

# BAKERSFIELD COLLEGE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

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## SENATE BODY

Wednesday, October 21<sup>st</sup>, 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 6:02 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 Herndon, Senator Sanchez, Senator Zavala, Senator Roel, Senator Graves, Senator Galvez, Senator Chavez, Senator Olague (late), Senator Nicholson (late), Parliamentarian Mann, and Nicky Damania, Ph.D.

**The following members were absent: none**

**The following members were excused: none**

**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. It was moved by Senator Herndon and seconded by Senator Zavala to adopt the agenda for Wednesday, October 21, 2015.

**Discussion:** No further discussion occurred.

Vice President Orozco sought any objections to adopting the agenda. In seeing that there were no objections made, 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 Galvez and seconded by Senator Sanchez to adopt the minutes from Wednesday, October 7, 2015.

**Discussion:** No further discussion occurred.

Vice President Orozco sought any objections to adopting the minutes. In seeing that there were no objections made, 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. Johnson Herr: Hello! I just came to listen to what you talk about.
- b. Aracely Pulido: 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 Senate recognized the appointment of Patrick Hawks to the Department of Student Organizations by Advisor Damania
- b. BCSGA Senate recognized the appointment of Tomas Angulo to the Department of Legislative Affairs by Advisor Damania
- c. BCSGA Committee Changes

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

- i. Senator Graves moved to resign from the Department on Student Organizations.

**Discussion:** Senator Graves notified the Senate that the meeting times for the department conflicted with his schedule.

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- Vice President Orozco sought any objections to Senator Graves being removed as a departmental member. In seeing that there were no objections, the motion passed.
- ii. Senator Graves moved to be placed as a departmental member of the Department on Student Activities.

**Discussion:** No further discussion occurred.

Vice President Orozco sought any objections to Senator Graves being added as a departmental member. In seeing that there were no objections, the motion passed.

## 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*: I let the Executive Officers know about this already at our meeting last week, but I talked with President Christian about the GET safety issues, the BC shuttle program, and the issue about the international students. I asked if she had heard about other schools who were having a problem with their international students, or if they were having problems with their programs, and she informed me that she had not. I am also looking to build 2 advisory committees, and a memo will be sent out soon about it.
- b. Vice President, *Janell Orozco*: Becoming involved with the Delano campus is crucial, and we are looking to hold a meeting there soon. There were raised concerns in that some could not get transportation to attend a meeting held there if we did, but we could also hold a teleconference for those who must remain here in town. Also, if you know any students who are interested in joining BCSGA who are attending Delano, please let us know and urge them to apply. Additionally, I am hoping to start a club that urges students/clubs to go out to do community events, or volunteering, or that this will become a committee. Finally, please check your emails. I have sent out a reminder to all chairpersons that they need to hold meetings biweekly or weekly. But if you are a chairperson and have any questions, concerns, or need help, then let me know so that we can address it. For members of committees, if chairs are not holding meetings or are not letting me know about cancelling their meetings, then they will be removed.
- c. BCSGA Advisor, *Dr. Damania*: Homecoming went well and congratulations to all who won the Royalty Court. I have sent out a feedback review to all about Homecoming. Please submit it for all events that you attended as it helps us to better plan and organize events for next year. This week is the CCSAAA Conference, and all who are attending have completed the paperwork to attend. Members attending SSCCC must go to the Department on Legislative Affairs meeting on Thursday, as well as attend 2 meetings in advance of SSCCC. I would like to recognize Senator Zavala and Senator Graves for taking the initiative to fix, or investigate, the Art department issues and the Cafeteria issue. Finally, the Delano campus had 2 coordinators from us, and have a very active WECOMM club, which will be applying for a grant soon.

