

# BAKERSFIELD COLLEGE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

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## SENATE BODY

Wednesday, November 18<sup>th</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 6:06 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 Galvez, Senator Graves, Senator Maner, Senator Zavala, Senator Chavez, Senator Nicholson, and Advisor Damania.

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. It was moved by Senator Herndon and seconded by Senator Galvez to amend the agenda from Wednesday, November 18, 2015 by striking out under item 5a. Adoption of Minutes “November 18<sup>th</sup>” and inserting “November 4”.

**Discussion:** No further discussion occurred.

Vice President Orozco sought any objections to amending the agenda. Seeing that there were no objections, the agenda was amended.

- i. It was moved by Senator Herndon and seconded by Senator Galvez to adopt the agenda from Wednesday, November 18, 2015 as amended.

**Discussion:** No further discussion occurred.

Vice President Orozco sought any objections to adopting the agenda as amended. 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 Graves and seconded by Senator Galvez to adopt the minutes from Wednesday, November 4, 2015.

**Discussion:** No further discussion occurred.

Vice President Orozco sought any objections to adopting the minutes. As 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. Robert Burke: Hello! I am the prospective Director of Legislative Affairs. I am 21 years old, am a political science major, and I look forward to working with all of you.

### 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.*

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- a. Appointment of student-at-large Trina Goree to the Department of Student Activities by Advisor Damania  
**Discussion:** (Advisor Damania) As I had mentioned before, I would like to appoint Trina Goree to the position of Student-at-Large. She is currently working in the Office of Student Life as a Delano Programmer. According to COBRA, the advisor has one appointed student for the Department on Student Activities.
- b. Appointment of Senator Graves and student-at-large Daniel Ruezga, Calie O'Neil, and alumni Miles Post to the Elections Commission  
**Discussion:** (Advisor Damania) At any point, you can appeal for these selected people to be a part of the Elections Commission. But according to COBRA, I am allowed to appoint members or people to this commission. However, these people are not allowed to run for a BCSGA officer position next year.
- c. Request and appointment of additional senator to the Elections Commission
  - i. Senator Herndon requested and was appointed to the Elections Commission.
- d. Officer reports from Participatory Governance Meetings
  - i. Senator Galvez: I spoke to the Assistant Dean of Nursing and Allied Health last Tuesday. Her concern was that of the socioeconomic status of her students. She beseeched us to look into advertising more about services on campus (i.e. Pantry), and to may be also give out presentations in classes, or to post flyers on the Allied Health building. \*\*Senator Graves commented saying that the Office of Equity & Inclusion already has a resource to do that. As such, all is needed is the professor's information to do the classroom presentations.\*\*
  - ii. Senator Zavala: I am on the AIQ committee, and it is hard to understand. But each department has to give a report on how they are planning to improve, but if they don't then they are mandated to give a 10 page evaluation report. \*\*President Fowler also commented that the AIQ committee is also doing 2 evaluations of campus and district services.\*\*
  - iii. Senator Graves: The Academic Senator covered the Equity Plan, and it was informed that Equity can give payments to professors who attend summer bridge workshops. There is also the redesigning of the CA CCC pamphlet/book. Additionally, they discussed the budget, and will also review the budget under the Chancellor since 2005. Finally, for travelling, if you go to an event and do not stay overnight, then you will not get a monetary disbursement for food.
  - iv. Senator Herndon: I attended the Curriculum Committee, and I also do not understand all of what they say. But all professors are on small teams to review classes and degree programs. I also need to get a question from Senator Graves that he had posed before to bring to the attention of the Curriculum Committee.
  - v. Vice President Orozco: To all other officers who do not have a report to give, I would like to know as to why it is that you do not have anything available. All of you have been contacted by myself and received correspondence about it from President Fowler. \*\*Noted by Advisor Damania that even if the committee has not contacted officers, they should still attend the meetings.\*\*
    1. Senator Chavez: I did not know about them...
- e. BCSGA Committee Changes  
*The Senate may make changes to committee assignments by resolution.*
  - i. Senator Maner moved to be added to the Department on Student Activities.  
**Discussion:** No further discussion occurred.  
The motion passed by no objections.
  - ii. Senator Maner moved to be added to the Committee on the Advancement of Bakersfield College.  
**Discussion:** No further discussion occurred.  
The motion passed 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*: The Academic Senate is doing a lot. They have looked at the accounts and thought they only had two to utilize but actually found out that they have five. There are looking to make a vote of no confidence against the Chancellor and are looking to pull more budget years. I was contacted by Kathy Rosellini and she said that there is an individual in Sacramento that was a past SGA president and SSCCC delegate. He indicated that he is willing to give us a tour for any time that

we are in the capital. In regards to the SSCCC resolutions, F15-02 was adopted. The Student Learning Centers resolution was adopted. The Foster Youth Resolution (F15-04) was also adopted, and SSCC decided to divest from fossil fuels.

