community, and the students. Another member addressed the board in that most do have a perception of the candidate, but that some questions were not exactly geared in the sense that senators were asking for. Some questions were indirect or partially skewed versus directly expressing what the members are looking to find out about the candidate.

iv. It was moved Senator Zavala and seconded by Senator Roel to approve the nomination of Jose Lopez for the position of BCSGA Senator.

Discussion: Some members felt that maybe this item should be tabled, while others expressed that it is not in the Senate's best interest to table an item as it prolongs something that needs to be done and that it is currently not necessary. It was also addressed that in tabling an item, it is taking away the voices of the senators.

The Senators voted as follows:

Senator Olague- No

Senator Nicholson- Abstain

Senator Galvez- Yes

Senator Herndon- No

Senator Sanchez- No

Senator Zavala- No

Senator Roel- No

The votes tallied as follows: 1 yes, 5 no, 0 abstain.

The motion was declined due to majority vote of no.

****It was moved by Senator Zavala and seconded by Senator Galvez to extend the meeting until 8:30 p.m.**

Discussion: No further discussion occurred.

The motion passed by majority vote of Aye through voice vote*

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 Sanchez and seconded by Senator Herndon to fast-track the appointment of Michael Esqueda for the position of BCSGA Justice

Discussion: No further discussion occurred.

The 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 Galvez and seconded by Senator Zavala to elect Michael Esqueda for the position of BCSGA Justice.

Discussion: No further discussion occurred.

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

- i. Vice President Orozco administered the oath of office to the newly elected justice.
“I, Michael Esqueda, 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

The Chair shall refer all legislation read the first time and not fast tracked to committee.

- a. BCSGA Incentive Plan FY16

Discussion: The Senate read through the entire Incentive Plan and made revisions to the bill as they progressed through the reading. It was addressed that the revised edition of the plan would be presented at the next Senate meeting.

15. 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. Senator Olague: I am inviting all to my family’s tailgate at the football game for this Saturday.
- b. Senator Zavala: We spend too much time discussing and we need to know the fine line in moving on.
- c. Director Lyons: On the contrary, whatever discussion that needs to happen, it should happen.
- d. Vice President Orozco: If you want to change the time of this meeting, let me know so that we can rearrange it. But do keep in mind that we only have Senate every other week.

16. PUBLIC COMMENT*

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

17. ADJOURNMENT

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

Discussion: No further discussion occurred.

The motion passed by majority vote of Aye through voice vote. Vice President Orozco adjourned the meeting at 8:32 p.m.