## 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*: I had all members attend the last meeting. Senator Zavala investigated the Art Department issue, and we are opening the table to be engaged more with the Deans, faculty, and staff. We have not had much to work with due to new people being placed into positions on campus. But the STEM department is looking to have us help them to publicize more about the new baccalaureate degree.
- b. Report from the Chair of the Committee on Advancement of Bakersfield College, *Senator Graves*: There is a concern about the number of people who are allowed to be riding on a GET bus. I spoke to the Operations Department Manager, and she indicated that she was unaware of the complaints lodged. Another key personnel apparently had their phone line disconnected, or that their voicemail was disconnected, for some time and had not received any complaints. I talked to the Public Relations Manager about having a safety notice publicized for both GET and GET riders to see/read. I spoke to Chef Eric about stretching the cafeteria hours. It was addressed that they could have an extra person, with a staff person required, to have the café open longer, but they work 10 hours already so it would be considered overtime. This would then have to be approved by the Head Supervisor, Anthony Culpepper. We looked into maybe prolonging their hours until 7:30 p.m. to cut half of the cost of keeping them there until 8 p.m., or to instead bring special vending machines to sell sandwiches. (It was recommended by President Fowler to contact Primavera in Equity & Inclusion to use Title V funds to do the student discounted bus passes, and also use the KVC to help pay for the

fee. Additionally, to think about having a vendor come onto campus for that 1 hour slow as it helps to open a way to bring vendors onto campus.)

- c. Report from the Chair of the Committee on Finance, *Senator Sanchez*: Good job to all members for staying involved. The next meeting will be next week on Tuesday at 5 p.m.
- d. Report from the Chair of the Committee on Government Operations, *Senator Herndon*: There will be a meeting tomorrow at 4 p.m.

#### 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 or 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 opened up the appointment of Victoria Vargas for the position of BCSGA Justice

*Presentation:*

President Fowler- Victoria Vargas has shown an interest in BCSGA, has been involved in many BCSGA and Office of Student Life events, and has worked in jobs and activities that have put herself in a leadership position.

Victoria Vargas- Hello, I want to be a justice to give the student body a voice, to have fun, and to become more involved on campus.

*Interview:*

What would you bring that benefits BCSGA?

V/V: I would bring hard work and dedication. I have volunteered a lot prior to applying for this position.

Have you been involved in any groups on campus?

V/V: I was President of the Geology Club, but later stepped down in acknowledging that my time availability and academic constraints were restricting me from fully giving to that position. I was also on the swim team, a BCSGA volunteer last year and this year, and am working in the Office of Equity & Inclusion.

What is your major?

V/V: I am majoring in Kinesiology and minoring in political science.

What is your schedule like?

V/V: I can make time if necessary, and it is pretty tight, but I am able to give as needed.

If you see an elderly woman trip over a tree stump, what would you do?

V/V: First off, I wouldn't laugh. I would worry if she is alright, and go check on her.

If you had a friend with you and they were laughing, what would you do?

V/V: I would ask them about what is wrong with them, tell them to hold my stuff, and go check on her.

What are your career goals and what high school did you attend?

V/V: I want to be a child physical therapist and I attended Highland High School.

A justice has the task to be fair and equitable, in knowing that you are close with some officers, how would you regard them in a way without being biased?

V/V: I would look at them in a light that is not of as a friend, but just as a person. I would just see them as another person, be unbiased of my own personal feelings towards them, and only take into account whatever details are at hand.

*General Debate:*

It was discussed by Senate members that the candidate is very kind, a hard worker, pretty fair in decision, and have interacted with the candidate on various occasions prior to the interview. It was addressed that the candidate does have a level of approach to issues, and has a good mind to give fair judicial review. Additionally, it was suggested that the candidate does not seem to have problem in making sure that a fair review is given regardless of having any close friendships with people who are concerned in a certain issue.

- i. It was moved by Senator Sanchez and seconded by Senator Galvez to approve the appointment of Victoria Vargas for the position of BCSGA Justice

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

The Senators voted as follows:

Senator Sanchez- Yes

Senator Zavala- Yes  
Senator Roel- Yes  
Senator Graves- Yes  
Senator Galvez- Yes  
Senator Chavez- Yes  
Senator Olague- Yes  
Senator Nichelson- Yes  
Senator Herndon- Yes

The motion passed by majority vote of yes with the votes tallied as follows: 9-0-0.

- b. President Fowler opened up the appointment of Aracely Pulido for the position of BCSGA Justice

*Presentation:*

President Fowler: Aracely Pulido has a passion for representing students, has been in representative organizations before, and is a first year student.

