

BAKERSFIELD COLLEGE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

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SENATE BODY

Wednesday, November 4th, 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 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 Graves, Senator Nichelson, Senator Olague, Senator Zavala, Senator Herndon, Senator Sanchez, Senator Galvez, and Nicky Damania, Ph.D.

The following members were absent: Senator Roel

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, November 4, 2015.

Discussion: No further discussion occurred,
Seeing that 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. It was moved by Senator Herndon and seconded by Senator Graves to adopt the minutes from Wednesday, October 21, 2015.

Discussion: No further discussion occurred.

Vice President Orozco sought any objections to adopting the minutes. In seeing that there were none, 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. Madison Maner: Hello! I am looking to be a senator.
- b. Princess Herrera: Hello! I am looking to be a justice.

**** It was moved by Senator Olague and seconded by Senator Graves to suspend the orders of the day and go to agenda item 11. Appointments of BCSGA Officers****

Discussion: It was discussed that by suspending the orders, the resignation letter from Senator Olague would be read pending the outcome of the appointment.

The Senators voted as follows-

Senator Graves- Yes

Senator Chavez- Yes

Senator Nichelson- Yes

Senator Olague- Yes

Senator Zavala- Yes

Senator Herndon- Yes

Senator Sanchez- Yes

Senator Galvez- Yes

The motion passed by majority vote of yes, with the votes tallied as 8-0-0.

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7. 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 Princess Herrera for the position of BCSGA Justice.

- i. *Introduction:*

President Fowler- Princess Herrera is a current member of the Pre-Law Club, and I am appointing her to this position.

Princess Herrera- As soon as I heard about the opportunity, I was interested. I want to become a judge, and am looking to gain as much experience as possible to pursue my career goals. In being an ICC representative, I am familiar with the BCSGA process, and I think that this will be a great experience.

Interview:

What leadership position do you hold in Pre-Law, and how does that pertain to this position?

Being a justice requires that you make unbiased, impartial judgement, so how do you go about in being unbiased in topics that hold close to home?

It is understood that critical thinking will play a big part and the social ability that you have, but the question still remains in how do you do with setting aside personal feelings?

Could you tell us about yourself?

Tell me about a time when you experienced a loss for doing something right, and how did you react?

Of course BCSGA is more than work and business, are you comfortable with going out and talking to a large group of people? This may encompass that you interact in activities.

General Debate:

It was clarified by Parliamentarian Mann that justices are not required to do what senators do. Their job description encompasses that the justices come together when there is an issue. It was addressed by a Senator that the candidate has a good background, believes that it would benefit her for career goals, and that she would do well in the position. Another Senator pointed out that the candidate might be too nervous, or that the position would be too much for her considering that she is a recent grad. It was then rebutted that the candidate is involved in Pre-Law, is an ICC representative, and doing the Pre-Law program. In being involved in these, it requires a certain mindset. Additionally, from doing well academically in high school and college, it shows the candidate is driven.

****It was moved Senator Herndon and Senator Herndon to move the previous question. In seeing that there were no objections, the motion passed and general debate was ended****

- ii. It was moved Senator Herndon and seconded by Senator Sanchez to approve the appointment of Princess Herrera for the position of BCSGA Justice.

Discussion: Senator Graves noted that since the President feels so confident in the candidate, then he would trust him. However, he still has some reservations about the candidate, but will still trust in the President's appointment.

The Senators voted as follows-

Senator Galvez- Yes

Senator Olague- Yes

Senator Sanchez- Yes

Senator Chavez- Yes

Senator Zavala- Yes

Senator Galvez- Yes

Senator Nicholson- Yes

Senator Herndon- Yes

The motion passed by majority vote of yes, with the votes tallied as 8-0-0.

- b. Vice President Orozco opened up the appointment of Madison Maner for the position of BCSGA Senator.

i. *Introduction:*

Madison Maner- Hello! This is my third semester here at Bakersfield College. I am interested in this position because of Geena Olague, and I decided to apply.

Interview:

What skills can you bring to BCSGA that would benefit the process?

Could you come up with a cheer for BCSGA?

What is your major and career plans?

Can you describe what else this position entails?

How are you with time management?

What organization are you a part of?

In conjunction with what was said about time management, there are 2 committees and 1 campus wide committee that you will be a part of, and activities that are planned around 11 to 2 p.m. Will you be able to fulfill this role?

