

BAKERSFIELD COLLEGE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

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COMMITTEE ON ADVANCEMENT OF BAKERSFIELD COLLEGE

Tuesday, November 24,
2015

4:00 p.m.

SGA Boardroom

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER*

The meeting was called to order by Senator Graves at 4:11 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 Sanchez, Senator Galvez, Senator Chavez, and Nicky Damania, Ph.D.

The following members were absent: (none)

The following members were excused: Senator Maner

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 Sanchez and seconded by Senator Galvez to adopt the agenda for Tuesday, November 23, 2015.

Discussion: No further discussion occurred.

Senator Graves sought any objections to the motion. In seeing none, the agenda was adopted.

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. It was moved by Senator Chavez and seconded by Senator Galvez to adopt minutes for Tuesday November 10, 2015

Discussion: No further discussion occurred.

Senator Graves sought any objections to the motion. In seeing none, the agenda was adopted.

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.*: Students have talked about trying to utilize plants that are indigenous but do not require water, in order to help with the campus beautification process. I appreciate the commitment of both senators who have submitted the professor's information per the last request of each senator to do at the last meeting. We are still trying to lock down a place for CommUnity hOur, but I believe it has been confirmed to be in the Levan Center and the food will be kept in the lobby area. The history and counseling department have been confirmed for this event. Finally, I want 10 contacts of students from each senator to tell them about the event. Take their name and their major. If they want further contact, then get their email. It will be December 1st from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. We are still waiting for the meeting between Eric Zavallah and Advisor Damania for the vending machine. We will be doing a new thing called "Help a G get a GED". It's to help reach to younger generations humor and it's aimed towards high school diploma to get into college.
- b. *Senator Sanchez*: I submitted a resolution back to Vice President Orozco about bringing back the free parking down by the Baseball fields. I included what this would encompass as a result.
- c. *Senator Chavez*: I liked the idea of the hammocks for student seating which was brought up, and I have seen it on other campuses. The hammocks would be put up during certain times of the day only though. I have talked to some students that are interested in BCSGA, so one is going to apply. But most have had the concern that I've had in getting the 24 hour study room. It's been pretty hard considering the incident in the SE building, which was the stolen projector. The projector has been

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replaced, and the locks have all been replaced. I talked to security, and they said that there is no problem in getting another security member to be near the room. (Senator Graves questioned whether the petition was completed or started.) I did do the petition but it was denied by our Adviser. (Senator Graves replied in saying that Senator Chavez should have brought it up back the committee sooner to have effective communication and to help. It further was asked how it was denied.) It wasn't denied, but I was told to work on it and to instead come up with a proposal. (Senator Graves responded that it's correct and necessary, as there needs to be a plan that ensures there is the least impact on income and there is an agreed employee to help staff the room.) I have a concern as to why we have to be "babied" for this, or taken care of when we're not children. This isn't being applied the same way at the UC level. (It was further reiterated that Senator Chavez needs to look into where it would be held, contact Ms. Shelby [Scheduling Event Manager from M&O], create two different proposals on hiring a staff member and on how much it would cost to do the key swipe cards that are implemented at a UC level. Once this is done, then speak to Chief Counts in security and get it in writing with a signature that security would be provided if there was the implementation of a 24 hour study room. Then something could be done.)

- d. *Senator Galvez:* I have two small reports regarding student engagement. I have heard a complaint a few more time now, but the concern is about getting more spots to be able to sit on in the grassy areas. There are rocks and a few benches, but students have been asking about how to get more seating. (It was addressed by Senator Graves that there is a possibility for clubs to come up with art areas/themes or seating areas, and the clubs agree to maintain that art/seating area. There could be a competition as well to help with long term investment of the clubs, and to really engage the clubs into helping as it motivates them. It would encompass them coming up with something that is sustainable and creative, and this would be run through M&O as well as administration.) I am willing to spearhead this matter, as I am a part of the Department on Student Organizations meetings.
- e. BCSGA Advisor, *Dr. Damania:* (No report.)