Aracely Pulido: I was heavily involved in community service and activities in high school. I went to Arvin High School, and still am heavily involved in community service. My schedule is pretty available, where I range my classes from 8 to 12 or 1 p.m. daily.

*Interview:*

What makes you feel that you would be a good justice, or what can you bring that would benefit the Judicial Review Board?

-A/P: I can bring experience as I have leadership experience from being heavily involved in high school. I also did 'We the People' and am aware of reading, or analyzing, constitutions.

What are two strengths and two weaknesses that you have?

-A/P: My two strengths are that I am observant and determined, or persevering. My weaknesses are that I am fairly short, as it leads me to feel intimidated, and that I live fairly away in Arvin.

What is your greatest leadership achievement?

-A/P: In being a big sister, I have great influence in having my sister become involved in her school, in extracurricular activities, and community service. As such, it has been my greatest achievement to influence her to take on opportunities that help her grow as a person.

What is an endeavor that you are proud to have faced that made you who you are?

-A/P: The endeavor would be financial dilemma. In having to rise through financial difficulty as I progressed through age, it helped to shape character and to find ways to overcome that difficulty to provide for various aspects of life.

What was your unit in 'We the People'?

-A/P: I was a part of Unit 1.

May you clarify what 'We the People' is?

-A/P: We the People is a competition among schools in the nation, state, and city, where high school students demonstrate their civic knowledge, and in analyze or interpret the constitution to be applied to various hearings.

This position also requires that you attend these Senate meetings, so would you have the time availability to do so, as well as transportation ability?

-A/P: Yes, I could make the time and arrange transportation.

*General Debate:*

It was addressed by Senate members that the candidate seemed very prepared, motivated, dedicated, and welcomed to get whatever she may need to get done. Many were impressed in the way the candidate presented herself as it was not expected according to her demeanor. In noticing that she is quiet but prepared, it should that the candidate likes to think before acting. It was also addressed that although the U.S. Constitution does not necessarily apply to this position, she is well qualified to be able to interpret and analyze COBRA, or the BCSGA constitution, in order to apply judgment to judicial review board cases. It was noted that the candidate had already read the COBRA and constitution before the interview with President Fowler. A point of clarification was made in that justices are *not* required to be at Senate meetings, and it is only on the will call if Parliamentary Mann should be absent. The reason for doing so is that it keeps the justices neutral in cases about members of the association.

- i. It was moved by Senator Herndon and seconded by Senator Galvez to approve the appointment of Aracely Pulido for the position of BCSGA Justice.

**Discussion:** No further discussion occurred.

Senator Sanchez- Yes

Senator Zavala- Yes

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

The motion passed by majority vote of yes with the votes tallied as follows: 9-0-0.

## 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 Graves and seconded by Senator Galvez to fast-track the appointment of Victoria Vargas for the position of BCSGA Justice  
**Discussion:** No further discussion occurred.  
The motion passed by majority vote of “Aye” through voice vote.
- b. It was moved by Senator Roel and seconded by Senator Graves to fast-track the appointment of Aracely Pulido 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 Zavala and seconded by Senator Galvez to elect Victoria Vargas for the position of BCSGA Justice.  
**Discussion:** No further discussion occurred.  
Vice President Orozco sought any objections to the motion. In seeing that there were no further objections, the motion passed.
  - i. Vice President Orozco administered the oath of office for Victoria Vargas.
- b. It was moved by Senator Roel and seconded by Senator Sanchez to elect Aracely Pulido for the position of BCSGA Justice.  
**Discussion:** No further discussion occurred.  
Vice President Orozco sought any objections to the motion. In seeing that there were no further objections, the motion passed.
  - i. Vice President Orozco administered the oath of office for Aracely Pulido.

## 14. SECOND 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. It moved by Senator Zavala and seconded by Senator Graves to open up S.B. ##: BCSGA Incentive Plan for reading.  
**Discussion:** Changes were made to bill according to the last meeting read over and editing.
  - i. It was moved by Senator Sanchez and seconded by Senator Herndon to adopt S.B. ##: BCSGA Incentive Plan.  
**Discussion:** No further discussion occurred.  
The Senators voted as follows:  
Senator Nicholson- Yes  
Senator Olague- Yes  
Senator Chavez- Yes  
Senator Galvez- Yes  
Senator Graves- No  
Senator Roel- Yes  
Senator Zavala- Yes  
Senator Sanchez- Yes  
Senator Herndon- Yes  
The adoption passed by majority vote of yes with the votes tallied as 8-1-0.