What is a problem that you see on campus?

What is your perspective on bills and resolutions, and how do you feel about taking initiatives here on campus?

If you could be any fruit, which would you be and why?

General Debate:

It was discussed by a Senator in that the candidate does not have a lot of experience, but feel that she is open to learn. Another member indicated that they have worked well with her personally through another job. The candidate was very outgoing, cheerful, confident, and not afraid to ask for help. Another member indicated that she is always energetic, informed, makes people feel welcome and received, could bring some new life and energy from what is observed in class, but are unsure about whether or not she can handle the job. It was further stated by another senator from personal experience that the candidate could always deal with problems, is strong, and more than capable to work under stress. Additionally, she is head leader when situations became stressful or unresolvable.

- ii. It was moved by Senator Graves and seconded by Senator Sanchez to approve the appointment of Madison Maner for the position of BCSGA Senator.

Discussion: No further discussion occurred.

The Senators voted as follows-

Senator Graves- Yes

Senator Olague- Yes

Senator Nicholson- Yes

Senator Zavala- Yes

Senator Herndon- Yes

Senator Sanchez- Yes

Senator Galvez- Yes

The motion passed by majority vote of yes, with the votes tallied as 7-0-0.

- c. President Fowler opened up the appointment of Geena Olague for the position of BCSGA Director of Student Activities.

i. *Introduction:*

President Fowler: As many of you know, and hopefully you do, this is Geena!

Geena Olague: I hope that all of you know me from being a current senator. I applied for this position because I feel that I could enhance the position. I am very passionate about student government, and I believe that I can bring more to what is encompassed within

student leadership. (Geena gave a PowerPoint presentation. The PowerPoint presentation gave a thorough overview on what core concepts are to be considered to create events, how to create/implement successful events, perspective on leadership as a director, what will be accomplished/enhanced in the committee, what opportunities will arise from her leadership, the responsibilities expected from all members as being the director, and the reason for doing so.)

Interview:

All things have been planned, the event is underway, and Murphy's Law applies to where all things start to go wrong, and even constantly. How do you react under pressure, and how does your behavior tend to lean in order to remediate what is going on?

What are 2 strengths and 2 weaknesses?

How receptive are you to other ideas and opinions?

Are you familiar with what it now takes to run, or create, an event, and can you explain?

What have you found to be difficult in being a leader of a team, and how did you deal with it?

An executive position is different from a senator's position. In being a senator for 3 months now, what did you learn as a senator that led you to feel that you were able to take on the position?

Can you give us an example where you ran into a problem and how you overcame it?

Being an executive member takes up a lot of time, and this position takes even more time.

Will you be able to meeting the time constraints this requires?

How you would describe your leadership approach?

Can you give an example where you led a group to a goal, and that it meant to you as an accomplishment?

Being a Director of Student Activities, sometimes there are multiple tasks going on all at once. Can you multitask and provide an example?

Give us a specific example of a difficulty that you have experienced when working with this association and how did you handle it?

General Debate:

It was expressed by a Senator that the candidate is a very passionate, individual, and that once given an assignment, she can definitely handle it. But there was a concern in whether or not she can commit to it as she is dropping other commitments as she is the current Vice Chair of the Committee on Advancement. Another member also noted that she was quick to say what her weaknesses are, but not that she was strong in something else. Additionally, when asking about the protocol to coordinating events, she had not quite answered the question. Another member expressed that it is good that she wants to do the position and has the capacity/means to do so.

- ii. It was moved by Senator Herndon and seconded by Senator Sanchez to approve the appointment of Geena Olague for the position of BCSGA Director of Student Activities.

Discussion: No further discussed occurred.

The Senators voted as follows-

Senator Herndon- Yes

Senator Sanchez- Yes

Senator Galvez- Yes

Senator Graves- Yes

Senator Nichelson- Yes

Senator Zavala- Yes

Senator Olague- Abstain

The motion passed by majority vote of yes, with the vote tallied as 6-0-1.