**\*\*It was moved by Senator Graves and seconded by Senator Nicholson to extend time for discussion by five minutes.**

**Discussion:** No further discussion occurred.

The motion passed by no objections.\*\*

The 'Free Community College' resolution was also adopted, and SSCCC went well, as well as better than the previous General Assembly. The review of District Consultation Council Supporting Documents is essentially to go over all documents that they are looking to pass.

**\*\*Senator Chavez was excused at 6:40 p.m.\*\***

For example, 4F2 is a problem because it is dictating the standards of how students can apply to any student government association. The concern is why the district deciding who is a part of the association and the standards if there is already a higher standard set than what they want.

**\*\*It was moved by Senator Graves and seconded by Senator Nicholson to extend time for discussion by five minutes.**

**Discussion:** No further discussion occurred.

The motion passed by no objections.\*\*

They are also dictating who can be an advisor, which is separate from the advisor that can go on trips. There are many documents that affect the student government, but that also affects the clubs. I would like to hold a joint executive and senate meeting next week to go over all of them, and to also attend the meeting if possible. The documents can be found in this link:

<https://committees.kccd.edu/committee/district-consultation-council>

- b. Vice President, *Janell Orozco*: For those who have an email, I have sent out an email of correspondence to go over a 1-on-1 with each of you to strengthen next year's senate and more. I really need to make sure that all are going to the participatory governance committee meetings. Also, please cc me on the agendas that you sending out to be posted so that I am aware of who is holding meetings and such. I am looking to get more involved with Senate creating bills and resolutions. I will be sitting on a student panel this Friday, November 20<sup>th</sup> from 9:45 to 10:30 a.m. in the Levan Center.

**\*\*It was moved by Senator Graves and seconded by Senator Nicholson to extend time for discussion by ten minutes.**

**Discussion:** No further discussion occurred.

The motion passed by no objections.\*\*

I am wondering as to what is the status of the 24 hour study room. **\*\*Senator Graves** replied that he told Senator Chavez to have a petition from the students, to find an advisor to back the petition, and the expected room to hold it in. But so far he has not done anything and it has been tabled indefinitely.\*\* I am also looking for senators to have reports prepared beforehand so that members do not ramble in their reports **\*\*President Fowler** commented that he is looking to create a formal letterhead so that it is consistent.\*\*

- c. BCSGA Advisor, *Dr. Damania*: Going in that part of my duties is working with conduct cases, and there is a severe case coming up. So if at any time we ask that you leave the office or to close your doors, please just do not ask questions. I appreciate all of your help in coordinating with me on that. The board policies that President Fowler brought up earlier are serious. There are 10 that affect students drastically. I urge you to look them up and see them as they affect clubs and organizations a lot. The Equity Plan is coming out and President Fowler has to sign it. So he is going to need your help in reviewing it. Thanks to all who came to the potluck today. Please remember that there are retreats before school starts. So do check your emails. If your email is not working, then let me know immediately. SSCCC went great. All members need to read COBRA Title VII (Elections), and the committees on Judicial Review and Elections will be reviewing it. So all amendments needed to be made have to be done before winter break.

## 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*: (No report)
- b. Report from the Chair of the Committee on Advancement of Bakersfield College, *Senator Graves*: I am still awaiting a response from Gena Hayden to see if it is possible to arrange the semester bus passes. We discussed pricing, and CSUB sells their 41 day passes for \$20 instead of \$40, the disability passes for \$5 instead of \$10, and the day passes for \$1 instead of \$1.50. We are trying to get either the 5

month pass or the monthly passes and more. The vending machine is squared away. We are looking at getting different foods at a slightly cheaper price from Food Services.

- c. Report from the Chair of the Committee on Finance, *Senator Sanchez*: The Committee on Finance has allocated funds for the vending machine. As this will require maintenance, I would like to organize a plan for all to help.
- d. Report from the Chair of the Committee on Government Operations, *Senator Herndon*: I apologize for having to cancel the meeting for this week. But we will resume in December to help with elections.

## 10. 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 table for introductions and interview of Robert Burke for the position of BCSGA Director of Legislative Affairs

- i. *Introduction:*

President Fowler: This is Robert. He went to SSCCC with us. He works in the County Administration of Kern building. He helped to push for legislation.

Robert Burke: I have been here for 3 years. I am a political science major. I found out I was accepted by TAG for UC Santa Cruz. The main reason as to why I want to do this is to lobby for state and local representatives to gain student perspective, and to get them to know what 19,000 college students are thinking about federal, state, and local levels. Additionally, I am looking to push absentee ballot registration and a voter registration drive next semester.

*Interview:*

What are the responsibilities and duties from the County Administration of Kern that can translate into your duties here or what can you bring to this position?