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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

- a. Redesigning American's Community Colleges
Discussion: This is a book that is being read on campus. It was discussed by Senator Graves that this a book that he urges for all members to get ahold of and read. Additionally, whether some of the ideas presented can be applied. This item would be readdressed in January.
- b. Incident involving Student and Professional Candor
Discussion: There was an incident that occurred in the Tutoring Center. A student by the name Theodore approached Senator Graves, and brought up his concern. Theodore is blind, and he feels he is being targeted. As such he cannot identify with those who are mistreating him, calling him names, threatening him, and more. He said it would happen on the second and third floor of the SS building, but mainly in the Tutoring Center. Additionally, it would mainly happen up at the front table, where they would just gossip tremendously or say inappropriate things. As he mentions something to say that it is not okay for them to be doing that, then just start to verbally attack him. Senator Graves beseeched that a member visit the SS building periodically to see if this is an issue that is also prevalent among other students, or to see what's going on.
- c. Community Hour
Discussion: This item had already been discussed earlier during reports. It was reiterated that each senator needs to bring 10 contacts of students, which includes their name and major.
- d. Managing Cold Sandwich Vending Machine
Discussion: This item is on hold until the meeting between the BCSGA Advisor and Eric Zavallah occurs.

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. Resolutions Passed and Impact to BC Campus/Tobacco Free Campus
Discussion: Senator Graves had a meeting/interview with Amy. It was discussed what was decided as a general body at SCCC, as well as what is good or helpful for the BC campus. It will be no tobacco, and no smoke—period. There will be a further need for feedback as to whether or not this extends for students to have to go all the way to the Bus stop as it is public area, and how this will affect the campus, onboarding and off-boarding students, and how many "butts" will be in one area. (Vice President Orozco expressed her experience as a senator last year and conversing with a member

on the committee for administration hat was deciding this. There was a huge concern about the liability for students and faculty, as it would encompass all going to any part on the outskirts of the college which is public area, like the sidewalks and parking, in order to smoke. But it is unsure as to how far it has progressed.) This item was decided to still be further readdressed later on.

b. Incident involving Student and Professional Candor

Discussion: This item had already been discussed before. It was decided that Senator Galvez would be the delegated person to go see what is going on.

c. Planning for The SSCCC-Black Caucus Conference 19-21 February 2016

Discussion: It was discussed that the Black Caucus is coming to Bakersfield College. The Black Caucus is a special interest group, where they use their immense numbers of members to help sway or get certain legislation/action done. The qualifications for being in the caucus is to just be a student within the California Community Colleges.

d. "Assisting G's Get GED's"

Discussion: The purpose of "G's get GED's" right now is for the Spring semester as this will be the large time period where students will be graduating or dropping out of school. Thus, it is the goal to connect the community college with the community for a better future, but they have to complete their part in order to reach the goal, which is completing their GED. It was addressed that there are some students who have been able to complete their college education without having their GED/high school diploma, so it was questioned whether or not this would apply. Senator Graves tasked the question at hand to himself and would find out more about it.

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 Chavez: Some students want more engineering staff, as there are some courses that are only offered during certain parts of the year. For example, physics courses are offered through different parts of the year but not all students know/agree with that. I have already tried proving it to the Deans, have done it for the summer courses, and will be doing it again for this summer. (The issue was referred to be brought up to the Committee on Academic Affairs, as well as to maybe bring it up to Academic Senate.) There is also a need for hydration stations and job fairs, which should be placed on the next agenda. (Senator Graves thanked him for the ideas, and urged him to actually attend more meetings.)

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- a. Parliamentarian Mann: In response to the question earlier about students who attend BC without a GED, there are actually programs that accommodate that. However, these classes that are actually work-related and the person has to be enrolled at BC, but are actually just taking that class for their work. As such, they do not need to have one. But this all a part of the Career Technical Education area, and it is impacted as well.

11. ADJOURNMENT

- a. Senator Graves sought any further business to be discussed.

Discussion: No further discussion occurred.

As there was no further business to be discussed, the meeting was adjourned at 5:10 p.m.