## 15. COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS\*

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- a. Senator Galvez: I talked to a constituent about recycling trash bins, and she thought that there would be more bins placed on campus that are outside. (He was referred to contact EJ from CSUB to ask about their recycling program and to have it implemented here at BC. Additionally, it was brought up



- to maybe have clubs customize the recycling cans or to contact clubs who do the recycling themselves.)
- b. Senator Sanchez: The Budget Committee will have a forum meeting on Monday at the Fireside room, and it will be facilitated by Professor Holmes.
  - c. Senator Roel: As mentioned before, the new baccalaureate degree program needs an activity held to promote more about it. I am not sure as to what type of activity that they are anticipating. (She was redirected to contact Dean Rozell.)
  - d. Senator Graves: I am needing more help in finding a direction to pursue the BC shuttle. Also, I attended the Good Neighbor Festival at the Martin Luther King Jr. Park, and I was able to promote BCSGA, AAMP, and BC as a whole. I was able to help inform them to programs that are available, and to invite to other initiatives going on. As part of “Feed the Hungry, Shower the Homeless”, where our church went out to put showers in the parking lot, had several clothes donated in order to give away, and to also provide barber services.
  - e. Senator Zavala: I met with Dean Rozell, and we are going to hold an event for the Bachelor’s program in Industrial Automation. It is in progress where a panel discussion around lunch time will occur so that students can ask about the program, and it will be an RSVP event. I also investigated the art department clay issue. I was informed that there is a \$15 fee that all students have to pay, and that there is a way to rehydrate clay that is hardened, but I am still awaiting a response specifically as to why the students cannot use that particular clay that is available. The art department is also having problems with their budget as the budget never reflects the actual amount of students. I am also talked to students who are upset with MESA moving over to an area/facility that will be more accessible to the entire campus. The MESA program has a tutoring service and other initiatives that are available specifically only to MESA students, so this has been a currently rising problem.
  - f. Senator Chavez: I received comments as well about MESA being shared with the rest of the campus, when it is not a club. It appears that faculty are treating MESA as if it were a club of some sort, where this is a program that is specific to students who apply to it. MESA helps STEM majors who are economically or academically disadvantaged, and the funding for the program is dissipating. Faculty see students in their who come to do homework, or students who are not a part of the program who are doing other things like watching movies or something, and they feel like they want to use it more for classrooms because the current use of the room isn’t quite justified.
  - g. Senator Herndon: I am on the curriculum committee, and they are in the process of reviewing/adding/removing classes, and making sure that the degree programs are updated.
  - h. Senator Olague: I am seeking shoeboxes as I am partaking in a donation event, and I would greatly appreciate it. A constituent also expressed a concern for that there is a need for more trashcans.
  - i. Senator Nichelson: I will bring up the MESA issue up at the next meeting when more information has been found out about what is going on, since the earlier provided explanation isn’t substantiated but just from speculation.
  - j. Vice President Orozco: The second CommUnity hOur is being held on November 4<sup>th</sup> from 12:45 p.m. to 1:45 p.m.

## 16. PUBLIC COMMENT\*

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- a. Manager Roberts: The next meeting for the Department on Student Activities will be held next Tuesday, October 27<sup>th</sup>, at 2:30 p.m. I am making a signup sheet for the 29<sup>th</sup> from 11 to 2 p.m. for the Halloween event held by the Department.
- b. President Fowler: The Kern Energy Festival is on November 7<sup>th</sup>, before the final home football game, and I am looking for volunteers to help with manning registration.
- c. Director Mendoza: Next Friday is the Region V meeting. (It was suggested by President Fowler to all members that it is a great time meet Region ‘mates’ for the next Region V meeting.)
- d. Secretary Rodriguez: Reminder that the Department on Student Organizations meeting is this Friday at 11 a.m., if you are a part of the department and if you are not attending CCSAAA.

## 17. ADJOURNMENT

- a. It was moved by Senator Zavala 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. The meeting was adjourned at 7:34 p.m.