R/B: As part as the intern for Kern County Administrative Office, I have written several letters on behalf of the board that advocate their position on certain legislation. For example, SB540 was recently passed by the California Legislature, and what that bill does is take the responsibility of disposing of illegal fireworks by taking the burden of the county back onto the state, as well as firework manufacturers more importantly. So there is a favor for this as we do not have to pay the tax money into storing fireworks, and into going after the illegal firework use. Instead the burden is now placed on the manufacturers as there is now a tax to pay when purchasing fireworks. This allows regulating, disposing, and transporting the fireworks because they are considered hazardous items, and they need to be taken care of very seriously. Secondly, as a part of that, I have had to do a lot of analyzing state legislation. As part of SB540, I had to read the entire bill and make sure I knew what was happening, that way I could write a memo to everyone else explaining what it did. I've read federal bills. For HR2898, which was a bill sponsored by David Valadao, and made sure that there were no surprises and that we were ready to go with all that was going to be done. It was quite the task as you could imagine.

If you could be an animal then what kind of animal would you be, and why?

R/B: I would be a dog, as I am a very loyal guy... and I like to snuggle.

So the past Directors of Legislative Affairs have had commitment issues. How would you be different?

R/B: I cannot speak for outside circumstances surrounding them, as each one had different reasons, different lives, and different stability of home. As far as I go, I plan to be around for the rest of the semester, and school year. I plan on having a very stable time for committee meetings and office hours. Hopefully by doing all that, I can keep my job for the rest of the year.

You're in a room full of people, and there are two \$5 bills on the floor. What would you do?

R/B: I would take one and ask if anyone dropped \$5.

Being in BCSGA, you deal with a lot of different personalities. There comes a point where you have to ask yourself the hard question—if it was your friend who was the common denominator of negativity, what would you do?

R/B: I would take that friend aside during a private time, and explain what the situation is. I would try to resolve it by not having to do it publicly, or removing them from the committee, or any type of way that embarrasses them publicly.

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

R/B: I am a very passionate guy, so I would have to go with the passion fruit.

- ii. It was moved by Senator Graves and seconded by Senator Zavala to open up the appointment of Robert Burke for the position of BCSGA Director of Legislative Affairs.

**Discussion:** No discussion occurred.

Vice President Orozco sought any objections to the main motion. As there were none, general debate was not held.

- iii. It was moved by Senator Graves and seconded by Sanchez to approve the appointment of Robert Burke for the position of BCSGA Director of Legislative Affairs.

**Discussion:** No discussion occurred.

The Senators voted as follows:

Senator Sanchez- Yes

Senator Herndon- Yes

Senator Maner- Yes

Senator Galvez- Yes

Senator Graves- Yes

Senator Zavala- Yes

Senator Nicholson- Yes

The motion passed with the votes tallied as follows: 7-0-0.

## 11. 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 Herndon and seconded by Senator Sanchez to fast-track the appointment of Robert Burke for the position of BCSGA Director of Legislative Affairs

**Discussion:** No further discussion occurred.

Vice President Orozco sought any objections to the motion. As there were no objections, the appointment was fast-tracked.

## 12. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

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

- a. It was moved by Senator Graves and seconded by Senator Maner to elect Robert Burke to the position of BCSGA Director of Legislative Affairs.

**Discussion:** No further discussion occurred.

Vice President Orozco sought any objections to the election of Robert Burke. As there were no objections, the motion passed.

- i. Vice President Orozco administered the Oath of Office to Robert Burke:

*“I, Robert Burke, 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.*

## 13. 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 Sanchez: Since there is only three weeks left in the semester after this week, we should reconsider meeting times and dates for Senate and all committees. \*\*Vice President Orozco commented that she will hold a doodle poll to see what fits.\*\*

## 14. PUBLIC COMMENT\*

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- a. Director Espinoza: I have sent a doodle poll out since the last senate meeting and no one has responded. It is about the January Retreat—so it is urgent! This week, we will go over the budget allocation model.
- b. Secretary Rodriguez: In regards to the officer reports that was brought up earlier, although this is left to the discretion of Vice President Orozco and to all chairs, officers can submit a report ahead of time so that all members read them ahead of time, and then only bring up what is new at the meeting such that time is not excessively spent on reports.

**\*\*\*It was moved by Senator Graves and seconded by Senator Sanchez to suspend to orders of the day to go to item 7e. BCSGA Committee Changes.**

**Discussion: It was discussed that the Department on Legislative Affairs would need another member pending the resignation of a senator for the next senate meeting.**

**The motion passed by no objections.\*\*\***

**15. RECEIPT OF PETITIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE TO THE SENATE AND REFERRAL**

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**e. BCSGA Committee Changes**

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

**iii. Senator Graves moved to be added to the Department on Legislative Affairs.**

**Discussion: No further discussion occurred.**

The motion passed by no objections.

**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 sought any objections to adjourning the meeting. Seeing that there were no objections, the meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.