8. 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. The Senate recognized the resignation letter from Senator Geena Olague
“Dear BCSGA Senate,
It is with regret that I write this letter with tender my resignation from the Bakersfield College Student Government Senate. I wish to inform not only Vice President Janelle Orozco, but every member in the Senate that I have applied for the position of Director of Student Activities and without my resignation from the Senate, I cannot be fully sworn if given the Director position. I would like to say that it has been more than a pleasure working with everyone as a fellow senator. I would also like everyone to know that although I am resigning from the Senate, I am still to everyone a faithful and diligent colleague. I thank everyone who has helped guide me as a Senator and I am more than thrilled to be working with everyone as the new Director of Student Activities! Thank you.
Sincerely, Geena Olague”
**** It was moved by Senator Graves and seconded by Senator Zavala to suspend the orders of the day to go to items 11 and 12 of the agenda.****
Discussion: No further discussion occurred.
The Senator voted as follows-
Senator Graves- Yes
Senator Nicholson- Yes
Senator Zavala- Yes
Senator Herndon- Yes
Senator Sanchez- Yes
Senator Galvez- Yes
The motion passed by majority vote of yes, with the votes tallied as 6-0-0.
- b. BCSGA Committee Changes
The Senate may make changes to committee assignments by resolution

9. 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 Herndon to fast-track the appointment of Princess Herrera 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 Zavala and seconded by Senator Herndon to fast-track the appointment of Madison Maner for the position of BCSGA Senator.
Discussion: No further discussion occurred.
The motion passed by majority vote of “aye” through voice vote.
- c. It was moved by Senator Graves and seconded by Senator Sanchez to fast-track the appointment of Geena Olague for the position of BCSGA Director of Student Activities.
Discussion: No further discussion occurred.
The motion passed by majority vote of “aye” through voice vote.

10. 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 Herndon to elect Princess Herrera 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 Zavala and seconded by Senator Herndon to elect Madison Maner for the appointment of BCSGA Senator.
Discussion: No further discussion occurred.
The motion passed by majority vote of “aye” through voice vote.
- c. It was moved by Senator Zavala and seconded by Senator Herndon to elect Geena Olague for the appointment of BCSGA Director of Student Activities.
Discussion: No further discussion occurred.

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

11. 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 Zavala moved be removed from the Committee on Finance.
Discussion: There was no further discussion.
The motion passed by majority vote of “aye” through voice vote.
 - ii. Senator Maner moved to be added to the Department on Student Organizations.
Discussion: There was no further discussion.
The motion passed by majority vote of “aye” through voice vote.

12. 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*: We are currently looking into the BCSGA Retreat.
- b. Vice President, *Janell Orozco*: No report.
- c. BCSGA Advisor, *Dr. Damania*: There are student panels that will be occurring for a book reading. I highly suggest that you attend those, especially those for peers who are on the panel. It is about the “Redesigning of America’s Community Colleges”. I appreciate all to sticking to agendas and meetings. We are also starting to look at spring events, such as Welcome Week and Spring Fling.

13. 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*: At the last meeting, we spoke to the Finance Committee about getting a vending machine and purchasing food from Food Services to sell it. We are also waiting from the Promotions marketing manager to return our call about having a meeting with us for the GET issue/discount. The 2nd CommUnity hOur occurred recently, and it went well.
- b. Report from the Chair of the Committee on Finance, *Senator Sanchez*: The Finance Committee is working on looking to how to purchase the vending machine, and we will be having a meeting again soon.
- c. Report from the Chair of the Committee on Government Operations, *Senator Herndon*: Thanks to all who called in at the last meeting.

14. 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 Zavala: I know I said something really important. It would be awesome if what was said was written down.
- b. Senator Graves: I additionally said something equally important, but I am awaiting to see if the secretary will put it in there. I sure hope that the senators look at this.
- c. Nicky Damania, Ph.D.: This Saturday is also the last home football game. So please come out to help and support.

15. 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. Secretary Rodriguez: Extra Life is this weekend! It is on Saturday from 9 am to 9 pm, with a \$20 minimum donation. There will be prizes, food provided, tournaments, and more. Even if you don’t have that, donate what you can. Whether it is \$10, \$5, or even \$1. Anything you can and are willing to give will benefit the Bakersfield Memorial Hospital Pediatrics Center and it all goes straight there. If you love games, and any type of games, this is for you.
- b. President Fowler: The Kern Energy is this weekend as well, and all volunteers who have signed up, as well as fill out all paperwork, I shall see you there.

16. ADJOURNMENT

- a. It was moved by Senator Zavala and seconded by Senator Sanchez to adjourn the meeting.
Discussion: No further discussion occurred.
Vice President sought any objections to adjourning the meeting. In seeing none, Vice President Orozco adjourned the meeting at 7:47 p.m.